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Headline: “IECA Says Proposed MMS 5 Year Plan for 2007 – 2012 Fails to Recognize the Seriousness of our Country’s Energy Security Crisis”

(Washington D.C.) – “The Five Year Plan fails to recognize the seriousness of our country’s energy security crisis” said Paul N. Cicio, President of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA). “IECA will encourage implementation of the Five Year Plan but will continue to push for greater access to all areas currently off-limits to exploration.”

“We need a Five Year Plan that considers our country’s fragile energy security in a world of growing potential supply disruptions from unstable energy producing countries that control the world’s supply capacity thru cartels, and who would not hesitate to use energy as a political weapon,” said Paul N. Cicio. “A reliable and globally competitive domestic supply of natural gas and oil is essential to our country’s economic growth and the competitiveness of our manufacturing sector which has suffered greatly from high natural gas prices.”

“The natural gas crisis is serious and it is not getting better...it is getting worse. US natural gas production is essentially flat, Canada plans to use more of their natural gas back home and ship less to us, and LNG is even more unreliable. NYMEX futures prices are above \$8.00 per mm Btu thru January of 2011. Yes, we have a lot to be concerned about.”

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