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September 30, 2025

The Honorable David Rosner Chairman Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Rosner,

I am writing to share the attached letter that I received from the Rotary Club of Cheat Lake regarding concerns over Lake Lynn Generation's compliance with maintaining recreation facilities at Cheat Lake Park. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requires Lake Lynn Generation to maintain those facilities as a license condition.

As highlighted in the Rotary Club's letter, the organization held two events at the park this summer that were over a month apart. The bathrooms were locked with an inoperable sign during both events. This is not the first time that my office has heard concerns from constituents over the management of the park. In addition to receiving previous calls about the bathrooms being constantly out of order, my office has also received many complaints regarding unmaintained docks and trails, as well as not regularly removing the park's trash.

I request that FERC look into this issue and request a response on your findings that I can provide the Rotary Club and my constituents who have raised additional concerns regarding the upkeep issues at Cheat Lake Park. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator

Cc:

The Honorable Lindsay See Commissioner Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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August 27, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito United States Senate 172 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Request for Assistance in Ensuring Compliance with FERC Recreation Management Plan at Cheat Lake

Dear Senator Capito,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Cheat Lake, I write to respectfully request your assistance in addressing growing concerns within our community regarding Lake Lynn Generation's compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Recreation Management Plan (RMP) for Cheat Lake.

As you know, Cheat Lake is a cherished natural and recreational resource for residents of Monongalia County and beyond. It offers year-round opportunities for boating, fishing, hiking, and family recreation, and serves as a vital economic and social asset to our region.

However, recent observations and community reports have raised serious concerns about the condition of public recreation areas maintained under Lake Lynn Generation's license. These include:

- Deteriorating docks and eroded trails left unrepaired for extended periods
- Restroom facilities that are frequently inoperative or unsanitary
- Trash and debris not removed in a timely manner
- Overflow parking congestion and limited site capacity on peak weekends

While FERC approved Lake Lynn Generation's 2024 update to the RMP, that approval came with the continued obligation to maintain all recreation facilities as outlined in the license. Despite this, the visible and persistent neglect undermines the quality of public access and safety, and fails to meet the spirit of the agreement.

As part of our club's fundraising efforts, we have conducted two "poker runs" in 2025. The proceeds from the events are used to support our many charitable and community projects. The first poker run was on June 21st and the second on August 2nd. At the time of both events, the public restrooms at the Cheat Lake Park were locked and a sign posted to say they were

inoperable. We do not believe the restrooms were operable during the period between the two poker runs and they remain inoperable.

We ask for your support in urging FERC and relevant federal authorities to more actively enforce the terms of the RMP, and to hold Lake Lynn Generation accountable to the public trust they are licensed to uphold. Your advocacy would lend crucial weight to our efforts in ensuring Cheat Lake remains safe, accessible, and properly maintained for all West Virginians.

Thank you for your longstanding commitment to our state and for your attention to this important community issue. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with your staff to further discuss these concerns and potential avenues for federal oversight or assistance.

With gratitude,

Sincerely,

Hayden Mason

President

Rotary Club of Cheat Lake