Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association

November 10, 2026

Honorable Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: CP27-13-000, Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage, Inc. Project Stratum

Dear Ms. Reese:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association (PMA), we urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve the application submitted by Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage, Inc. (EGTS) for Project Stratum. Expanding access to reliable natural gas is essential to Pennsylvania manufacturers' ability to operate competitively, expand production, and make long-term investments in our commonwealth.

Manufacturers depend on natural gas for process heat, boilers and furnaces, and as a raw material in chemical production. For an existing plant considering an expansion or a company evaluating a new location, adequate gas delivery capacity can determine whether an investment is feasible. Pennsylvania's natural gas resources provide an economic advantage only when the infrastructure exists to deliver that energy where it is needed.

Project Stratum would add 250,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation capacity through additions and upgrades to EGTS's existing system. The proposal includes new delivery points in Lawrence and Clinton counties and additional capacity to move gas from receipt points in Tioga County. PMA views these improvements as an investment in the transportation network that supports industrial access to natural gas and future manufacturing industry growth.

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) has emphasized that expanding pipeline capacity to meet rising energy demand is an essential priority for manufacturers. The U.S. Energy Information Administration's *Annual Energy Outlook 2026* projects U.S. industrial natural gas consumption to increase by 11% to 35% between 2025 and 2050 in most modeled cases, driven by bulk chemicals, other industries that rely heavily on natural gas, and the replacement of coal with natural gas in industrial boilers.

Manufacturing facilities often operate for decades, and companies making major investments need confidence that energy infrastructure can support their production needs for the foreseeable future. Expanding transmission capacity helps create the conditions for manufacturers to modernize existing facilities and locate new production in Pennsylvania.

PMA therefore urges the Commission to complete its review in a timely manner and issue the certificate of public convenience and necessity for Project Stratum. Approval would support the infrastructure needed to connect Pennsylvania's natural gas resources with the industrial opportunities and energy demands of the decades ahead.

Sincerely,

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