

February 2, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to you regarding the imminent lack of a quorum at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”), which will occur upon the departure of Commissioner Norman C. Bay, effective February 3, 2017. The absence of a quorum will leave the agency unable to tackle much of its important work promoting energy infrastructure for the benefit of U.S. energy consumers.

This situation will prevent the agency from making major policy decisions and could delay timely action on natural gas infrastructure certificate applications, hydropower license applications, petitions in connection with oil pipeline construction, pending mergers, and rate proceedings until such time as the agency has at least three sitting commissioners. Such delays and inaction could have profound negative impacts for the nation’s electric, natural gas, and oil customers given the need for strong national energy infrastructure and enhanced market access and opportunities.

We are a diverse coalition of interests representing a broad range of electric, natural gas, and oil industry trade associations and their member companies. Given our shared sense of the importance of regulatory certainty in promoting energy infrastructure investment and just and reasonable rates, we are aligned in urging the Administration to promptly nominate candidates to fill the Commission’s three existing vacancies as quickly as possible so a quorum can be reconstituted without undue delay.

We greatly look forward to working with you and your Administration on the vital issues facing energy consumers and the energy industry.

Sincerely,

American Gas Association
American Petroleum Institute
American Public Gas Association
American Public Power Association
Association of Oil Pipe Lines
Edison Electric Institute
Electric Power Supply Association

Independent Petroleum Association of America
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
Large Public Power Council
National Hydropower Association
National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association
Natural Gas Supply Association
Nuclear Energy Institute

cc: Mr. Reince Priebus, White House Chief of Staff