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Impact of Low Cost Energy on a Manufacturing Renaissance

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WHEREAS, energy has perhaps the greatest multiplier effect of any single economic factor, impacting production, transportation, distribution, and additional elements in the creation of products; and

WHEREAS, the ready availability of affordable, reliable, and safe energy was a foundational building block of the 20th Century American economy, the most robust economy in the world during that time; and

WHEREAS, the electrification of the Midwestern United States in the 1930's and 1940's improved the health, economic opportunities, and quality of life for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is the expressed desire of the current Administration to restore America's place atop the world in the arena of manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, building things, making things, and innovating products and materials that improve the quality of life for people throughout the world is what Americans do best; and

WHEREAS, the cost of electricity is therefore as important a core value as is environmental stewardship or reliability.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern States Energy Board and our nation's political and community leaders must keep the cost of electricity at the forefront of policy decisions along with other important factors such as environmental impacts, reliability, and energy security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said costs should be evaluated not only as to how they impact the corporation, the community, and the states, but should also be evaluated as to their impact upon the most vulnerable, the poor, the elderly, and anyone on fixed incomes.



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