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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
ATTN: Docket No. AD19-18-000

RE: Comments on Transparency

Dear Ms. Bose:

My name is Mortimore Kelly, a private citizen, who wishes to submit comments regarding FERC Docket No. AD19-18-000 above.

It has come to my attention that there is a problem regarding transparency within the electrical industry regarding the security of the national electrical grid. I understand that President Trump issued an Executive Order regarding the security of the national grid and that the electrical industry is dragging its feet in the implementation of this order.

If you have received threats to yourself or to your family members, would you not take immediate steps to protect yourself and them by informing the police, installing extra locks on your home, buying intruder alarms, etc.? Or, would you ignore them and think to yourself, "It is just a joke. Who would want to harm me or my family?" When the attack comes, how will you feel? What can you do then? You suffer physical harm and mental anguish. You failed yourself and your family.

The electrical grid is threaten by the Sun, Red China, Russia, and soon North Korea and Iran. The electrical industry leaders say among themselves, "No way. Those hostile national states wouldn't harm our grid. America has nuclear weapons. They wouldn't dare." "The last time the Sun erupted an EMP was back in AD1856. No problem there. We ain't gotta do nuttin and we will cover it up." The electrical grid is threatened by Islamic terrorists as well. The Border Patrol has arrested approximately 50 ISIS members crossing the southern border over the past several years. How many have crossed who were not arrested? Without electricity, the U. S. will become a third world country. All Americans will suffer many times over, then.

Here is an example of why transparency is so important in any utility business. I live in New Orleans, Louisiana. We have a water utility call the Orleans Parish Sewage & Water Board (S&WB) that is responsible for providing safe drinking water, drainage, and sewage disposal for the City of New Orleans. No one in city government who was responsible for oversight of the S&WB checked to verify that everything was working correctly. They just took the word of the S&WB President that everything was okay. Then came the 12 inches of rain in August 2017. The same areas that flooded in Hurricane Katrina flooded again. The S&WB President lied to the press and the City Government when he said, "Everything is working normal. The problem is global warming causing too much rain." The City Counsel found out otherwise. Five of twenty pumps had not been working for over five years with no effort to repair them. Three nineteenth century pumps that work on different electrical cycles than the rest of the pumps did not work for over ten years because the special electric generators that operated those pumps were broken and not repaired. The S&WB president reluctantly resigned, under public pressure, along with the senior staff with some of them retiring with fat pensions.

In conclusion, I support any and all efforts to provide standards of transparency and the enforcement thereof for the protection and security of the electrical grid.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mortimore Kelly

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