

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,

American Clean Power Association

**American Council of Engineering
Companies**

American Council on Renewable Energy

American Gas Association

American Petroleum Institute

**American Pipeline Contractors
Association**

American Public Gas Association

Americans for a Clean Energy Grid

Association of Oil Pipe Lines

Center for Liquefied Natural Gas

Consumer Energy Alliance

Distribution Contractors Association

**Energy Equipment and Infrastructure
Alliance**

Energy Storage Association

GPA Midstream Association

**International Association of Drilling
Contractors**

**International Union of Operating
Engineers**

**Interstate Natural Gas Association of
America**

National Association of Manufacturers

Natural Gas Supply Association

Pipe Line Contractors Association

Process Gas Consumers

Rail Electrification Council

Solar Energy Industries Association

U.S. Chamber of Commerce