



November 19, 2025

Dear Chairman Westerman, Congressman Golden and members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Berkshire Hathaway Energy to support H.R. 4776, the *Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act*, as an important first step toward enacting comprehensive, bipartisan permitting reform this Congress. Our energy businesses have assets in and serve customers and end-users in 35 U.S. states. We own and operate approximately 36,000 circuit miles of high-voltage transmission lines, approximately 21,000 miles of natural gas pipelines, 831 billion cubic feet of natural gas storage, a diverse generating portfolio that includes the largest utility-owned U.S. clean energy portfolio and six LNG facilities.

We have long recognized the need to modernize siting and permitting rules to create more regulatory certainty, which in turn lowers the risk for investment in additional critical infrastructure necessary to meet customers' needs. Much of that additional critical infrastructure requires significant up-front financial commitments and extended development timeframes. Durability over time of permits, approvals and other regulatory decisions is essential in the face of a continuous cycle of judicial challenge and political change. Without it, our nation will fail to realize the full potential of energy affordability, reliability and security made possible by America's abundant, diverse and geographically distributed energy resources and infrastructure.

We applaud your efforts to bring bipartisan solutions to these problems, and particularly to align the SPEED Act with the Supreme Court's ruling in *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v Eagle County, Colorado*, that an agency enjoys "substantial deference" and exercises "substantial discretion" when implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The bill's limitation on the timeline for bringing claims provides helpful clarity following the Supreme Court's *Corner Post, Inc v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System* ruling. In addition, we appreciate the Committee's distinction between what is and is not a "reasonably foreseeable environmental effect" of a proposed agency action.

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To ensure the U.S. is positioned for energy dominance in the AI arena, our nation's energy strategy must be comprehensive and inclusive of all energy sources and must ensure a stronger, more robust power grid is available to safely and reliably deliver energy to all homes and businesses on demand. Berkshire Hathaway Energy encourages the Committee to continue to work with colleagues and other committees as needed to pass bipartisan permitting reform that accelerates the technology-neutral energy infrastructure build-out required to meet our nation's growing energy demand.

We look forward to a successful Committee markup, and to working with you and your colleagues to enact comprehensive, bipartisan permitting reform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pat Reiten', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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