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MANUFACTURERS URGE FERC TO “REQUIRE” USE OF COST-EFFECTIVE GRID ENHANCING TECHNOLOGIES

Common sense dictates that FERC should maximize use of the existing transmission system by requiring use of grid enhancing technologies vs. building new, more expensive transmission lines

WASHINGTON, DC – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) filed [Reply Comments](#) today in the FERC Docket No. RM26-4-000 on “Interconnection of Large Loads to the Interstate Transmission System.”

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

The time has come and gone for voluntary or incentivized consideration of Grid Enhancing Technologies (GETs). It is well documented that the use of grid enhancing technologies delivers cost reductions and cost avoidance to the benefit of consumers nationwide. This is especially important given the painful escalation of electricity transmission prices nationwide.

Despite this, very few electric utilities have implemented GETs projects and instead opt to build new transmission lines that cost consumers much more. It is for this reason that the Commission must take a more aggressive posture, fully exercise its regulatory authority over the transmission of electricity interstate, and require GETs and advanced transmission technologies where cost-effective.

Paramount to these Reply Comments is our request that the Commission require evaluation and use of GETs technologies in transmission studies where cost-effective.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.3 trillion in annual sales, over 12,000 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.9 million employees. One hundred percent of IECA members are manufacturing companies whose competitiveness is largely determined by the cost and reliability of natural gas and electricity. IECA's sole mission is to reduce and avoid energy costs and increase energy reliability through advocacy in Congress and regulatory agencies, such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, building products, automotive, independent oil refining, and cement.