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Industrial Consumers of Electricity and Natural Gas Call on President to Fill FERC Openings

Washington D.C. – The leading associations representing industrial consumers of electricity and natural gas urged the president today to “expeditiously nominate individuals to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) who will safeguard the interests of the large manufacturing employers that consume natural gas and electricity to make their products.”

The Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON) is the national association representing large industrial consumers of electricity and the Process Gas Consumers Group (PGC) is an association of manufacturers that require natural gas in their key operations. President Trump will have to name three commissioners to fill the vacant slots on FERC.

“PGC and ELCON members count on FERC to ensure the reliable delivery of electricity and natural gas at just and reasonable prices that is essential to our members’ operations to produce our goods and win in the global markets in which we compete,” ELCON and PGC wrote. “They urge you to nominate FERC Commissioners who appreciate that America’s complex energy infrastructure achieves its best use when it supports the growth of America’s manufacturing base instead of functioning as a profit center isolated from other businesses.”

“PGC and ELCON members’ plants provide millions of Americans with good, family-sustaining jobs, and it is in the interest of preserving and growing these jobs that we bring our concerns to your attention,” they wrote.



February 6, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The nation's manufacturers support your commitment to ensuring adequate energy infrastructure needed to allow Americans to take advantage of abundant natural gas and affordable electricity and ask that you ensure that energy infrastructure continue to be developed at reasonable costs to manufacturers. We write to urge the White House to expeditiously nominate individuals to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") who will safeguard the interests of the large manufacturing employers that consume natural gas and electricity to make their products.

The Process Gas Consumers Group ("PGC") is an association of manufactures that require natural gas in their key operations. PGC members operate business that span a wide range of industries such as building and construction, aerospace, agricultural, automotive, energy fertilizers and metals. The members of PGC include companies from all across the country that consume natural gas in their manufacturing and advanced manufacturing processes and that use natural gas as a feedstock.

The Electricity Consumers Resource Council ("ELCON") is the national association representing large industrial consumers of electricity. ELCON member companies produce a wide range of products from virtually every segment of the manufacturing community. Many ELCON members also operate behind-the-meter generation usually in the form of combined heat and power (CHP) technologies that serve essential steam or thermal requirements. ELCON members also operate hundreds of major facilities and are consumers of electricity in all regions of the United States.

PGC and ELCON members count on FERC to ensure the reliable delivery of electricity and natural gas at just and reasonable prices that is essential to our members' operations to produce our goods and win in the global markets in which we compete. They urge you to nominate FERC Commissioners who appreciate that America's complex energy infrastructure achieves its best use when it supports the growth of America's manufacturing base instead of functioning as a profit center isolated from other businesses. PGC and ELCON members' plants provide millions of Americans with good, family-sustaining jobs, and it is in the interest of preserving and growing these jobs that we bring our concerns to your attention.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David F. Ciarlone".

David F. Ciarlone PE, President, PGC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John P. Hughes".

John P. Hughes, President & CEO, ELCON

cc: Mr. Reince Priebus, White House Chief of Staff