



January 24, 2019

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On September 12, 2018, I wrote to you urging prompt nomination of a fifth commissioner for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and I am pleased that you responded by sending the nomination of Bernard McNamee to the Senate for confirmation.

With the unfortunate death of FERC Commissioner Kevin McIntyre earlier this month, I am once again writing to ask you to nominate a replacement commissioner as quickly as you can.

On August 31, 2018, FERC announced a schedule for the issuance of final environmental impact statements for the 12 pending applications to site, construct, and operate liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals. The agency has met this schedule to date and is actively working toward final, bipartisan decisions on these 12 applications. This does not, however, obviate the need to promptly bring FERC back to its full complement of commissioners.

The current window of opportunity to develop additional U.S. LNG export projects will not remain open indefinitely. Other natural gas exporting nations—including Qatar, Russia, Australia, and Canada—are all rushing to expand their LNG export capacity. If the United States is to remain competitive in this fiercely contested global market, we must ensure that our regulatory process remains efficient, timely, and transparent.

Thank you for your administration's continuing support for U.S. LNG exports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred H. Hutchison", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Fred H. Hutchison
President & CEO