



July 24, 2014

The Honorable Gregory H. Friedman  
Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, District of Columbia 20585

Dear Mr. Friedman:

My firm, Powhatan Energy Fund LLC, has been the subject of a FERC Office of Enforcement ("FERC OE") investigation for almost four years. Earlier this year, we launched a website at [www.ferclitigation.com](http://www.ferclitigation.com) to protect our personal and professional reputations from their charges of market manipulation. So far, we have had over 12,000 visits to the site and have made connections with many industry participants. Through my experience interfacing with the FERC OE and based upon communications I have had with others, I believe that there is abusive behavior at the FERC OE that needs to be addressed.

It has come to my attention that several US Senators have requested, either through a written letter<sup>1</sup> or orally on the Senate floor<sup>2</sup>, that you initiate an inspection of the FERC OE. I want to encourage you to do just that, as fixing these problems will improve the markets, help the industry, and ultimately benefit all citizens of our country.

In addition to addressing the questions that the Senators asked, I kindly ask you to consider researching these two additional questions:

- Does FERC OE use inappropriate and discriminatory behavior based upon political, economic and sexual factors to choose and pursue the defendants that it investigates?
- Instead of relying on the law and regulations, does FERC OE using bullying and extortionary tactics to "negotiate" with the defendants that it is investigating?

Please consider me as a resource who wants to help you in any way that I can. Thanks in advance for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Kevin J. Gates

<sup>1</sup> <http://ferclitigation.com/wp-content/uploads/Letter-to-DOE-FERC-IG-07-18-14-1.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQMIgC7eaDE&list=UU80PfiCAB2Fe1MFayWIR6GQ>