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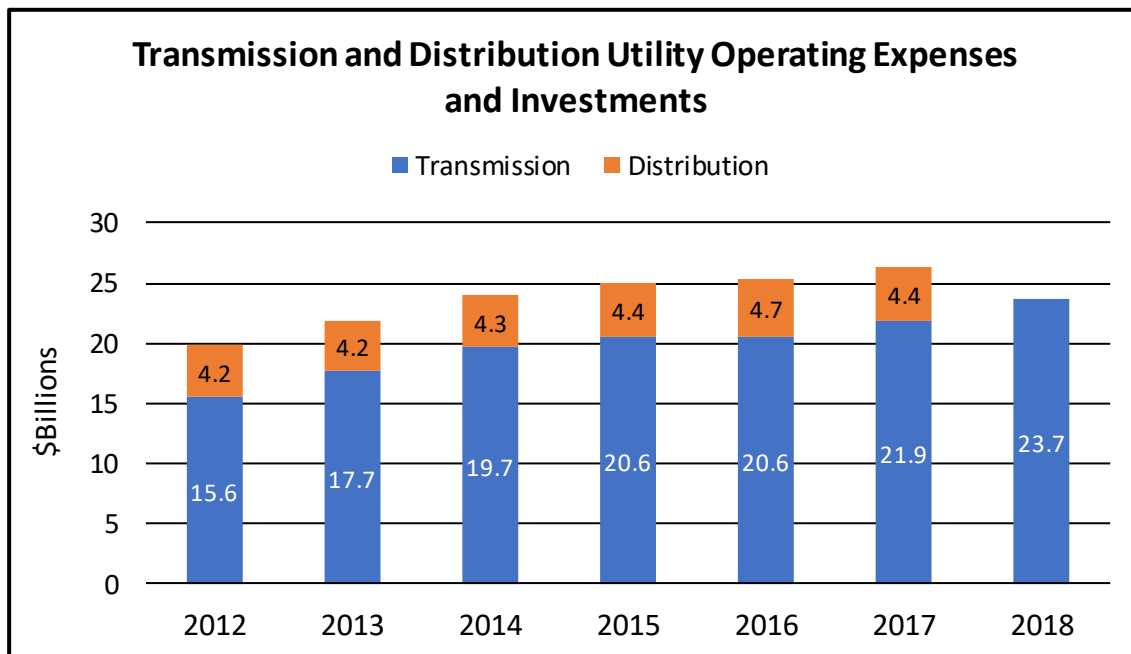
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## MANUFACTURERS APPLAUD FERC ACTION TO INVESTIGATE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PROJECTS

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) [thanked](#) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for opening an investigation into how three grid operators exempted transmission projects from federally mandated competitive bidding processes. Increased oversight is overdue. Electric transmission costs, as a percent of our electric bills, have been manufacturing’s single largest energy cost increase over the last decade.

The three FERC investigations include PJM (Docket No. EL19-91-000), Southwest Power Pool (Docket No. EL19-92-000) and ISO-New England (Docket No. EL19-90-000). The so-called “immediate-need transmission projects” appears to be a convenient loophole to avoid being subject to the competitive processes mandated by FERC Order 1000.



Source: Electric Power Annual, U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Edison Electric Institute (EII)

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