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Attn: Chairman Neil Chatterjee
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket: AD19-18

Dear Chairman Chatterjee and members of the Commission,

I write today with deep concern as to the range of vulnerabilities posed by regular cyber attacks against our electric grid and its providers. With cyber mischief and the potential for cyber warfare on the rise, we are in no position to dismiss tools that help reinforce critical security. On the question of cyber-security transparency for the grid system, I believe we are benefited by more public insight, not less.

As our grid system becomes increasingly complex, expediency may increase the desire among regulators to limit calls for greater incident-data transparency. It is human nature to believe that if we are in charge, then whatever measures are being taken are sufficient. However, it is expressly the complexity of the system that makes the argument for more eyeballs on potential risks, compelling.

I am in favor of greater accountability for the recorded incidents of cyber attacks to our national grid infrastructure; a system that invites scrutiny augments its own ability to assess threats and ensures an honest reckoning of the effectiveness with which current security measures are matching threat risks.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this most critical national security matter via docket AD19-18.

regards,

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