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CALIFORNIA ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY CRISIS

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, IECA sent a [letter](#) to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on the electricity reliability crisis in California.

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

“We urge the Commission to investigate the California electricity reliability crisis and to open a docket to receive timely insight and policy recommendations that are needed to restore California’s electric reliability. We also urge the Commission to investigate the failure of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to act preemptively to protect reliability. With full knowledge of California’s long-term failure to act to address obvious problems facing reliability due in large part to significant additions of intermittent resources, they have failed to comply with their Congressional mandate. Manufacturers have little confidence that California will act to put in place durable policies that will deliver reliable power without Commission action. Most manufacturers operate 24/7 and require reliable supplies of power.”

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.