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Willie L. Phillips, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Phillips:

I am following up on the enclosed letter regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) June 2023 final rule on Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather, in which the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) urged FERC to address additional extreme weather events, such as high winds and hurricanes, in a future rulemaking as soon as possible.

As stated in our July 13, 2023, letter, while the CSB very much supports FERC's efforts to ensure the reliability of the Nation's Bulk-Power System during extreme weather events, FERC's June 2023 final rule did not address extreme weather events beyond heat and cold, such as high winds and hurricanes, although stakeholders had urged FERC to do so.

Considering the above-normal hurricane season predicted for this year by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – and with Hurricane Beryl the Atlantic Ocean's earliest Category 5 storm on record -- the CSB again urges FERC to address other extreme weather events such as high winds and hurricanes as soon as possible.

Additionally, because Bulk-Power System reliability directly impacts chemical process safety (and the safety of chemical facility workers and nearby communities), we reiterate our request to meet with you and your fellow commissioners about this matter.

We also reiterate our request for copies of the one-time informational reports that FERC is to receive pursuant to the final rule, as well as the opportunity for CSB staff to collaborate with FERC on this or any other matter that may impact chemical process safety.

Thank you again for your consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Owens'.

Steve Owens
Chairperson

Enclosure

**U.S. Chemical Safety and
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