



AMERICAN PUBLIC GAS ASSOCIATION

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Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murkowski:

On behalf of the American Public Gas Association (APGA), I express our strong support for the President's nomination of Suedeem Kelly 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 700 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.

Since her appointment to the Commission in 2003, Commissioner Kelly has proven herself to be a champion of energy consumers. Her experience in the energy industry, and in particular as Chairwoman of the New Mexico Public Service Commission, has given Commissioner Kelly a unique understanding of the energy industry and she has used 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 Commissioner Kelly's nomination will move quickly through the Committee, and members on both sides of the aisle will support her by helping to ensure a successful confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

Bert Kalisch
President & CEO