

United States Senate

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April 29, 2021

The Honorable Richard Glick, Chairman
The Honorable Neil Chatterjee, Commissioner
The Honorable James Danly, Commissioner
The Honorable Allison Clements, Commissioner
The Honorable Mark Christie, Commissioner
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street North East
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Glick and Commissioners Chatterjee, Danly, Clements, and Christie:

We write regarding the status of filings for new natural gas infrastructure projects currently under consideration by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission). We understand the Commission has reopened a review of its Policy Statement on the Certification of New Interstate Natural Gas Facilities, yet we urge the Commission to take action without further delay, consistent with its current Policy Statement, on the natural gas infrastructure projects that are currently pending before the Commission.

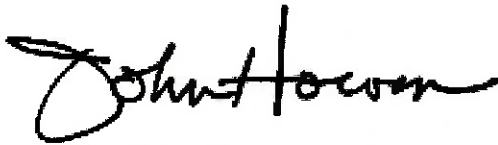
As you are aware, the Commission's Policy Statement is critical to the advancement of important natural gas infrastructure projects because it describes how FERC will, in a consistent manner, balance the public benefits of proposed projects against potential adverse impacts. Especially during recent years, consumers have benefited from our nation's abundant natural gas reserves through lower energy costs, reduced emissions, a domestic manufacturing resurgence, and strengthened geopolitical standing through natural gas exports.

Yet, pipeline capacity constraints still exist in numerous regions of our country, depriving consumers of the benefits that come with affordable, reliable, and cleaner energy. Many of the proposed projects before the Commission, some pending for more than a year, are critical to addressing supply issues and strengthening our energy infrastructure. These projects represent substantial private sector investment in our nation's economy and our workforce, and developers seeking approval are entitled to the Commission's consideration through a clear, consistent, and timely process. Delaying and moving the regulatory goalposts on projects filed in good faith is contrary to the otherwise equitable application of the Policy Statement that all stakeholders expect. At a minimum, these projects should not be subject to newly contemplated considerations that fall outside the scope of the current Policy Statement or go beyond the Commission's statutory authority.

Modernizing and expanding our nation's pipeline infrastructure ensures critical natural gas resources are efficiently delivered from where they are produced to where they are consumed. That is why it is important that the Commission take action to advance projects that create jobs and bring other economic and environmental benefits to our communities.

Therefore, we urge the Commission to resume review and take timely action on pipeline projects pending consideration, in accordance with the guidance of the Commission's current Policy Statement. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your prompt reply.

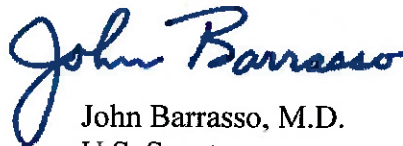
Sincerely,



John Hoeven
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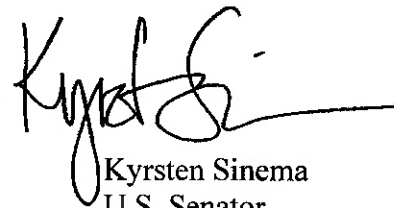
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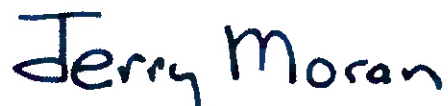
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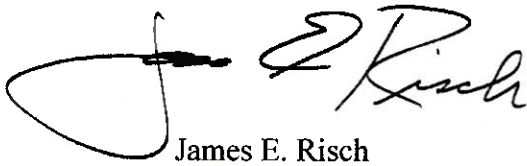
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