

Written Testimony of David Rosner
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Chairman Manchin, Ranking Member Barrasso, and Members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you this morning as a nominee to serve on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). I am humbled to be considered for this opportunity to serve my country.

I would like to thank President Biden for nominating me and for his confidence in my ability to serve as a commissioner. I want to thank Chairman Manchin for the opportunity to contribute to the work of this Committee as a detailee over the last 18 months.

And I especially want to thank my wife Jasmine, for her steadfast support for my career in public service, and to our children, Olive and Quinn, for motivating me to pursue the greater good for our country.

For the past 17 years I have enjoyed working on energy policy both from within and outside the federal government, which has given me the opportunity to develop relevant expertise across economic, technological, and regulatory domains. Throughout my career, I have worked across ideological lines to build consensus on difficult energy issues, first as a member of the staff that launched the Bipartisan Policy Center, then by supporting Secretary Moniz and his team at the U.S. Department of Energy, as staff with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission supporting Chairs from both political parties, and most recently during my time as a staff member detailed from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to this Committee. Through these experiences I have learned firsthand the importance of listening to all stakeholders, and I am convinced that effective engagement serves to broaden the support that is so critical to reasoned decision making and strengthen the Commission's orders by ensuring that all views are considered.

I have also had the great privilege of working for the Chairs and Commissioners of FERC, and alongside its talented, world-class staff. This allows me to speak from experience when I say that it would be an honor to be confirmed as a FERC Commissioner. Having served alongside FERC staff, I can vouch for the fact that

FERC is an expert body that lives up to Congress' vision for an independent, bipartisan regulator of our increasingly complex energy system. FERC's leaders and civil servants work tirelessly to guide the Commission's decisions towards sound, legally durable outcomes that hold true to the agency's statutory authority and make our country—and our allies—more energy secure.

The Commission's core responsibility—its job # 1—is to ensure the reliable operation of the country's electric grid. None of our country's economic or policy priorities can be achieved if energy reliability is not preserved. Consumers demand it, they deserve it, and it is FERC's most sacred duty to ensure it. If honored to be confirmed, I will remain grounded in this mission to ensure reliability. This means respecting the reality of the resources that power our economy today, and keeping an eye on the horizon to ensure that the next generation of technologies—which Congress has unlocked through the important bipartisan legislation that originated from this Committee—can play their role to bring reliable, safe, secure, and affordable energy to all Americans.

If confirmed, I commit above all to abide by the laws passed by Congress and judicial precedent, to act fairly, and to consider the views put forth by all parties when deciding matters before FERC—whether that be applications for natural gas pipeline or hydropower projects, tariff proceedings for electric markets or transmission planning, oil pipeline rates, or other issues before the Commission. It is through that case-by-case and issue-by-issue approach that FERC achieves its mission as an independent regulator and delivers the best outcomes for our country.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to appear before you today. I look forward to your questions.