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## **WIRES Leadership Comments on Nomination of Norman Bay As Next FERC Chairman**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Top officials of WIRES today issued the following statements in response to President Obama’s announcement that he is nominating Norman Bay to be the new Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

WIRES President Phillip Grigsby said, “WIRES looks forward to working with Mr. Bay on critical issues for the future of electric transmission. I congratulate him and wish him a smooth confirmation.”

WIRES Counsel Jim Hoecker, a former FERC Chairman, said: “Acting Chairman LaFleur has maintained FERC’s focus on key electric power issues, enabling Mr. Bay, if confirmed in timely fashion, to hit the ground running. We are confident that the leadership of the Commission will continue to appreciate the risks and challenges facing utilities and other developers of critical infrastructure.”

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