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## **Industrial Electricity Consumers Support Fact-based Review of Grid Resilience**

Washington D.C. – The Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON) today said that the study on grid resilience issued today by Grid Strategies is long overdue and begins the conversation about the true nature of grid resilience.

“It’s long overdue that we have a fact-based conversation about the true nature of grid reliability and resilience,” said John Hughes, ELCON President and CEO. “This study begins the conversation.”

The study, *A Customer-focused Framework for Electric System Resilience*, was released today and can be found at [A Customer-focused Framework for Electric System Resilience](#), authored by Rob Gramlich and Michael Goggin of Grid Strategies and Alison Silverstein of Alison Silverstein Consulting.

Although America’s power grid is very reliable, the study said, resilience has been in the news recently because of extreme weather events and concerns about the retirement of uneconomic coal and nuclear plants. Customers, including industrial customers, “pay the ultimate price for power outages, whether through their electric bill or their own personal losses and expenditures,” the report said.

The report pointed out, however, that most outages occur due to problems at the distribution level and “there is little current basis for finding that generation supply – as a generic issue – is a serious threat to power system resilience.”

The study pointed out that customers “must deal with the consequences and costs of rule and decisions intended to foster reliability and resilience, including well-intended policies that crowded out or preclude more useful and impactful investments and actions.”

“There is a great risk that if regulators and stakeholders do not conduct the type of analysis suggested here to inform and coordinate resilience investments, we will end up committing significant amounts of money and effort to improve resilience, yet have little constructive impact on the probabilities or actual levels of future customer outages,” the study said.