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A Note from the SGIP Leadership Regarding the FERC Order

As Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP) Governing Board Chair and Plenary Chair, we express our support of the July 19, 2011, FERC order regarding Smart Grid interoperability standards. The conclusion to not take action on the five families of standards identified is consistent with SGIP leadership's public comments and recommendations to the Commission concerning the FERC Technical Meeting on this matter. In its ruling, the Commission stated that it believed "the best vehicle for developing smart grid interoperability standards is the NIST interoperability framework process, including the work of the SGIP and its committees and working groups."

We appreciate FERC's acknowledgement of the SGIP's mission, organization, and processes to guide the development and advancement of Smart Grid interoperability standards and our efforts to continually evolve the SGIP to enhance its effectiveness and fairness. We are confident that the work of the Architecture, Cybersecurity, and Testing and Certification Committees - in conjunction with the newly commissioned Catalog of Standards vetting process - will lead to the advancement of interoperability standards, and more importantly their successful adoption in Smart Grid deployments.

We pledge to continue to seek participation by all Smart Grid stakeholders in our drive for alignment and building consensus. We are pleased to read FERC's encouragement of "...utilities, smart grid product manufacturers, regulators, and other smart grid stakeholders to actively participate in the NIST interoperability framework process to work on the development of interoperability standards and to refer to that process for guidance on smart grid standards."

Sincerely,

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