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*President*

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Vitter  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Shuster  
Chairman  
House Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nick Rahall  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Boxer and Shuster and Ranking Members Vitter and Rahall:

On behalf of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), I would like to communicate our support for the conference report of The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

We are pleased that Section 1006 of the final report allows the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to enter into cost recovery agreements with electric utilities and natural gas companies for the review of permit applications. The provision is consistent with authority long-held by other federal agencies. The agreements should increase the resources available to the Corps for permit reviews and allow the Corps to be more transparent and timely in their decision-making. For EEI member companies, a timely and predictable process for permit reviews is critically important to the construction and maintenance of the infrastructure necessary to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to American consumers.

We thank you for your leadership and hard work to achieve a bipartisan compromise on the reauthorization bill and urge all members of the House and Senate to support the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 conference report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Kuhn", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas R. Kuhn

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