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Chairman Duncan, Ranking Member DeGette, Chair Rodgers, and Ranking Member Pallone, and members of the Subcommittee. I am humbled to appear before you today alongside my colleagues to testify on behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding its important work for the American People.

As a new Commissioner I am proud to join with my colleagues to uphold FERC's tradition as an independent, expert body that continuously strives to live 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—it's job #1—is to ensure the reliable operation of the country's electric grid. None of our economic or policy priorities can be achieved without energy reliability. Consumers expect it, they deserve it, and it is FERC's duty to ensure it.

It is undeniable that the U.S. energy system is in transition, and that the pace of change on both the supply and demand side is unprecedented. Maintaining reliable operation of the electric grid at reasonable cost to consumers as this transition unfolds is both a challenge and an opportunity for the Commission and for the country. It is a task that I am both honored and humbled to take on.

This means many things, but it especially means that the Commission must remain vigilant and respect the realities of the resources that power our economy today. But that alone is not sufficient: the Commission must keep its eye on the horizon to ensure that its legacy of providing reliable, safe, secure, and affordable energy to all Americans continues.

That means continuing to faithfully implement the Commission's longstanding policy of resource and fuel neutrality to allow the next generation of technologies to play their role in the energy system. It means continuing to harden the energy system to withstand evolving threats to reliability, including weather, physical, and cyber risks. And it means continuing to ensure energy affordability, safety, and reliability through the timely review of needed energy infrastructure while considering views from all parties. And finally, it also means protecting consumers by honoring the Commission's obligation under the Federal Power Act to ensure rates are just and reasonable. I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners on these important issues.

This concludes my remarks today, Mr. Chairman. I look forward to your questions.