



April 14, 2004

The Honorable Pete Domenici
Chairman, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Domenici,

The Natural Gas Supply Association supports the re-confirmation of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) member Suedeen Kelly to a full five-year term.

Our members, representing the producing segment of the natural gas industry, believe Commissioner Kelly has the experience necessary to help shape and implement a progressive regulatory agenda for the benefit of all market participants and, ultimately, all natural gas customers.

During her brief tenure, she has already demonstrated an impressive grasp of the issues and a willingness to be engaged in developing constructive solutions to the nation's energy challenges. For example, she has supported a collaborative process between the gas industry and FERC to improve the confidence in price indices, and she has urged the industry to work together to resolve gas quality issues in a timely, safe and cost-effective manner.

Commissioner Kelly has a solid understanding of both the fundamentals and complexities of natural gas markets, which makes her a valuable asset to the commission. The qualifications and skills that merited her initial nomination and confirmation remain strong.

We commend President Bush for his decision to re-nominate Commissioner Kelly, and recommend speedy confirmation by your committee and the full Senate.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Blount

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Blount", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Chairman, Natural Gas Supply Association