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This Docket Number is presently before Federal Energy Regulatory Commission: Joint Staff White Paper on Notices of Penalty Pertaining to Violations of Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards, again docket number AD19-18-000.

Comments on Transparency Submitted to FERC on 09/13/2019, mailed by USPS 09/14/2019.

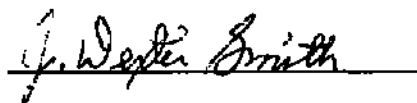
Greetings: my name is J. Dexter Smith, a private citizen, residing at 4124 Medoc Drive, Kenner, Louisiana, 70065-1923. I represent no one except maybe the common American citizen who fosters a hope of more clarity and transparency in not only government but also its bureaucracy.

I am fairly familiar with the "White Paper" which is proposed by the FERC and NERC and thus salute these organizations for wanting more transparency via the NOP filings. Public and scientific oversight plays an important role unto the security of the power system grid safety. It also plays a role for all power companies to comply with C.I.P. standards as well as crucial missteps or outstanding compliance also plays a role in affecting the stock market which b.t.w. affects my retirement I.R.A. accounts.

However, I am somewhat concerned that the current "White Paper" proposal gives only a somewhat limited amount of transparency or clarity unto the reader. It simply does not in my estimation give investors nor regulators the means to check to see if regulatory system is actually working nor any means to I.D. Violators. Also, I found an interesting alternative proposal by a Mr. Mabee, a U.S. Army Command Sgt. Major and have read it. It seems to cover most of the bases, e.g., the requirement of the regulatory system, public and investment interests, and the compliance of the power industry unto the C.I.P. Standards. Might I encourage the FERC to take his comments under consideration for both clarity's sake and transparency's sake. His comments also address grid security and we are entering a period of time in which we have worldly opponents who would and could take advantage of loose regulatory requirements which industry and lobbyists would like for the purpose of greed rather than public safety and national security. In addition, such steps just might help dig a small ditch to help "drain the swamp" in our bureaucracy.

In hopes of change,

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cc U.S. Representative Steve Scalise of La.  
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