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The Honorable Linda Capuano
Administrator
U.S. Energy Information Administration
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Up-to-date Electric Transmission Data

Dear Administrator Capuano:

IECA is requesting your timely assistance. The role that EIA plays of providing timely energy information and analysis to the country, policymakers, and companies is vital. With this in mind, we encourage you to improve the timeliness of electric transmission data that is available.

Last month, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which provides incentives for building electric transmission. IECA, as an advocacy group for large energy-intensive manufacturing and plans to file comments.

When we reviewed available EIA electric transmission data, the latest information is from a report dated February 9, 2018 entitled "Utilities continue to increase spending on transmission infrastructure." Importantly, the data in this 2018 report reflects 2016 data. The report identifies FERC as the source of this information.

It is possible that there is more timely data and we have not located it. If the referenced report is the latest information available, I suggest that you promptly update this very important information. If there is more current data available, I would appreciate the information as soon as possible. My contact information is 703-216-7402 or pcicio@ieca-us.org.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales, over 4,200 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.8 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.