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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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October 27, 2019

Chairman Neil Chatterjee Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

Re: FERC Docket AD19-18-000

Dear Chairman Chatterjee and Commissioners:

I read with great interest the White paper prepared jointly between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). While I applaud the efforts of the new format for NERC Notices of penalty involving violations of Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards, I write to offer an opinion on the need to go further in examining how increased transparency of cybersecurity violations would improve compliance with standards.

For over a decade, the citizens of the United States have become sensitized to the threats of cyber *in*security. From the multitude of information breaches that directly affect their lives to the open discussions of international cyber threats, our citizens are now demanding increased transparency to identify the perpetrators and the actions taken to improve security.

The security of our electric generation systems is critical to our everyday lives and is on the minds of many of my constituents. Ratepayers deserve to know whether their utility is not only contributing to a less secure environment but whether the utility improves its operations to decrease its vulnerability.

While I support the proposed new approach of the revised CIP NOP as outlined in the aforementioned Docket, I urge the FERC to continue to pursue the release of additional information that would be more helpful to the public, regulators and lawmakers and to assure accountability of violators.

Sincerely,

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