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Chair Rodgers, Ranking Member Pallone, Chair Duncan, Ranking Member DeGette, and Members of the Subcommittee, thank you for inviting me and my fellow Commissioners at FERC to appear before you today.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to testify, and especially that I'm able to do so as part of the newly full five-member Commission. As one of the newest Commissioners, it's an honor and a pleasure to serve with my distinguished colleagues—both the two who have served so well for the past few years, and the two who were sworn in immediately before and after me over the last month. My three weeks now officially on the job have also deepened my respect for the FERC staff and their expertise and commitment to the Commission's mission. I'm humbled by the chance to add my experience to the mix as I join my new colleagues, and I'm eager to jump into the timely and critical issues facing the Commission today.

As I get started doing just that—staffing up my office and preparing to vote on the Commission's upcoming matters—I'm keeping at the center of my vision the same focus you've heard from my colleagues: reliability and affordability are the Commission's most important jobs. Keeping the lights on is an economic necessity and it's essential to Americans' day-to-day lives, health, and security. I take that mission seriously as I'm beginning to analyze the important and complex matters ahead of me as a Commissioner.

I'm also mindful that my colleagues and I are taking on that task in a time of dynamic change. New technologies and generation sources are offering real promise at the same time many baseload plant retirements are raising real alarms. And the increasing demand loads from data

centers, electrification, and other consumer- and policy-driven changes heighten the stakes for what ensuring reliability needs to look like in today's markets—and tomorrow's. I appreciate the Subcommittee's focus on all of these changing realities. They are and will remain areas of intense focus for me, too, as I continue diving into my new role as a Commissioner.

I'm mindful as well that *how* FERC goes about this work is critical. My prior role as a state attorney gave me great respect for the balance in the energy sector between federal and state authority. The States' decisions on generation and local distribution matters reflect important local priorities and strengths. I aim to bring those lessons with me as I transition now to the federal side, approaching FERC's different responsibilities with both support for the States as they carry out their functions, and an eye for how their decisions affect the nation's overall energy mix and needs.

I also take seriously the changing legal landscape facing the Commission (as well as other federal agencies). I believe accountability matters as my colleagues and I do the public's work. So, for instance, in response to the now-smaller margin of error for agency orders after the Supreme Court's recent decisions cabinning agency discretion, I welcome the important check judicial review offers in our separation-of-powers system. And perhaps more importantly, when it comes to how I approach FERC's decisionmaking on the front end—as opposed to that scope of judicial review on the back end—I continue to view my duty as fundamentally the same. As a Commissioner, my responsibility is to approach the law and the facts before me with a fair and open mind, striving to reach the best result in each case. That approach mirrors my overall philosophy in not going beyond the authority Congress has entrusted to FERC, but not constricting that authority, either. Understanding jurisdiction's limits should lead to more clarity on what matters most. And especially given the many urgent issues facing the Commission and the energy sector—many of

which I know we will be discussing today—it's an understatement to say that plenty of mission-critical work falls within FERC's statutory lanes.

So I'm eager to work with my colleagues as we respond to all these changes. As one of the newest members of this nonpartisan Commission, I deeply appreciate the different perspectives and sets of experiences we bring with us. I'm confident we will be up to the task. And I look forward to discussing more of these issues with you all today and to working with you and your staffs in the months ahead. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. I look forward to answering your questions.