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The Honorable Joseph T. Kelliher  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Commissioner Kelliher

On behalf of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-United States of America, I would like to commend the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for creating the Office of Electric Reliability. As you are well aware, reliable electric power is critical to the economy, the environment, and national security. The new office is a historic and vital step to promoting and ensuring the sustained reliability of the electric grid in the United States and throughout North America.

We also want to note that we are familiar with Mr. Joseph H. McClelland and commend you for selecting an electrical engineer with relevant experience for this post. It is critically important that the director of the Office of Electric Reliability have relevant electrical engineering experience with the operation and design of the electric grid.

Further, we would like to commend the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for creating the new Energy Innovations unit. New electric power technologies in generation, transmission, delivery and customer use is critical to the continued modernization of the electric power systems and achieving a more efficient, environmentally friendly and affordable electric power network with benefit to the economy, the environment, and national security. The new unit will strengthen the Commission's capacities and assure contained attention to innovation in electric power.

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