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From: Bridget Bartol, Executive Director, National Electrical Manufacturers Association

Subject: Ex Parte Memorandum Bulk-Power System

On October 9, 2026, at 2:15 pm National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) representatives met virtually with the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) on the Bulk-Power System Executive Order and DOE Request for information.

NEMA emphasized its commitment to grid security while underscoring key considerations to avoid unintentional disruptions of electrical equipment manufacturing, supply chains, grid operations or ongoing modernization. The discussion covered the following topics:

- Emphasized need for increase manufacturers/supplier and agency dialogue to help improve information sharing.
- Encouraged the agency to adopt a risk-based and phased approach focusing on equipment that poses a direct and material operational risk, emphasizing front-of-meter infrastructure at 69 kV and above.
- Requested clear definitions, criteria and guidance development to support future assessment and compliance, this includes criteria for identifying Covered Foreign Entities and workable timelines for compliance.
- Directed the DOE to NEMA's submitted comments that call for reasonable implementation timelines and leveraging of existing cybersecurity formats, standards and industry certification programs to provide near-term certainty and clarity for industry to continue to meet energy needs while maintaining a secure, reliable grid.

From NEMA, the following representatives were present.

- Bridget Bartol, Executive Director, Grid, NEMA
- Peter Ferrell, Senior Director Government Affairs, NEMA

From DOE, the following representatives were present.

- Leslie Pezzullo, Chief Operating Officer, DOE's CESER
- Emily Burdick, Principal Deputy Director, DOE's CESER

Please contact me with any questions regarding this memorandum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bridget Bartol".

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