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The Honorable Mary Landrieu, Chair
Energy and National Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Ranking Member
Energy and National Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Landrieu and Senator Murkowski:

On behalf of the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas, I would urge the United States Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to recommend confirmation of President Obama's nomination of Colette Honorable, current Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), to serve on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Chairman Honorable has proven herself to be a highly skilled, fair and reasonable utility regulator; very professional in her dealings with all parties and stakeholders; and very foresightful in her understanding of the many complex issues facing both the electric and natural gas industries.

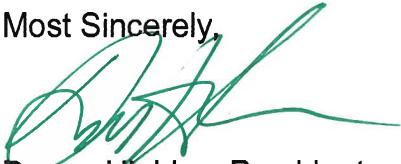
As the President and CEO of Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., I represent over 500,000 electric cooperative members in 74 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Collectively, our membership represents approximately 30% of the state's population and 60% of its land mass. We serve many of the state's low income households and struggling businesses, and are focused on ensuring that our electric service is both reliable and affordable. Currently, our wholesale electric rate to our members is the second lowest of any electric cooperative generation and transmission provider in the country. We advocate regulatory policy and approaches that will ensure our ability to continue to provide reliable and affordable electricity for generations to come. Under the Federal Power Act, FERC has the responsibility to ensure both reliable electric transmission service and just and reasonable wholesale electric rates. Chairman Honorable's record as both the Chair of the APSC and President of the National

Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) demonstrates her substantial relevant experience and ability to fulfill the critically important responsibilities of the FERC.

Nationwide, there are over 42 million electric cooperative members being served in 47 states. These cooperative members represent approximately 12% of the nation's population. With Colette's significant legal and regulatory background in both the electric and natural gas industries, along with her commitment to the principles of affordability and reliability, we believe that she is uniquely suited to serve our entire nation as the next member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Therefore, we respectfully urge your committee to approve her nomination and submit it to the full Senate for confirmation.

If you have any questions that I can answer or need any further examples of Chairman Honorable's experience and qualifications to serve on the FERC, please feel free to contact me.

Most Sincerely,



Duane Highley, President and CEO
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