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Sen. Jim Inhofe said he doesn't plan to release his hold on Democratic FERC nominee Richard Glick until senators reach a larger deal to move ahead with President Donald Trump's nominees to the EPA.

"I've still got a hold on Glick," the Oklahoma Republican told POLITICO. He said he is "concerned that we don't have our nominees confirmed on the EPA."

Inhofe said that he has raised the issue with Senate leadership and that he hopes there might be an arrangement to consider the EPA and FERC nominees within the next month or so. Both Republicans and Democrats have raised concerns about EPA nominees.

"I don't think it could happen as one package, but it could be an agreement that they will bring those up prior to the next recess," he said of the nominees.

FERC nominees traditionally move in bipartisan packages, so Trump's pick for FERC chairman, Kevin McIntyre, will likely be stuck until Glick's nomination gets floor time.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) attempted to have both FERC nominees approved just before the Senate's most recent recess earlier this month, but Inhofe objected.

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