

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 18, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to strongly support the re-nomination of Acting Chairman Cheryl LaFleur to serve a second term as Commissioner on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. First nominated and confirmed in 2010, she has spent her career in the energy industry and brings a wealth of experience to FERC and the United States.

Since joining the Commission four years ago, Acting Chairman LaFleur has taken a leading role in enhancing grid reliability and promoting efficient energy markets. This includes facilitating much needed infrastructure investments to adapt to the continuous changes in U.S. energy supply and demand, including coordination between the electric and gas industries, issues critical to the entire country and especially the Northeast.

She also has directed the Commission's efforts to address security, both cyber and physical. Earlier this year, the Commission directed the North American Electric Reliability Corporation to develop the first-ever mandatory standards on physical security.


Acting Chairman LaFleur has actively engaged with federal and state regulators to promote compliance with important environmental regulations without compromising reliability. She helped create and co-chairs the FERC – National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Task Force on Reliability and the Environment.

She is the only current Commissioner with a background in utility operations, with more than 20 years of experience in the electric and natural gas industry. Most recently, as the former executive vice president and acting CEO of National Grid USA, she successfully led a utility that serves more than 3 million customers in the Northeast.

Given her depth of knowledge of the electric and gas utility industry, her experience in both the public and private sector, and understanding of unique regional energy issues, we believe re-nominating Acting Chairman LaFleur for a second term on the Commission will serve not only the New England region but the entire country as well.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.


Sincerely,



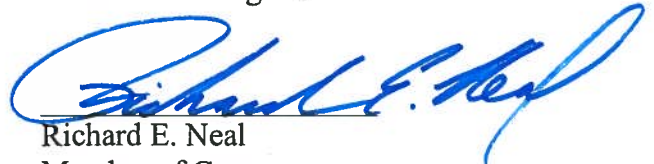
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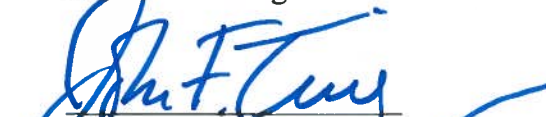
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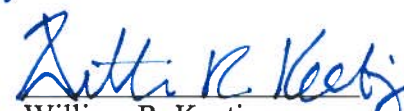
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