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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Certification of New Interstate Natural Gas Facilities, Docket No. PL18-1-00

Dear Ms. Bose:

On February 18, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in the above-captioned proceeding. In the NOI, FERC asked interested parties to submit additional information and perspectives on potential revisions to the current Policy Statement for the certification of new interstate natural gas facilities under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and 18 C.F.R. Part 157. GPA Midstream Association¹ (GPA Midstream) is submitting the following brief comments in response to the NOI.

In making any changes to the current Policy Statement, GPA Midstream believes that FERC's primary focus should be on encouraging the prompt and responsible development of interstate gas pipeline facilities. These facilities are a necessary and critical part of our nation's energy infrastructure and are the safest and most effective means of transporting natural gas. FERC should avoid adopting unnecessary barriers to the development of new interstate gas pipeline projects and seek ways to streamline the certificate process. FERC should not inject additional regulatory uncertainty into the process by requiring open-ended or unduly expansive environmental reviews.

GPA Midstream otherwise supports the detailed comments submitted by the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America in this proceeding. GPA Midstream appreciates the

¹ GPA Midstream has served the U.S. energy industry since 1921 and has nearly 70 corporate members that directly employ more than 75,000 employees that are engaged in a wide variety of services that move vital energy products such as natural gas, natural gas liquids (NGLs), refined products and crude oil from production areas to markets across the United States, commonly referred to as "midstream activities". The work of our members indirectly creates or impacts an additional 450,000 jobs across the U.S. economy. GPA Midstream members recover more than 90% of the NGLs such as ethane, propane, butane and natural gasoline produced in the United States from more than 400 natural gas processing facilities. In 2017-2019 period, GPA Midstream members spent over \$105 billion in capital improvements to serve the country's needs for reliable and affordable energy.

opportunity to respond to the NOI. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 202-279-1664 or mhite@gpamidstream.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Hite". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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