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## **MANUFACTURERS SUPPORT FERC ACTION ON ORDER 871**

### ***U.S. Needs Increased Natural Gas Pipeline Capacity for Reliability and Affordability***

WASHINGTON, DC – On October 7, 2025 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) published Order 871. The rule removes barriers that have been impeding building needed natural gas pipeline capacity.

Paul N. Cicio, President of IECA, made the following statement:

We are grateful that the FERC has taken action to remove regulatory impediments that have slowed and even stopped needed natural gas pipelines from getting built. IECA has manufacturing companies all over the nation whose natural gas supply has been restricted at peak demand periods because of inadequate capacity, substantially increasing our costs and hindering supply chains.

The manufacturing sector consumes 29 percent of U.S. natural gas. Manufacturing production processes that use natural gas do not have an alternative. They cannot switch to electricity. If they could, it would increase costs by about 300 percent, making it an uneconomical option.

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