



Committee: Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee
Event: [Business Meeting to Consider Pending Nominations and Legislation](#)
Date: September 11, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: 366 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Member Toplines:

Chair Mike Lee (R-UT): Lee highlighted the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) role in ensuring reliable and affordable energy, expressed support for the agency, and emphasized his desire to hold bipartisan, regular markups to advance legislation.

Ranking Member Martin Heinrich (D-NM): Heinrich underscored FERC's bipartisan and independent role in energy policy and announced opposition to both nominations. He said Swett meets experience requirements, but LaCerte does not meet statutory qualifications. Heinrich noted that under normal circumstances, he would have supported Swett, but cited the Administration's stop-work orders, grid instability, job losses, and rising electricity prices as reasons he could not. He also criticized the committee's lack of bipartisan consultation, saying the Chair is seemingly running the committee unilaterally, a departure from past bipartisan tradition.

Agenda Items:

Nomination of Laura Swett to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Term expiring June 30, 2030)

- Final Votes on Swett's Nomination – Ayes: 12 | Nays: 8
- Nomination is reported favorably to the Senate.

Nomination of David LaCerte to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Term expiring June 30, 2026)

- Final Votes on LaCerte's Nomination – Ayes: 12 | Nays: 8
- Nomination is reported favorably to the Senate.