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The Honorable Willie Phillips, Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

***Re: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, Docket No. CP22-461-000***

Dear Chairman Phillips:

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) requests that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issue Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) a certificate of public convenience and necessity for their Southside Reliability Enhancement Project.

In North Carolina, and along the entire East Coast, manufacturing companies face natural gas scarcity due to the lack of interstate natural gas pipeline capacity. There is no firm natural gas pipeline capacity available for the manufacturing sector. Without natural gas pipeline capacity, we have neither natural gas or electric reliability, which threatens supply chains, national security, investment, and manufacturing job creation. Manufacturers are unable to build new or expand existing facilities without a reliable supply of natural gas.

In North Carolina, during winter and summer peak natural gas demand, manufacturers are the first to be curtailed. When this happens, manufacturers must reduce or stop operating their facilities with a significant economic impact, which can cost millions of dollars per day.

There is not a good alternative fuel to replace natural gas in manufacturing processes. With capital investments, other fuels such as coal, fuel oil, or propane can replace natural gas, but are costly undesirable alternatives. Equipment using natural gas cannot be switched to electricity. Therefore, we are captive consumers.

We urge you to quickly provide a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Southside Reliability Enhancement Project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio  
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President & CEO

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*The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales, over 12,000 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.*