



# AMERICAN PUBLIC GAS ASSOCIATION

June 24, 2009

Honorable Jeff Bingaman  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Bingaman:

On behalf of the American Public Gas Association (APGA), we express our strong support for President Obama's nomination of John Norris to serve as a Commissioner at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

APGA is the national, non-profit association of publicly-owned natural gas distribution systems. APGA was formed in 1961 as a non-partisan trade association and today represents over 720 members in 36 states. Our members range in size from Philadelphia Gas Works, the largest and longest-operating public gas utility in the U.S., to Wagon Mound Municipal Gas Department in New Mexico that serves 82 customers.

Mr. Norris' experience in the energy industry, and in particular as Chairman of the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB), makes him well suited to serve as a Commissioner. His experience in the energy industry provides him with the necessary understanding of the energy industry and we are confident that Mr. Norris will use this understanding to act in the best interests of American consumers.

Energy is the lifeblood of our economy. In these critical times, it is our sincere hope that this nomination will move quickly through the Committee, and members on both sides of the aisle will support Mr. Norris by helping to ensure a successful confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

Bert Kalisch  
President & CEO