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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

The Electric Reliability Coordinating Council (ERCC) is comprised of power companies that provide power to millions of consumers across the country. We write to express support for William Cooper to serve as General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in advance of the Committee's upcoming hearing.

ERCC members operate diverse portfolios of generation capacity. Our members are dedicated to ensuring reliable and affordable electric power -- an essential prerequisite for the protection of the environment, public health, national security and the economy. We are confident Mr. Cooper understands the benefits of providing balanced and defensible approaches to energy policy as it impacts electricity consumers.

Mr. Cooper has extensive experience with energy issues in general, and with electric power issues in particular. In addition to sophisticated work in private practice, his past roles on important Congressional committees allowed Mr. Cooper to offer clear-headed and insightful leadership and analysis on issues of substantial concern to the energy community.

Mr. Cooper's appointment is critical to the Department of Energy as it seeks to address complex regulatory and administrative reforms in a thoughtful fashion. We urge his swift approval by the Committee and Congress.

Sincerely,

Scott Segal, Executive Director