

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 18, 2002

Chairman Pat Wood, III  
Commissioner Nora Mead Brownell  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E., Room 11H  
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Wood and Commissioner Brownell:

In a letter dated April 23, 2002, 26 members of Congress wrote to you requesting that you recuse yourselves from the current, and any future, investigation into the activities of Enron Corporation. To this date, you have neglected to respond.

26 Members of Congress advised you of their belief that former Enron Corporation Chairman Kenneth Lay exerted undue influence in the process that resulted in your nominations, and that they had grave concerns regarding your ability to be impartial in any pending or future investigations of Enron. You have neglected to respond. As stated in the April 23<sup>rd</sup> letter, at a minimum, the circumstances surrounding your appointment to FERC call into question your ability to conduct an unbiased review of Enron's activities. We are further concerned by your actions while serving at FERC. For example, as stated by Senator Lieberman citing a FERC Enron investigation which ended in August 2001, "though the report identified a number of areas that ought to have troubled FERC as the federal government's lead energy regulator, it found no reason for concern and no cause of action." The FERC investigation made these conclusions when internal Enron documents make it clear that the company wanted to maintain unregulated status of its highly questionable trading activities.

As has once again been made clear by recent documents obtained by the Senate Government Affairs Committee, Mr. Lay has been a champion for each of you in your appointments to FERC. 26 Members of Congress urged you to follow the lead of Attorney General John Ashcroft, who recused himself when there was an appearance of conflict of interest. You have neglected to respond.

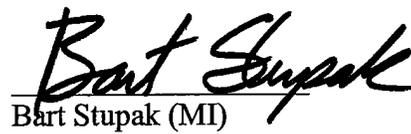
FERC's Ethics Mandate prominently asserts, "*Every citizen must have complete confidence in the integrity of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; otherwise, our ability to act in the public interest will be compromised.*" It is simply not possible for the American people to have complete confidence in this investigation if those who benefited from Enron's support and advocacy are the same individuals examining their questionable practices as a corporation.

26 Members of Congress have requested to recuse yourselves from the current, and any future, investigation into the activities of Enron Corporation. We have attached a copy of the letter for your convenience. When will you respond?

Sincerely,

  
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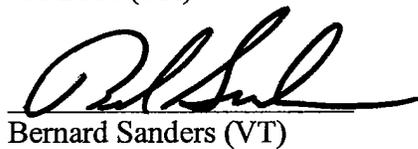
  
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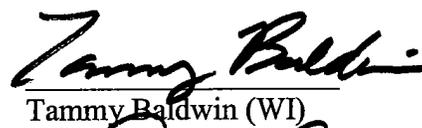
  
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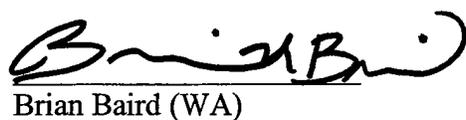
  
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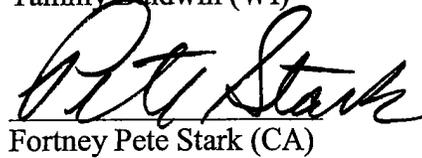
  
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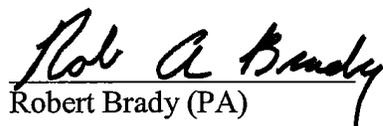
  
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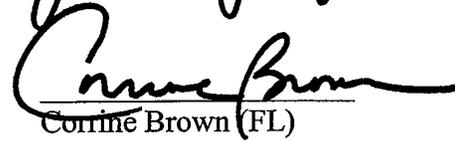
  
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