

**Chairman Manchin’s Opening Remarks During a Full  
Committee Hearing to Consider Nominees to the Federal Energy  
Regulatory Commission**

- The Committee will come to order.
- We meet today to consider three pending nominations for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- The three nominees are:
  - Judy Chang;
  - David Rosner; and
  - Lindsay See.
- We welcome all three nominees and thank each of them for being here this morning and for their willingness to serve on the Commission.
- We also welcome their family members who are able to join us this morning. I hope that you all will introduce them.
- The work of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is enormously important.
- The Commission’s job is to ensure the “orderly development of plentiful supplies of electricity and natural gas at reasonable prices.”

- It enables us to keep the lights on and protects the American people from excessive gas and electricity rates. It protects the public interest.
- The job calls for people who can fairly assess the needs and concerns of all interests affected by our energy policies and apply the law.
- Today we're here to assess the experience and qualifications of the three nominees before us for this important job.
- First, we have Ms. Judy Chang.
- Ms. Chang has more than 20 years of experience working with energy companies, trade associations, and governments on energy regulatory and financial issues.
- She previously served as the Undersecretary of Energy and Climate Solutions under Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker, a Republican, and helped develop Massachusetts' Clean Energy and Climate Plan.
- She has been nominated for a term beginning on July 2024.
- Next we have David Rosner.
- David has been employed by the Commission as an energy

industry analyst for the past 7 years.

- He has been on detail to the Democratic staff of this Committee for the past 2 years, where he has worked with both sides on electricity issues.
- Prior to that he worked at the Department of Energy and at the Bipartisan Policy Center, with almost 20 years total in these various capacities.
- He has been nominated to fill the remainder of the term that began on July 2022.
- Our third and final nominee is Lindsay See.
- Lindsay is currently West Virginia's Solicitor General, a post she has held for the past 6 years.
- In that role she has represented my state's legal interests in both state and federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Prior to that she practiced appellate and administrative law at a firm in Washington DC after graduating from Harvard Law School.
- She has been nominated to fill the remainder of the term that began on July 2023.

- The President has done his job in sending us 3 nominations to fully staff the Commission. Now it is up to us to weigh their qualifications for confirmation.
- I congratulate all 3 on their nominations and thank them for their willingness to serve our country in this important role.
- At this point, I will recognize Senator Barrasso for his opening statement.
- Senator Barrasso.
- The rules of the Committee, which apply to all nominees, require that they be sworn in connection with their testimony.
- Please stand and raise your right hand.
- “Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?”
- You may be seated.
- Before you begin your statements, I will ask three questions addressed to each nominee before this Committee.

1. “Will you be available to appear before this Committee and other congressional committees to represent Departmental positions and respond to issues of concern to the Congress?”
  
2. “Are you aware of any personal holdings, investments, or interests that could constitute a conflict of interest or create the appearance of such a conflict should you be confirmed and assume the office to which you have been nominated by the President?”
  
3. “Are you involved or do you have any assets held in a blind trust?”

- Before we begin the statements, let me ask each of the nominees to introduce any members of their family or friends who are with them this morning.
  
- Let us begin with you, Ms. Chang. Do you have anyone you would like to introduce?
  
- Mr. Rosner?
  
- Ms. See?

- Let us turn to the statements from the nominees.
- We will begin with you, again, Ms. Chang.
- You are recognized to make your statement. Please proceed.
- Thank you. Next we'll hear from Mr. Rosner.
- Thank you. Finally, we have Ms. See.
- Thank you, Ms. See.
- Thank you all again for being here with us and for your testimony. We will now begin with questions.