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## Consumers File Section 206 Complaint at FERC -Transmission Rates Are Not Just and Reasonable-

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, IECA and 21 other consumer-related organizations from across the country that are burdened by the ever increasing electric transmission rates [filed a Complaint](#) at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) against all FERC-jurisdictional public utility transmission providers with local planning tariffs, regional transmission organizations, independent system operators (RTOs/ISOs), and FERC-jurisdictional public utility transmission owners that are not members of a FERC-jurisdictional RTO/ISOs.

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

FERC's stated mission is to “Assist consumers in obtaining reliable, safe, secure, **and economically efficient energy services at a reasonable cost** through appropriate regulatory and market means, and collaborative efforts.”<sup>1</sup> FERC has failed in its mission to deliver “just and reasonable” transmission rates.

For almost three decades FERC has found that planning the transmission grid at the regional level is an essential component to just and reasonable rates for consumers. Yet, FERC has continued to allow individual transmission owners to plan electric infrastructure critical to our nation’s economy and national security based on their individual corporate interests to increase their profits. The Complaint demonstrates that to meet its reliability and consumer focus of ensuring just and reasonable transmission rates, FERC must prohibit individual transmission owner planning of Commission jurisdictional transmission facilities 100 kV and above and require exclusive regional planning of all such transmission facilities.

Secondly, the Complaint seeks to prevent continuation of self-interested, economic decisions by existing transmission-owning entities as to what the grid of tomorrow should look like by proposing that all regional planning must be

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<sup>1</sup> About FERC, Overview, <https://www.ferc.gov/what-ferc>

conducted through an Independent Transmission Planner (ITP) to ensure the best project for consumers and the interconnected grid is developed in the regional plan.

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*In 2023, the manufacturing sector spent \$81.1 billion on electricity. Competitiveness and the reshoring of jobs is dependent upon affordable electricity. 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.*