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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chair
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
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Dear Chair Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin—

I write today to in full support of the nominations of Commissioner Mark C. Christie and Ms. Allison Clements to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The U.S. Energy Storage Association looks forward to an expeditious hearing, and hopes for the approval of these nominations, by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. Christie is one of the nation’s longest-serving state utility regulators in the nation and will provide a crucial state perspective among FERC Commissioners. Given his role training new state utility regulators for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, I am confident that Mr. Christie will emphasize appropriate administrative procedure and deliberation on the important and challenging issues that come before FERC, which are critical to ensuring a durable foundation in federal regulations.

Ms. Clements is a widely respected power sector expert and will bring a detailed understanding of electricity markets to her tenure at FERC. At a time when new technologies and business models are transforming the power sector, Ms. Clements’ deep expertise will be a significant benefit to the Commission’s efforts to ensure policy keeps pace and removes barriers to innovation and competition.

Mr. Christie and Ms. Clements will continue the legacy of fairness, collegiality, and good judgment at FERC that is so critical to serving the public interest. I have no doubt they will serve the Commission well, and I encourage you to approve their nomination and send it to the full Senate for confirmation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Kelly Speakes-Backman
Chief Executive Officer
U.S. Energy Storage Association (ESA)