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## President Biden Names Phillips Chair of FERC

President Biden [named](#) Willie L. Phillips, Jr. Chairman of FERC on Feb. 9, 2024. "I'm honored to continue to lead FERC as Chairman and thank [President Biden] for his faith in my leadership," Chairman Phillips said. "I'm laser-focused on securing a reliable, affordable and sustainable energy future for our nation." Chairman Phillips is serving a Commission term that ends June 30, 2026.

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### FERC Meets at Howard University School of Law

FERC celebrated Black History Month by convening its [February 15 open meeting](#) at the historic Howard University School of Law, one of the oldest law schools in the country and the oldest historically Black law school in the United States.



### OPP Reports on 2023 Accomplishments

FERC's Office of Public Participation (OPP) [presented](#) its 2023 [Annual Report](#) at the February meeting, highlighting the office's outreach efforts to bring people to FERC and bring FERC to the people. OPP's mission is to empower, promote and support public voices in FERC proceedings. More about OPP [here](#).

### FERC Approves New Policy for Hydro Preliminary Permits

The Commission voted at the February [meeting](#) to implement a new policy regarding preliminary permits for hydropower projects proposed to be located on Tribal lands. Effective immediately, the new policy states that if a project proposes to use Tribal lands and the Tribe on whose lands the project is to be located opposes the permit, the Commission will not issue the preliminary permit.

### Report to Congress on Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline

FERC staff sent its 37th [report](#) to Congress on progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline.

### FERC, NERC to Review Bulk Power System Performance During Recent Winter Storms

The [joint review](#) will look at the performance of the bulk power system during recent winter storms that brought Arctic air across much of North America. It will focus on winter preparation activities and gather information to help guide future winter storm preparations and operations.

### FERC Staff Issues 2023 Common Metrics Report

The [report](#) continues Commission staff's initiative to examine and track the performance and benefits of wholesale electric markets run by Regional Transmission Organization and Independent System Operators.

## FERC Events

- **February 28, 2024** | [Joint Federal State Task Force on Electric Transmission](#)
- **March 21, 2024** | [FERC Open Meeting](#)

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