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## **Statement of ELCON CEO Devin Hartman on FERC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Reform the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA)**

Washington D.C. -- "Today, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission announced a notice of proposed rulemaking to reform the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). ELCON supports thoughtful reform of the PURPA one-mile rule and improving avoided cost estimates. Industrial consumers applaud FERC for recognizing that cogeneration is unique among qualifying facilities.

"ELCON agrees with the FERC majority that much technological change has occurred since PURPA was enacted, but ELCON emphasizes that PURPA's aim to promote competition remains essential to this day. The majority of states remain under cost-of-service regulation, where industrial self-supply and competitive power generation face uncompetitive conditions both within and outside of organized wholesale electricity markets. It is imperative that FERC proceed in a manner that enhances competition and reduces barriers to self-supply in regulated states, whereas loosening PURPA implementation would run counter to FERC's stated intent of protecting consumers and preserving competition.

"ELCON looks forward to working with FERC and industry stakeholders to ensure PURPA implementation is improved, not weakened."

The Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON) is a Washington, DC-based national association representing large industrial consumers of electricity. ELCON's multi-national member companies own and operate major manufacturing facilities throughout the United States and in all foreign markets. They produce a wide range of products from virtually every segment of the manufacturing community.