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38 AMERICAN MANUFACTURING ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSE FERC PROPOSED ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION INCENTIVES NOPR

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, a coalition of 38 manufacturing organizations from across the country filed [legal comments](#) and [affidavits](#) in opposition to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Electric Transmission Incentives Policy Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR). The NOPR would give unnecessary financial rewards to companies to build electric transmission projects. Since the NOPR applies nationally, no electric ratepayer would escape the electricity rate increase.

Paul N. Cicio, President of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America, released the following statement.

“The NOPR fails to provide evidence that the incentives are needed. Transmission projects that are needed are getting built. The FERC data from 2010 to 2019 shows that electric transmission investment grew from \$127.6 billion to \$337.4 billion, nearly twice the rate of overall electric utility plant-in-service investments. Every dollar of financial incentive would be passed onto us, the consumer ratepayer. Given today’s economic uncertainty, this is a terrible time to consider increasing electricity rates on manufacturers, our nation’s job creators.”

The comments by American Manufacturers focus on three key areas.

- The NOPR fails to reconcile the proposed liberalization of the existing transmission incentives policy with the substantial increased level of transmission investment and rapid growth of transmission charges in recent years.
- Market data do not support a finding that transmission incentives spur investment that would not otherwise occur.
- Rather than a wholesale change to transmission incentives policy, the FERC should consider improvements to regional transmission planning processes to stimulate desired types of transmission projects.

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.