




**National Rural Electric
Cooperative Association**

A Touchstone Energy* Cooperative 

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Honorable Mary Landrieu
Chair
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Landrieu:

On behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association ("NRECA"), I express our support for the President's nomination of Colette Honorable to serve as a Commissioner on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

NRECA is the national service organization for more than 900 not-for-profit rural electric cooperatives and public power districts that provide electric energy to over 42 million people in 47 states. NRECA members serve 19 million businesses, homes, schools, churches, farms, irrigation systems, and other establishments in 2,500 of 3,141 counties in the United States. NRECA's members include consumer-owned local distribution systems and 65 generation and transmission cooperatives that supply wholesale power to their distribution cooperative owner-members. Our members exist to serve and provide reliable electric service to their owner-members at the lowest reasonable cost

Colette D. Honorable's experience as a state regulator gives her a unique perspective on those areas where federal and state interests converge such as reliability and resilience. As the current chair of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, Chair Honorable has overseen regulations advancing energy efficiency and consumer protection. She has also built on her experience with notable leadership at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and National Petroleum Council. As a FERC Commissioner, these qualities will serve our nation well as demand for reliable and affordable energy services continues to rise.

It is our sincere hope that Chair Honorable's nomination will move quickly and successfully through the Committee and that members on both sides of the aisle will support her by helping to ensure a successful confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,



Jo Ann Emerson
CEO, NRECA