



AMERICAN PUBLIC GAS ASSOCIATION

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Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
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 Ms. Colette D. Honorable to serve 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. 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.

Ms. Honorable experience as Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission has provided her with a strong understanding of the energy industry and the ability to act in the best interests of American energy consumers, the intended beneficiaries of the Natural Gas Act and the Federal Power Act. Her role as President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and her service as a member of the NARUC Committee on Gas has further enhanced her knowledge of the energy industry. In addition, her outstanding leadership on the Federal Advisory Committee at the Department of Transportation's Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee and service on NARUC's Pipeline Safety Task Force has provided her with insight into infrastructure challenges in the gas industry.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and urge the Senate to move expeditiously to approve Ms. Honorable's nomination.

Sincerely,

Bert Kalisch
APGA President & CEO