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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: IECA Urges Committee to Reject Draft Markup Language Regarding the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) and Capacity Markets in Organized Wholesale Electricity Markets

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Pallone:

Draft language has been circulated to the House Energy and Commerce Committee prior to the markup that would require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to hold a technical conference(s) on the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) urges you to reject the draft language. The FERC already has the ability to initiate a technical conference on PURPA and the cited areas at any time.

Importantly, the language cites several specific areas to be covered by a technical conference that can only harm, not help, the industrial energy efficient cogeneration of power which greatly supports cost-effective power and steam production to operate our manufacturing facilities. The intent of the language is to bolster electric generators who are having a difficult time competing in today's market. These electric generators view industrial cogeneration as a competitor and they desire to reduce, if not eliminate, our generation capabilities.

We urge you to reject this language. The language has not been part of the legislation, nor has there been a hearing on it which would allow industrials to address the vital set of issues that would impact the efficient operation of our manufacturing facilities.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 2,900 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.4 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: chemical, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.