



## Energy Supply Chain Workers and Industries Urge Immediate Senate Vote on FERC Nominees

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. Senate  
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Dear Leaders McConnell and Schumer,

The undersigned organizations, representing the energy infrastructure construction supply chain, and its workers and their families, urge you to take immediate action to effect Senate confirmation of the current nominees to positions as Commissioners of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The present lack of a FERC quorum is unnecessarily delaying vitally needed energy infrastructure projects, and is threatening jobs, investments, economic growth, America's environment and our energy security.

This situation has denied employment to over 50,000 construction workers, and thousands more who manufacture and supply the steel, equipment, concrete and aggregates, components and services these projects require. It has stranded hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of capital investment already made or pending, much of which by small businesses, to prepare the equipment and the support these projects' construction requires.

Lack of quorum has also raised energy costs to consumers, manufacturers and other businesses because of the restricted supplies of natural gas these delayed projects would alleviate. Finally, it has blocked or slowed transition to cleaner-burning fuel for power generation, and impaired the ability to incorporate renewables into the electric grid.

The above applies to infrastructure projects that have already successfully completed their required FERC staff reviews and are awaiting a Commission vote. Their construction would be well underway now but for lack of a FERC quorum. More troubling is the fact that several more critically needed major projects face similar delays as they too are well along in the FERC review process. Were this situation to persist because of lack of Senate action, these projects would also be jeopardized and the impacts to workers, businesses, communities and consumers mentioned above would be greatly magnified.

We urge you to allocate time on the Senate calendar for action on FERC Commissioner nominees at the earliest possible opportunity. Tens of thousands of workers' jobs and their families' well-being, along with benefits to consumers, industry and the environment, of adequate supplies of clean-burning, affordable and reliable natural gas, are dependent on your action.

Sincerely,



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- Honorable Maria Cantwell
- Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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