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RE: "Smart Grid RFI: Addressing Policy and Logistical Challenges"

Dear Mr. Li:

I am writing in response to the Department of Energy's ("DOE") Request for Information (RFI) regarding the "Smart Grid RFI: Addressing Policy and Logistical Challenges." The North American Electric Reliability Corporation's ("NERC") Reliability Assessment and Performance Analysis Group ("RAPA") is currently developing a report, entitled "Reliability Consideration from Integration of Smart Grid" that will address many of the issues raised in the DOE RFI. NERC's report is due to be released mid-December 2010. NERC will provide a copy of this report to DOE in response to the Smart Grid RFI when it is publicly available.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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Director

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