

**Statement by the  
U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council  
On Secretary Perry's Urging of FERC to Take Swift Action to Address Threats to Grid Resiliency**

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We welcome Secretary Perry's bold, decisive and proactive request for swift FERC reforms to address the threat to U.S. electric grid resiliency from premature retirements of fuel-secure traditional baseload resources, such as nuclear energy.

The Secretary's FERC initiative comes at an especially critical juncture for the Nation and nuclear energy with America facing a wave of historically unprecedented premature grid retirements, including a flotilla of nuclear plants that have provided reliable, economical electricity for America over the past five decades.

We agree that it is time for FERC to take urgent steps to address the erosion of baseload capacity and the shrinking of the U.S. nuclear fleet. Such action will ensure that the Nation's electric grid remains world class to preclude the threat of energy outages and loss of resiliency that could result from the shuttering of traditional baseload capacity including America's 99 nuclear energy units that today provide 24/7 electricity to 20 percent of the grid.

It is our hope that the FERC consistent with its mission will move with alacrity to fully consider and tangibly act on measures responsive to the Secretary's request to promulgate common sense market reforms to ensure diversity and reliability of supply; boost resiliency against outage; and maximize reserve capacity and reliability with the prevention of premature retirements of resources as a first step.

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