



AMERICAN PUBLIC GAS ASSOCIATION

June 1, 2017

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

Dear Chairman Murkowski:

On behalf of the American Public Gas Association (APGA), I express our strong support for the President's nominations of Mr. Robert F. Powelson and Mr. Neil Chatterjee to serve as Commissioners on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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.

Mr. Powelson's experience as a state regulator gives him a unique perspective on those areas where federal and state interests overlap. As a utility regulator in Pennsylvania, Mr. Powelson oversaw regulations addressing pipeline safety, natural gas markets and utility infrastructure. He has been a supporter of energy reliability and consumer protection and has communicated his commitment to FERC's mission of ensuring that the rates and terms of service by which utilities operate are just and reasonable.

Mr. Chatterjee's expertise in energy policy makes him an excellent candidate for the Commission. He has demonstrated a strong knowledge of the energy challenges and opportunities facing our country while expressing support for consumer protection and the development of energy infrastructure.

It is our sincere hope that these nominations will move quickly and successfully through the Committee and the full Senate in order to provide the Commission with a much needed quorum.

Sincerely,

Bert Kalisch
President & CEO