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Subject: Ex Parte Memorandum from Fluence Energy

Ms. Burdick,

On Tuesday, October 27, 2026, the Fluence Energy team met with the Department of Energy (DOE) regarding Executive Order 14421 (EO), "Declaring a National Emergency to Secure the United States Bulk-Power System." The meeting focused on implementation of the EO, as Fluence Energy submitted comments to the RFI by DOE. Specifically, the meeting covered the importance of clarifying a definition of "critical components" to mean components with remote-access capabilities that pose an undue risk of sabotage, subversion, unauthorized access, and malicious remote action.

The Fluence Energy representatives present during the meeting included:

- Suzanne Leta, Vice President of Policy and Advocacy for Fluence Energy
- Michael Weiner, Director of Policy and Advocacy for Fluence Energy
- Rick Dearborn, Partner at Mindset
- Sarah Alexander, Principal at Mindset

The DOE representatives present during the meeting included:

- Emily Burdick, Principal Deputy Director of CESER
- Leslie Pezzullo, Chief Operating Officer of CESER
- Charles Lewis, CESER
- Hayden Hemphill, Scheduler and Special Assistant at CESER

Please let me know if you have any questions about the memorandum.

Thank you,

Suzanne Leta
Suzanne Leta, Vice President of Policy and Advocacy