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Honorable Jeff Bingaman
Chairman
United States Senate Committee on
Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bingaman:

On behalf of the Large Public Power Council (LPPC), I am writing to express unqualified support for the re-nomination of Joseph T. Kelliher to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The LPPC is an association of 24 of the nation's largest state and municipally owned utilities.

In his role as Chairman of FERC since July of 2006, and as a Commissioner since November, 2003, Commissioner Kelliher has been instrumental in restoring order to electric markets beset by uncertainty. Specifically, Chairman Kelliher and the Commission under his leadership have carried out their responsibilities for implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 on time and in a manner that is faithful to Congressional intent. He has forged strong ties with State regulators whose cooperation is essential in protecting consumers and ensuring that electric and natural gas service meets our national needs. And, most importantly, he and his colleagues have worked together to make the Commission both a respected and effective federal regulatory agency. In particular, we believe his work and that of his colleagues in implementing the entirely new reliability provisions of the Energy Policy Act, while at the same time making much-needed improvements to the Commission's landmark Order 888 open-access transmission rule, deserve particular credit.

We have confidence in his ongoing leadership as FERC and the nation continue to find the appropriate balance between competition and the need for ongoing regulation and oversight. For these reasons we recommend that the Committee advance his nomination to the Senate floor.

Very truly yours,

Joseph J. Beal, P.E.
LPPC Chair

cc: Honorable Pete V. Domenici
Members, U.S. Senate Committee
On Energy and Natural Resources

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