

February 15, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

Americans rely on infrastructure to deliver the energy that powers our great nation. The undersigned associations appreciate the strong steps you have taken to accelerate the regulatory process for high-value energy infrastructure projects. However, the recent loss of a quorum at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has placed energy infrastructure permitting on an indefinite hold, creating an unexpected barrier to your recent streamlining actions and threatening their ultimate success. We ask that you fill the vacancies at FERC as quickly as possible to remedy this potentially crippling situation.

FERC plays a critical role in ensuring Americans can count on the best energy infrastructure in the world. Regardless of the energy resource, moving energy safely and efficiently to where it is needed requires a modern and highly interconnected system. Innovation is driving new opportunities. Projects bring an influx of investment, and that means more money to spend in local economies. Energy infrastructure is delivering opportunity across America, so we cannot afford to delay progress another day.

We ask you to nominate new FERC commissioners to fill the three vacancies as soon as possible. Investments to enhance our energy infrastructure to improve efficiency, affordability, reliability and security are placed in jeopardy when FERC seats are left empty. Robust energy infrastructure creates jobs, improves safety and spurs domestic investment. Nominating a full set of commissioners to FERC is a bold step toward a stronger future, and we ask that you do so as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute
American Chemistry Council
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Forest & Paper Association
American Iron and Steel Institute
Consumer Energy Alliance
Electricity Consumers Resource Council
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance
Industrial Energy Consumers of America
National Association of Manufacturers
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce