



April 15, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Natural Gas Council¹ urges you to nominate new Commissioners to fill the current vacancy and the forthcoming vacancy on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or “Commission”) as soon as possible. A full Commission has five members, but FERC currently has four members and a sitting Commissioner’s term is set to expire this summer which will create a second vacancy.

FERC approves the construction of interstate natural gas pipelines and storage facilities, and is the lead federal agency for coordinating all federal authorizations for such projects. A full Commission will facilitate in the development of energy infrastructure, delivering countless opportunities to communities across America. Moving all energy resources safely, affordably, efficiently, and reliably to where they are needed requires a modern and highly interconnected system. Innovative projects bring an influx of investment and jobs to all corners of the country. This means wages are paid to local workers and money is spent in local economies. The lack of a full Commission can delay the approval of pending projects, such as natural gas infrastructure projects, thereby hindering the advancement of critical infrastructure.

The Natural Gas Council thanks you for issuing the Executive Orders on April 10, 2019, aimed at speeding up the review, permitting, and construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure. A full complement of FERC Commissioners is critical to achieve the administration’s goal to streamline the review and permitting of natural gas infrastructure

¹ The Natural Gas Council was formed in 1992, uniting all sectors of the natural gas industry to work together toward common goals. The five full members of the Council -- the American Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Natural Gas Supply Association -- collectively represent nearly all the companies that produce, transport and distribute natural gas consumed in the United States. www.naturalgascouncil.org

projects. The Natural Gas Council is committed to ensuring the safety and reliability of the natural gas system and a five-member Commission would help ensure the reliable and safe delivery of natural gas to U.S. consumers.

Sincerely,



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