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Statement on the Senate's Vote to Confirm the Nominations of Phillip Moeller and Cheryl LaFleur to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

On June 22, the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed the nominations of Phillip Moeller and Cheryl LaFleur to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Following is a statement by the Hon. Bill Massey, former FERC Commissioner and counsel to the COMPETE Coalition.

“The COMPETE Coalition congratulates Cheryl LaFleur and Phil Moeller on their confirmation as FERC commissioners. FERC has tremendous responsibility as the consumer watchdog for America’s energy infrastructure and future, and both LaFleur and Moeller are exceptionally qualified to serve on the Commission. Their wealth of experience has given them a keen understanding of FERC’s long-standing policies supporting competition in the public interest.

“During his first term, Commissioner Moeller demonstrated leadership in protecting consumers, improving energy markets, encouraging investment, and ensuring reliability. He is a champion of competition, smart grid technology, and hydropower and other renewable energy generation in electricity markets.

“Ms.LaFleur brings to the Commission a strong background, including first-hand experience in New England’s restructuring effort and the resulting competitive electricity market for the region. This, combined with her experience in energy efficiency, demand response and other customer-level programs, makes her an outstanding complement to the Commission.

COMPETE looks forward to working with Commissioners Moeller and LaFleur, as well as the entire Commission, and will continue to advocate well-structured competitive markets as the avenue to meeting our nation’s energy and environmental needs as we move to a sustainable future.”

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The COMPETE Coalition represents over 430 electricity customers, innovative service and technology providers, generators, transmission owners, and myriad other interests – all of whom support well-structured, competitive electricity markets for the benefit of consumers