Cybersecurity and the Electric Power Industry: It’s All About Industry-Government Partnerships

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Protecting Grid The Top Priority

- Recognize the vital role that we play to society and national security
- We continue to enhance efforts to protect grid assets from threats
  - $52.8B in ‘16 to enhance grid and further support grid security efforts
  - Crisis management
  - Site specific security plans to ensure operations and infrastructure are properly supported
  - Redundancies build into the system
  - Partner with federal, state, and local gov’t and law enforcement
The Threat Landscape

CBR – Chemical, Biological, Radiological
EMP – Electro-magnetic Pulse
Threat Mitigation: “Defense-in-Depth”

- Preparation
- Prevention
- Response
- Recovery
Approach to Grid Security

- **Standards**
  - Physical
  - Cyber

- **Industry-Government Partnership**
  - Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC)
  - Electricity Information Sharing & Analysis Center (E-ISAC)
  - Partnerships with federal, state, & local governments

- **Incident Response**
  - Grid Resiliency
  - Mutual Assistance
  - Spare Equipment Programs
Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC)

- Threats constantly evolve and are closely coordinated with the federal government via the ESCC partnership.
- ESCC: coordinate efforts to prepare for, and respond to national level disasters or threats to critical infrastructure.
ESCC Focus Areas

- Planning and exercising coordinated responses to attacks
- Ensuring that information about threats is communicated quickly b/t government and industry
- Deploying gov’t technologies on electric company systems that improve situational awareness of grid threats
- Developing strong partnerships with other critical infrastructure sectors to plan for and respond to major events and share info more effectively
- Maintaining the industry-wide cyber mutual assistance program in coordination with federal agency partners
- Strengthening and securing the supply chain
- Expanding equipment sharing programs and developing transformer transport processes and procedures with the fed gov’t, railroads, heavy hauler and rigging industries.
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