

Energy Infrastructure Businesses and Workers Urge Early FERC Nomination

January 29, 2019

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The undersigned organizations represent workers and companies who build and provide equipment, materials, supplies and services to energy infrastructure projects and energy production operations.

We urge you to nominate a candidate at your earliest opportunity to fill the vacancy on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission created by the untimely passing of Commissioner McIntyre earlier this month.

His loss leaves the Commission with four members, creating significant risk of deadlock on the large number of pending FERC decisions authorizing critical natural gas pipelines and export facilities that are essential to your Administration's priorities.

Specifically, during 2019 FERC is scheduled to act on applications for twelve major natural gas export projects and seven large pipelines necessary to supply them with feed gas. We are concerned that the lack of a supportive FERC majority could subject these projects to lengthy delays or outright cancellations.

Much is at stake for American workers and businesses, our economy and national security. If approved, built and operated at capacity these facilities would add nearly twenty billion cubic feet per day to American natural gas exports, enabling other countries to burn more clean fuel for power generation and rely less on Russian imports. Put in context, that would drive more than a twenty percent increase over the current level of U.S. natural gas production.

In the process, hundreds of thousands of new jobs will be created throughout the country producing and supplying construction, equipment, materials and services for the required substantial additions to infrastructure needed for increased natural gas production, transmission and export.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We stand ready to work vigorously for your nominee's confirmation by the Senate.

Respectfully,



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Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance
Toby Mack, President & CEO



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

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American Council of Engineering Companies
Linda Bauer Darr, President & CEO



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American Iron and Steel Institute
Tom Gibson, President & CEO



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American Petroleum Institute
Mike Sommers, President & CEO



American Rental Association

American Rental Association
Tony Conant, Chief Executive Officer



Associated Equipment Distributors

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Associated Equipment Distributors
Brian P. McGuire, President & CEO

AGC of America

THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA

Quality People. Quality Projects.

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Associated General Contractors of America
Stephen Sandherr, Chief Executive Officer



DISTRIBUTION CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

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Distribution Contractors Association
Robert Darden, President & CEO



Mark Sutton

GPA Midstream Association
Mark Sutton, President & CEO



Barry Russell

Independent Petroleum Association of America
Barry Russell, President & CEO



Mark Ellis

Industrial Minerals Association – North America
Mark Ellis, President



International Association of
Drilling Contractors
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National Tank Truck Carriers
Dan Furth, President & CEO



National Utility Contractors Association
Bill Hillman, President & CEO



Pipe Line Contractors Association
Elizabeth Worrell, Executive Director



Plastics Pipe Institute
Tony Radoszewski, President



United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters
Mark McManus, General President