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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Neil Chatterjee, Chairperson
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., NE
Washington, DC 20426

Docket AD 19-18-000

Dear Chairman Chatterjee and Commission Members,

I have reviewed the White Paper regarding Notice of Penalty filed in the above matter. You have requested comment on four topics. I will address the last listed, namely: "Does the proposed format provide sufficient transparency to the public".

My reading of the White Paper suggests that FERC seeks to broaden its release of information to the public over its previous practice, but the fact remains that the release of information is on a case by case basis and decisions made in this regard are made by staff members. I can understand a legitimate reluctance to release information that could compromise the security of the electric grid, but at the same time, we at least pay lip service to the notion that the public has a right to know what is happening within government and to the electric grid.

My concern lies in the fact that in any organization, governmental or non-governmental, it is always easier and ultimately safer for the organization to keep its activities confidential. Criticism is muted and the organization can go about its business with a minimum of interference from outside forces.

Accordingly, I urge the staff at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to adopt what may seem counterintuitive, to consciously work toward the release of the identity of violators and other pertinent information rather than to take refuge in the more conservative approach previously taken.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D.W.", with a small circular mark to the right.

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