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IECA URGES U.S. SUPREME COURT TO TAKE UP PENNEAST V. NEW JERSEY INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE CASE

WASHINGTON, DC – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) filed an [amicus brief](#) in PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC v. New Jersey, urging the U.S. Supreme Court to consider this precedent setting case.

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

“IECA companies are one-hundred percent dependent upon a robust interstate natural gas pipeline system to supply their energy needs.

To say that this case is of immense national importance is an understatement. The court of appeals’ decision would disrupt how the natural gas industry has operated for the past eighty years. The decision would create barriers for manufacturing companies that depend on natural gas and gas-fired electric infrastructure throughout the nation and would inhibit or deny the supply of energy on which IECA’s members depend.

Today, there are clear signs that natural gas pipeline infrastructure is near maximum capacity. The continued viability of the manufacturing, power, and home heating sectors and liquified natural gas exports depends upon the ability to quickly respond to the dramatic increases in demand each of these sectors is placing on the pipeline network.”

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 3,700 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.7 million employees worldwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through advocacy and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.