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Submitted via e-mail to: [Regulatory.Review@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Regulatory.Review@hq.doe.gov)

**Re: Regulatory Burden RFI, 77 Fed. Reg. 47328 (Aug. 8, 2012)**

Dear DOE staff:

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) is submitting these comments in response to the above-referenced request for information (RFI). In the RFI, the Department of Energy (DOE) is asking for comments on ways to streamline its regulations and to eliminate unnecessary ones, so as to make the regulations less burdensome and more effective.

EEI already has filed the attached two sets of comments earlier this year offering such recommendations, to which DOE has not yet responded. We wish to reiterate them. We also encourage the Energy Information Administration (EIA) not to proceed with its preliminary proposal to start collecting hourly demand, demand forecast, generation, and interchange information for each balancing authority area across the country because this would impose a major new regulatory burden with little if any benefit.

Please let me know if you need any additional information, by contacting me at [hbartholomot@eei.org](mailto:hbartholomot@eei.org). Or please contact the following other EEI staff – for the EIA issue, David Dworzak ([ddworzak@eei.org](mailto:ddworzak@eei.org)) or Steve Frauenheim ([sfrauenheim@eei.org](mailto:sfrauenheim@eei.org)); for energy efficiency matters, Steve Rosenstock ([srosenstock@eei.org](mailto:srosenstock@eei.org)); or for transmission permitting matters, Rick Loughery ([rloughery@eei.org](mailto:rloughery@eei.org)) or Meg Hunt ([mhunt@eei.org](mailto:mhunt@eei.org)). Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henri D. Bartholomot". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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