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INGAA president comments on decision by Norman Bay to resign from FERC

WASHINGTON— Don Santa, president and chief executive officer of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, today commented on Norman Bay's decision to resign from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, effective February 3:

"Norman Bay's resignation from the commission will unfortunately leave FERC without a quorum. This means the commission will be unable to act on pending natural gas infrastructure projects of national importance.

"We encourage the commission to act on all matters that are ripe for decision prior to Commissioner Bay's departure, and especially pending applications for authority to construct needed interstate natural gas pipelines. We also urge the commission to exercise to the fullest extent possible its authority to delegate certain functions to the staff in anticipation of the period during which it will lack a quorum.

"Given President Trump's focus on infrastructure and domestic energy resources, we urge him to nominate candidates to fill the commission's three existing vacancies as soon as possible. We, likewise, urge the Senate to act expeditiously on those nominations.

"We appreciate Norman Bay for his service and dedication to the commission."

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INGAA is the North American association representing the interstate and interprovincial natural gas pipeline industry. INGAA's members operate approximately 200,000 miles of pipelines, and serve as an indispensable link between natural gas producers and consumers.