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MANUFACTURERS SEEK HELP FROM FERC

No Firm Natural Gas Pipeline Capacity Available to Manufacturing Sector on East Coast

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) [sent a letter](#) asking the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to hold a Technical Conference to examine the need for state coordination of decision making that impacts pipeline capacity availability for manufacturing.

Paul N. Cicio, President of IECA, made the following statement:

From Georgia to New York, due to inadequate interstate natural gas pipeline capacity, the lack of coordinated decision making by states for the use of natural gas for new power generation, and decisions to shut down existing coal-fired power plants, there is no firm pipeline capacity available for the manufacturing sector.

When there is an inadequate natural gas supply, manufacturing companies are the first to be curtailed, which impacts facility operations, jobs, investments, safety, and supply chains that include defense-related products and costs for both natural gas and electricity.

We urge the FERC to hold a Technical Conference to examine the need for state coordination of decision making that impacts pipeline capacity availability for manufacturing, taking into consideration the siting of new natural gas-fired power generation, the shutdown of coal electric generation, and LNG exports.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.3 trillion in annual sales, over 12,000 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.9 million employees. One hundred percent of IECA members are manufacturing companies whose competitiveness is largely determined by the cost and reliability of natural gas and electricity. IECA's sole mission is to reduce and avoid energy costs and increase energy reliability through advocacy in Congress and regulatory agencies, such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, building products, automotive, independent oil refining, and cement.