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The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Ranking Member
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich,

On behalf of the organizations representing industries, companies, and individuals who depend on legally durable and timely regulatory decisions relating to energy infrastructure and markets, we write to urge the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to swiftly approve the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) nominees to fill current vacancies.

The Commission plays a critical role in making certain that energy – from electricity, natural gas, and oil – is secure, reliable, and affordable. To fulfill this role, FERC must advance projects that modernize and expand America's energy infrastructure, spur economic growth, and ensure reliability and affordability.

Congress tasked FERC with regulating the siting, construction and operation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals, interstate natural gas pipelines and storage facilities as well as natural gas transmission in interstate commerce. The Commission is also tasked with licensing and oversight of non-federal hydropower. In addition, FERC has crucial responsibilities in licensing and regulating electric transmission and wholesale sales of electricity and transmission. The Commission's statutory responsibilities – and the projects, jobs and reliability improvements they support – have profound implications for the nation's energy consumers and economy. FERC best fulfills these duties when it has a full complement of five commissioners, who are committed to evaluating applicant proposals on their merits in a timely manner, in accordance with federal law and established Commission precedent.

At present, FERC is operating with three commissioners, the minimum to sustain a quorum. A loss of quorum would eliminate the agency's ability to approve construction of new LNG terminals and natural gas pipelines, issue new and original licenses for non-federal hydropower, and assess major electricity market rule changes proposed by the nation's regional grid operators or perform other key functions. The loss of these functions in turn would delay needed reforms benefiting electricity customers as well as freeze the economic growth spurred by energy infrastructure development through wages paid to local workers, expenditures at small businesses, and lower costs for families.

Therefore, it is critical that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee favorably report the nominations to the Commission with bipartisan support so that the Senate may confirm them, fill the vacant seats, and return FERC to full complement.

We look forward to working with you on efforts to ensure an efficient, secure, and resilient energy system.

Sincerely,

American Cement Association
American Chemistry Council
American Clean Power Association
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Exploration & Production Council
American Petroleum Institute
Distribution Contractors Association
Energy Equipment & Infrastructure Alliance
Energy Infrastructure Council
GPA Midstream Association
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Industrial Energy Consumers of America
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
Liquid Energy Pipeline Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Hydropower Association
Natural Gas Supply Association
Pennsylvania Utilities Contractors Association
Plastics Pipe Institute