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The Honorable Neil Chatterjee  
 Chairman  
 U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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**RE: Docket Number EC20-70-000**


Dear Chairman Chatterjee:

We write to request your expeditious consideration of the application for authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act filed on June 3, 2020 by Longview Power in Madsville, West Virginia. As the congressional representatives of this facility we very much appreciate that the Commission immediately set a 21-day comment period, which will conclude on June 24. We now ask that the Commission maintain this effort through a timely final review of the application.

As you may know, Longview Power is a merchant coal plant located in North Central West Virginia near the Pennsylvania border producing 700 net megawatts of power using advanced coal technology, making it the cleanest and most efficient coal plant in the country. Longview emits far less pollution than its air permits even require, serving as an example of what can be achieved with advanced coal combustion technologies and modeling a path forward for this fuel source in an emissions-constrained regulatory environment. The company employs more than 150 people in our state and remains a crucial piece of the energy baseload in West Virginia and across the PJM service area. We look forward to seeing Longview continue to thrive and perhaps even expand in the years to come.

A timely review of this application is essential as Longview works to emerge from bankruptcy proceedings that commenced this spring in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic's shock to electricity demand. We hope you will use the tools at your disposal to fairly, accurately, and quickly review this application and make an appropriate decision.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito  
 United States Senator



Joe Manchin III  
 United States Senator



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