November 3, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders Schumer & McConnell:

The undersigned organizations represent a broad constituency of industries, companies, NGOs, and labor unions who support and depend on timely regulatory decisions regarding energy infrastructure and markets.

We ask that you bring Willie Phillips' nomination to serve on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for consideration before the full Senate as soon as possible to fill the current vacancy on the Commission. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee recently favorably reported Mr. Phillips' nomination with bipartisan support.

FERC plays a critical role ensuring that Americans have access to reliable and affordable energy. The Commission oversees transmission service, power markets, and certain infrastructure projects. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of affordable and reliable energy. Our energy system is playing an essential role supporting America's economic growth and accomplishing our climate goals.

Moving energy safely, reliably, and efficiently requires an innovative and highly interconnected energy system. Modernizing and expanding America's energy infrastructure will bring investment and jobs to all corners of our country while also achieving environmental benefits.

Prospects for these opportunities become uncertain when seats on the Commission are left empty. FERC works best when it acts based on the experiences and perspectives of five commissioners to provide the regulatory certainty necessary for investment in America's energy infrastructure. We ask that you support our efforts to create a modern, clean, reliable, and affordable energy system by filling the vacant seat on the Commission as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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American Clean Power Association Energy Storage Association American Council of Engineering GPA Midstream Association Companies **International Association of Drilling American Council on Renewable Energy Contractors American Gas Association International Union of Operating** Engineers **American Petroleum Institute** Interstate Natural Gas Association of **American Pipeline Contractors** America Association **National Association of Manufacturers American Public Gas Association Natural Gas Supply Association** Americans for a Clean Energy Grid **Pipe Line Contractors Association Association of Oil Pipe Lines Process Gas Consumers Center for Liquefied Natural Gas Rail Electrification Council Consumer Energy Alliance Solar Energy Industries Association Distribution Contractors Association U.S. Chamber of Commerce Energy Equipment and Infrastructure**