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Renewable Energy, Natural Gas, and Energy Efficiency Industries Come Together to Promote Electricity Grid Reforms

Washington, DC—The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) filed comments today in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Integration of Variable Energy Resources (VERs).

Highlighting the core message of the Comments, Council President Lisa Jacobson noted, "Together, renewable energy, natural gas generation, demand side resources and energy storage can provide clean, reliable power—if FERC modifies tariffs to allow this partnership to occur."

The Comments make the following key points:

- BCSE strongly supports FERC's efforts to ensure that generators are not unduly discriminated against. To this end, BCSE urges FERC to expand mechanisms for flexible resources to provide balancing services to grid operators and ensure that those services are appropriately valued;
- Natural gas generators, demand side resources, energy storage and renewable energy sources fit well together on the grid;
- Currently, in many parts of the country, natural gas generators and other flexible resources sit available to provide balancing services (ramping up and down in response to system excess/shortage of power), but with no means to do so;
- The Open Access Transmission Tariff should be revised to ensure that the flexible resources are better able to provide their services to system operators who integrate VERs and that these services are properly valued.

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power, commercial end-users and environmental market service providers. Founded in 1992, the Council advocates for policies at state, national and international levels that increases the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. The coalition's diverse business membership is united around the revitalization of our economy and creation of a secure and sustainable energy future for America.