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Commissioner Philip D. Moeller

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Statement of Commissioner Philip D. Moeller on Infrastructure Security

"On February 5, 2014, the Wall Street Journal released an article entitled, "Mystery Assault on Power Grid." Based upon my daily work on the issues raised by that article, the electricity sector continues to expend significant resources toward protecting both the cyber and physical security of the nation's power grid. This effort is ongoing and evolves over time. Although more needs to be done to develop additional transmission assets—and thereby provide more options to the operators of our grid—we still have the world's most advanced and robust electric transmission system that can respond instantly to planned and unplanned outages and even attacks. However, highlighting any real or perceived vulnerabilities and sharing specific security information or responsive actions may inadvertently promote the prospect of additional copycat attacks."