



AMERICAN PUBLIC GAS ASSOCIATION

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Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murkowski,

On behalf of the American Public Gas Association (APGA), I express our support for the President's nomination of Cheryl LaFleur to serve another term as a Commissioner at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

APGA is the national association for publicly owned natural gas distribution systems. There are approximately 1,000 public gas systems in 37 states, and over 700 of these systems are APGA members. Publicly-owned gas systems are not-for-profit, retail distribution entities owned by, and accountable to, the citizens they serve. They include municipal gas distribution systems, public utility districts, county districts, and other public agencies that have natural gas distribution facilities.

Commissioner LaFleur's service during her tenure at the FERC has demonstrated her ability to recognize a proper balance between competition and regulation. She has proven herself to be a champion of energy consumers, the intended beneficiaries of the Natural Gas Act and the Federal Power Act. In addition, her experience in the energy industry has given her a unique understanding of the energy industry, and she has used this understanding to act in the best interests of American consumers.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and urge the Committee to move expeditiously to approve Commissioner LaFleur's nomination so that it may be taken up by the full Senate in the near future.

Sincerely,

Bert Kalisch
APGA President & CEO