



MEMORANDUM

To: DOE Ex Parte Communications Docket

From: Bradley W. Grout, Associate General Counsel
Southern Company Services, Inc.
Secretary, Business Security and Resiliency Committee

Date: July 21, 2020

Re: Presentation by Honorable Bruce J. Walker on July 17, 2020
Meeting of The Southern Company Board of Directors
Telephonic Meeting of the Business Security and Resiliency Committee

Attendees:

Directors, Business Security and Resiliency Committee Members

Dr. Ernie Moniz
Dale Klein
Janaki Akella

Southern Company Participants

Tom Fanning, Chairman, President, CEO
Jim Kerr, General Counsel
Brad Grout, Associate General Counsel
Drew Evans, Chief Financial Officer
Stan Connally, Operations Executive Vice President
Tom Wilson, Chief Information Security Officer
Paul Sabella, Enterprise Resilience Director
Michele Guido, Strategic Security Policy Director
Mark Crosswhite, President & CEO, Alabama Power Company

Scott DePasquale, President & CEO, Financial Sector Analysis and Resilience Center (Guest Presenter)

Presentation:

History and Overview of Bulk Power Executive Order by Honorable Bruce J. Walker, Assistant Secretary, Department of Energy (slide attached)

Summary:

Mr. Walker provided an overview of the recent Executive Order issued on May 1, 2020 concerning the Bulk Power System, Executive Order No. 13920. He focused on the "Four Pillars" as described in his written material, emphasized DOE's vital role in protecting the nation's critical infrastructure, and highlighted DOE's initial focus on nuclear facilities and other critical defense infrastructure. Mr. Walker explained the DOE's recent publication of a Request for Information to which any interested party may submit comments, noting that a goal of this initial RFI is to gather information to identify critical infrastructure that could potentially be compromised by foreign adversaries, and to work toward a plan to mitigate any such potential compromise. Committee members asked a few questions before Mr. Walker concluded his presentation.

Questions from Committee members for A/S Walker:

- What is timeline to capture existing assets, prequalified equipment, supply chain risk management process?
- How many systems nation-wide affected?
- What is timeline for analysis of equipment by National Labs?