

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

March 4, 2003

The Honorable Pat Wood  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Mr. Chairman,

We are writing to ask that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission immediately lift the Protective Order that currently applies to the evidence being collected by California parties during the current "100-day discovery period" of the California refund proceeding. We strongly believe that the public has the right to know the extent of fraud and manipulation of the Western energy markets during the California energy crisis.

FERC should lift the Protective Order because evidence continues to mount that manipulation of California's wholesale electricity market was part of a widespread strategy to increase energy prices. The Reliant transcripts and recent guilty plea of another Enron energy trader are only the most recent examples of market abuse. Because of this extensive evidence and resulting economic damage suffered by the state, California's citizens should have the right to review all evidence produced during the 100-day discovery period.

We understand that the California parties presented all evidence collected during the 100-day discovery period on February 28. FERC has announced that it will accept rebuttal testimony on March 17 and issue a decision in late March or early April. We are concerned that this schedule does not allow FERC sufficient time to adequately review and consider the evidence presented by the California parties. We strongly urge FERC to fully evaluate all evidence presented, holding hearings if necessary, to determine the extent of abuse in the California market. A thorough and careful review of this new evidence is essential to demonstrate that FERC is up to the task of protecting consumers from market manipulation and abuse.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued attention to California's energy problems.

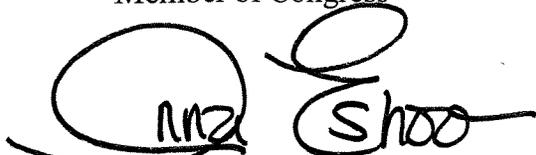
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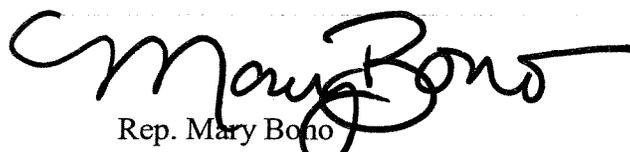
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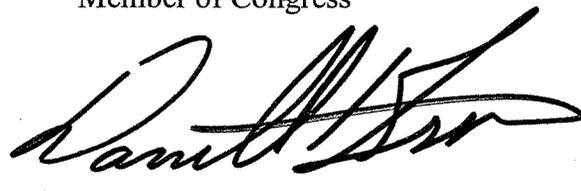
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