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**RCC Statement on Senator Hickenlooper and Representative Peter's
Big Wires Act**

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The transition to a clean energy future relies not only on phasing out fossil fuels and deploying renewable infrastructure, but on investing in interregional electric transmission. Transmission infrastructure, which enables the delivery of electricity from where it's generated to where it's needed, will only become more important as additional sectors begin to rely on electricity.

Senator Hickenlooper and Representative Peter's Building Integrated Grids With Inter-Regional Energy Supply (BIG WIRES) Act makes critical progress on bringing our grid and its transmission capacity into the 21st century. By requiring that regions be able to transfer their peak demand between regions, this legislation will both make our grid more resilient in the face of increasingly frequent and severe storms caused by climate change and ensure that newly deployed renewable energy can be fully utilized.

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