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Statement of Chairman Jon Wellinghoff on Frequency Response Metrics to Assess Requirements for Reliable Integration of Variable Renewable Generation

"Thank you Joe, LBNL, and to the entire Research Team for a fine job. I also would like to thank the FERC staff that initiated and managed this project.

As we are all very aware, every day the electricity system manages myriad demands and challenges, including, as Joe explained, maintaining adequate levels of frequency response so that service to consumers is not interrupted. This study is valuable in that it validates for industry a tool to help determine how to manage operation and expansion of the grid, regardless of which resources the electric industry uses to generate power. Later today, the Secretary's office will issue a notice inviting comments on this study, and I look forward to reviewing the comments submitted."