

The following statement was issued by Ron Binz on Tuesday, October 1 at 8:00 AM EDT:

“Last evening I asked the President that my name be withdrawn from further consideration as his nominee to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). It appears that my nomination will not be reported favorably by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I am withdrawing so that the President can move forward with another nominee, allowing the FERC to continue its important work with a full complement of commissioners.

I thank the President for the honor of the appointment and for placing his trust in me as his nominee.

Many people supported me in the confirmation process. I would like to thank first Colorado Senators Mark Udall and Michael Bennet who were most generous with their time, their advice and support. I want to thank Oregon Senator Ron Wyden, Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, for his leadership and support. I am in debt to the very talented professionals at the FERC who helped me prepare for hearings. My family has been wonderful during the confirmation process: my parents and sisters and, most of all, Mary Donahue, my partner of 42 years. I would also like to thank the thousands of old and new friends who stood with me during this process.

I was fortunate to have the endorsement of consumer leaders, industry executives, state regulators, energy companies, environmental leaders and former FERC Commissioners who knew my track record and trusted my ability to lead the FERC in its essential mission.

I plan to resume my consulting practice in Colorado, where my focus will remain on reform of regulation, the evolving utility business model, and how to move forward on a clean energy agenda.

Colorado has shown that it’s possible to move steadily down the path of a clean energy future while protecting consumers, stimulating the economy and creating jobs. We can do this as a nation if we get serious about energy policy and investments in technologies that allow an “all the above” mix of low-carbon resources.”