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Consumers Submit Complaint at FERC to Challenge MISO's Actions to Advance Transmission Projects that are Not Competitively Bid (ROFRs)

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America, the Coalition of MISO Transmission Customers, the Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group, Resale Power Grow of Iowa, Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity, and the Michigan Chemistry Council [jointly filed](#) a Complaint today challenging MISO's Open Access Transmission, Energy and Operating Reserve Market Tariff that exclude regional transmission projects from MISO's competitive transmission developer process based on state "right of first refusal" ("ROFR") laws.

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

"We are requesting that the Commission act quickly to find MISO's provisions to be unjust and unreasonable and to require the replacement rate to be based on project costs resulting from competitive solicitation. The Consumer Alliance requests that the Commission act on this Complaint as soon as practicable because on July 25, 2022, MISO's Board of Directors is expected to apply the challenged Tariff provisions to approve and assign at least \$5.5 billion in projects in Tranche 1 of MISO's Transmission Expansion Plan ("MTEP") and Long Range Transmission Plan ("LRTP") to incumbent utilities, which will result in consumers throughout MISO's northern and central regions paying higher costs – as much as \$1 billion – for those regional transmission projects that are cost allocated to consumers pursuant to FERC-jurisdictional transmission rates."

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales, over 11,700 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.