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A unedited livestream of the entire action can be found on X/twitter at:

<https://x.com/i/broadcasts/1vOxwrPzalgjB>

Today (Sept. 19), three related actions took place inside and outside the headquarters of FERC – the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – in Washington, D.C.

Starting at **6am**, BXE and friends hung banners across the street reading “Manchin’s FERC” “FERC No, Federal Renewable Energy Commission, YES” and “Unfrack FERC, LNG kills”

At **7am**, a crew of elders from Third Act’s local chapters in DC, Maryland, and Virginia, along with Beyond Extreme Energy and other friends blockaded the driveway to FERC’s main garage. They placed rocking chairs in the street to prevent the FERC commissioners (who usually arrive by car) and other senior staff from parking with a 10 foot square banner that reads “The Fall of FERC” and a smaller 4ft square banner that read “US Courts: FERC is a Climate Denier.” The Federal protective Service of the Department of Homeland Security was called and FERC security asked them to ask the group to exit the Driveway.

At about **8am**, while FPS officers were talking with the protestors, a FERC employee jumped the curb, ran over the leg of a rocking chair and knocked one of the protestors out of the way attempting to enter the driveway. The driver was held for questioning by FPS and FERC security for several minutes before being allowed to proceed into the parking garage and presumably the FERC office. BXE took pictures of the driver and the car’s license plate. **No one was injured.**

At **8:30am**, after negotiation with FPS and 3 warnings that they would be arrested unless they moved, the group blockading the driveway voluntarily moved onto the sidewalk with their signs and rocking chairs. **No one was arrested.**

At 9 AM, dozens of adults and kids from Gulf Coast communities in Louisiana and Texas rallied with their supporters outside FERC, demanding that commissioners listen to their concerns about FERC continuing

to greenlight LNG export terminals, which are hugely polluting for frontline communities and for the climate.

Ms Roishetta Ozane, founder and director of the Vessel Project of Louisiana, said, “We have traveled miles from home, united as a community of voices including youth, to stand in front of FERC headquarters and demand justice. We will not be silent while our families and children are poisoned by the decisions of those in power. It's time for this commission – especially those three newly sworn-in – to hear our stories and understand that we are the heartbeat of our neighborhoods, demanding justice and a future free from the threat of dangerous polluters. FERC can no longer put policy before people. Enough is enough.”

In July and August, the US Court of Appeals in DC struck at the heart of FERC's broken permitting process. In three separate decisions, the judges ruled that FERC failed to consider climate change and environmental justice impacts for gas pipelines in New Jersey and Texas and three LNG export terminals in Louisiana and Texas.

Patrina Hayes with Climate Conversation Brazoria County said, “As a resident of Freeport, TX, I am deeply concerned about the proposed LNG facilities near my home. I urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of frontline communities like mine. We all have a right to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. I believe that FERC must conduct a thorough environmental review that fully addresses the potential risks and impacts from air and water pollution of these projects on my community, including all risks associated with the construction and operation of LNG facilities, such as pipeline leaks, explosions, and spills which could have devastating consequences for the community.”

Manning Rollerson Sr. from Freeport Texas spoke to the fallacy that fossil fuel projects are necessary to bring jobs and economic opportunity to communities like his: “At the end of the day if our children are sick and we're getting sick from the chemicals, and there's no accountability then this is not working for us. If everyone is sick, who's going to work? If the children are dying, who's the future. FERC needs to change and to find out that the courts told FERC to do something and FERC did nothing? ... The people have to follow the law, and the government does whatever it wants to do. And that's not right!”

Eli Hilbert is the Organizing Director for Texas Permian Future Generations. The Permian Basin is the largest oil patch in the United States. They said: “I see the effects that fracking has on the environment every single day, from the flare across the highway from my apartment building to the smell that it causes in my apartment. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission allows this to happen and fracking will not end without change by FERC.

“Just Monday, Midland experienced a 5.1 earthquake caused by the injection of wastewater from fracking; it is the 6th largest recorded earthquake ever in West Texas, and comes just two months after another 5.1 earthquake occurred 90 miles east of Midland. These earthquakes are becoming more and more common, with 26 earthquakes above 3.0 in 2017, compared to 43 just in the last 60 days. The only solution is to stop fracking.

“We need big, sweeping changes NOW; otherwise, we will not have a livable planet in 30 years. Yet FERC is helping to chart a course for more and more oil and gas extraction for decades to come. It is immoral,

and that's why we're here today, to tell FERC that the time has come to end fracking, and all fossil fuel extraction."

During the commissioners' meeting, which started at 10:15am, 15 people disrupted the meeting-stalling FERC for more than half an hour. A disruption roundup video will go up on :

<https://www.youtube.com/@beyondextreme8328>

As the last of the disruptors were being escorted out of the FERC building at ~**11am**, a large crowd of activists previously banned from the FERC meeting for disruption reentered the back of the building, chanting UNFRACK FERC and singing, before being ushered out by security.

Ted Glick with Beyond Extreme Energy, which helped organize the Fall of FERC event said "With grass roots movements escalating against fossil fuels and federal courts finally validating our arguments and issuing real consequences for FERC'S failures, is this the beginning of the fall of FERC? Three new FERC commissioners voted for the first time at today's FERC meeting. We are here to call upon them, and the other two, to respect the clear intent of the court. They must oppose any new LNG export terminals or any new fossil fuel infrastructure until they change their policy for making those decisions."