

November 13, 2018

Senator Lisa Murkowski, Chairman  
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources  
304 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources  
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Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell,

The undersigned organizations represent a broad constituency of industries, companies and workers who build and provide equipment, materials, supplies, logistics and services to energy infrastructure projects, and who rely on that infrastructure to produce and deliver the energy that powers America.

We are writing to express our strong support for Bernard McNamee to serve as Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as you consider him for confirmation at your November 15, 2018 hearing. We urge the Committee to act expeditiously and affirmatively on his nomination, and to work with Senate leadership and your colleagues to achieve his confirmation at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. McNamee is eminently qualified for this position, having more than twenty years' experience in senior responsible positions in the energy regulatory and policy arenas at both state and federal levels. His confirmation will restore a full roster of FERC Commissioners, essential to timely and carefully-considered rulings that ensure certification of environmentally sound energy infrastructure projects essential to providing Americans with adequate and reliable supplies of affordable and safely-delivered clean energy.

Much is also at stake for American workers and businesses. Approved projects directly create tens of thousands of construction-related jobs, along with thousands more throughout the country producing and supplying needed equipment, materials, logistics and services for construction. Adequate transmission infrastructure also unleashes creation of many thousands more jobs in construction of upstream production and downstream consumption infrastructure. Growth of manufacturing investment, competitiveness and job creation also depend on abundant supplies of low-cost energy inputs delivered by infrastructure under FERC's jurisdiction.

We urge timely affirmative Committee action on Mr. McNamee's nomination. We stand ready to work vigorously for his confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources