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The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Chairman
The Honorable Frank Pallone, Ranking Member
The Honorable Gabe Evans
The Honorable Kathy Castor
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Guthrie, Ranking Member Pallone, Representative Evans and Representative Castor:

On behalf of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), I write to express support for the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (AINS) to the Ratepayer Protection Act (H.R. 9340), which is scheduled to be considered by the committee on July 20. In previous statements to the Committee, AISI stated that the legislation as originally introduced would impose greater electricity costs and regulatory uncertainty for existing and future American steelmaking operations. The AINS would appropriately revise the bill language to ensure that steel plants and other industrial operations are not unintentionally harmed.

AISI serves as the voice of the American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI's membership is comprised of integrated and electric arc furnace (EAF) steelmakers, steel pipe and tube manufacturers and steel processors and fabricators, reflecting the production and distribution of carbon, stainless and electrical steels. These steels are critical to America's national and economic security, including roads and bridges, buildings, the electrical grid, defense applications, cars and trucks and all clean energy technologies. AISI also represents associate member companies who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry.

Due to the trade policy initiatives of two administrations, the American steel industry is growing as steel imports decrease and domestic production increases. American steelmakers are investing in existing facilities and opening new productive capacity. Without the proposed amendment, however, the original Ratepayer Protection Act would have threatened this success by treating manufacturing facilities the same as data centers, creating cost and regulatory uncertainty for American steelmakers. AISI is pleased that the Committee instead plans to amend the bill to limit its scope to ensure that it does not result in new costs and regulatory burdens on American steel manufacturing facilities.

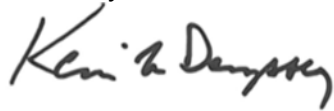
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The House Energy and Commerce Committee should be commended for its actions to address important concerns about rising electricity demand and costs. American steelmakers have worked for decades with the communities where we operate to ensure rate stability and grid reliability. AISI appreciates your efforts to amend the Ratepayer Protection Act to narrow its scope to the challenges related to computational large-load electricity users. This important change will permit the domestic steel industry to continue investing in American manufacturing investment and job creation, while enhancing electrical grid reliability during times of systemic stress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Dempsey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'K'.

Kevin M. Dempsey

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