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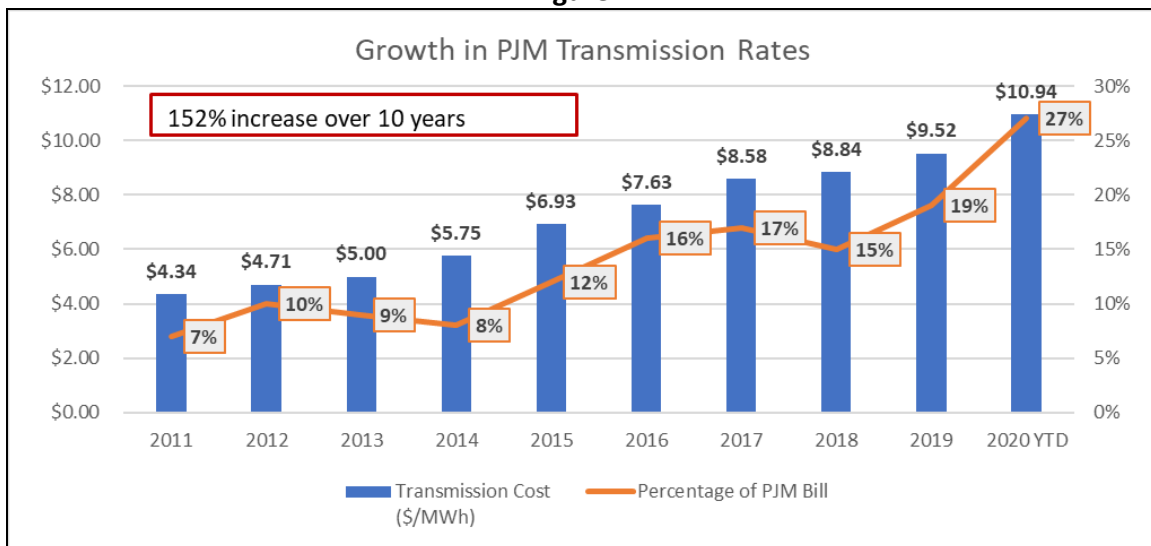
IECA Says FERC ANOPR Must Assure Reliability and New Transmission Capacity that is Competitively Bid

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) submitted [comments](#) to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on the ANOPR “Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation and Generation Interconnection.”

Figure 1 illustrates the need for FERC to revisit Order 1000 that was supposed to usher in an era of transmission competition, which never happened. Utilities found a way around Order 1000. According to a Brattle Group study, only about 3 percent of transmission projects are competitively bid. In PJM, it is estimated that the transmission portion of ratepayer bills increased from 7 to 27 percent from 2011 to 2020. PJM transmission rates increased 152 percent over ten years, while electricity demand rose only 3 percent.

The Commission should strictly adhere to the principles of cost causation with costs and benefits assessed based upon substantial evidence and costs allocated in a manner roughly commensurate with benefits.

Figure 1



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