

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 21, 1975

Dear Bill:

It is with a deep sense of personal regret that I accept your resignation as a member of the Federal Power Commission, effective December 1, 1975. You and I go back a long way as fellow Congressmen and friends, and I will sincerely miss you when you leave Washington.

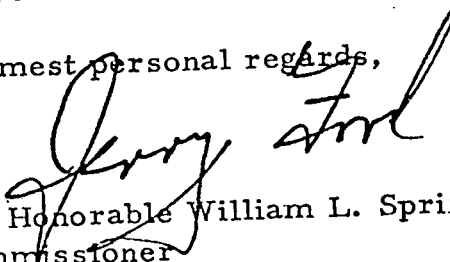
During your tenure on the Commission, the Nation for the first time focused on the magnitude and potential impact of the growing energy shortage. Your contributions to the work of the Commission during this critical time are well known.

While a member of the Commission, you authored more than a dozen opinions, including the first opinion by the Commission on a coal gasification application. Since you joined the FPC, the Commission's natural gas pricing policy has evolved from the Area Rate concept to a more realistic pricing mechanism as embodied in the issuance of the National Rate last year, a truly landmark decision.

You have served the Commission in an outstanding fashion and for this the country owes you a great debt of gratitude. I truly hope that a more leisurely private life will help you regain your health.

Betty joins me in wishing Elsie and you the very best for the years ahead.

Warmest personal regards,



The Honorable William L. Springer  
Commissioner  
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WILLIAM L. SPRINGER  
COMMISSIONER

November 12, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

During most of this past year, the Commission has been serving with three commissioners. The result has been in the words of the former Chairman, "Nobody can be sick and nobody can be absent. Three is a quorum."


Several months ago, my medical advisor told me I should ease up on my daily workload. However, I did feel that because there were only three commissioners, it was incumbent upon me to stay until a new chairman was appointed and the other two vacancies filled. Within the last month, John Holloman has been sworn in as well as Dick Dunham, the new Chairman. On Tuesday, Jim Watt came aboard and we have a full Commission.

At this time, it is my wish to retire and will you please consider this my letter of resignation effective December 1, 1975.

I shall remember as long as I live and with many fond memories our association in the Congress. While a member of this Commission, I have tried to work in line with your effort to make this country independent of energy resources far from our shores and which brought us almost to the verge of industrial chaos two years ago. In talking with Members of Congress, I know most of them realize that such a program has to be put into effect if we are not to face some emergency in the future which could be fatal. Steps have been taken in that direction, but we are a long way from consummating such a program. I believe, given the right atmosphere, it can be done.

With the very kindest regards to you personally,  
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
WILLIAM L. SPRINGER

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