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ELCON Supports Transmission Cost Management

Washington D.C. – The Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON) joins advocates in supporting the advancement of the Consensus Cost Management Proposal that encourages the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to consider cost containment strategies as part of its transmission planning and cost allocation final rule.

Founded in 1976, ELCON is the national association of large industrial consumers of electricity – ELCON promotes affordable, reliable, abundant, and sustainable electricity for American industry.

ELCON has worked with a diverse group of advocates across public power, consumer interests, and transmission developers to endorse practical protocols that acknowledge the need for transmission expansion that enhances grid reliability and efficiency while safeguarding consumers against undue cost escalation. Through the incorporation of cost-benefit reporting mechanisms at various stages of project development, consumers are empowered with better information and shielded from significant cost increases that could fundamentally change the anticipated benefits of the regionally-approved project.

“As one of the key drivers of anticipated load growth, large industrial consumers support transmission solutions that enhance the reliability and affordability of the nation’s electric grid. Instilling greater transparency and cost discipline in transmission development protects consumers from undue costs and provides assurances that consumers will benefit throughout the life of the project,” said Karen Onaran, ELCON’s President and Chief Executive Officer.