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**GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY**

February 19, 2021

The Honorable Richard Glick  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Protecting Customers from the Adverse Public Health and Economic Consequences of the February 2021 Extreme-Weather Event

Dear Chairman Glick:

We write on behalf of the residents and businesses of Kansas to urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to take all necessary and possible steps to investigate the cause(s) of the system failures during this month's extreme-weather event. We offer to assist FERC in any way that will help ensure that similar adverse public health and economic impacts never occur again.

It is imperative that an adequate, affordable supply of natural gas and electricity be available to meet the needs of Kansas customers, including interconnected non-jurisdictional utilities. We appreciate your leadership in announcing a joint inquiry with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to investigate the impacts of severe winter weather on grid operations. We were also heartened to hear your February 18, 2021 comments about the seriousness with which you will undertake FERC's obligation to protect bulk power system reliability. However, we believe more must be done.

From an operational standpoint, we respectfully ask FERC to examine the circumstances that reduced the supply of natural gas and compromised pressures on interstate pipelines. We also ask FERC to protect Kansans from the severe economic consequences of this event. FERC should exercise its authority under Sections 4A and 23 of the Natural Gas Act and take all actions within its power to protect consumers and ensure the integrity of natural gas price indices. In addition, we ask FERC to investigate the rates and penalties assessed by interstate transportation providers during this event.

FERC should also exercise its authority under Section 222 of the Federal Power Act to ensure that the integrity of FERC-regulated power markets was not compromised. Further, we ask that FERC work with NERC to investigate whether additional reliability mechanisms are needed to respond to similar events like this in the future. FERC should conduct these investigations expeditiously and thoroughly. It should also ensure that these investigations produce actionable results.

Finally, we ask that you bring FERC's full weight and influence to bear in supporting any legislative proposals that would provide retroactive financial relief to utilities and the communities and individual ratepayers they serve.

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Thank you for your attention to these critical matters. We look forward to working with you as you lead FERC's response and offer to assist in any way we can.

Respectfully,



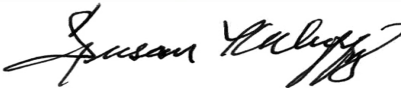
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