



ESCC Statement on SolarWinds Orion Platform

WASHINGTON (December 14, 2020) – Today, the CEO-led Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC)—which serves as the principal liaison between the federal government and the electric power industry on efforts to prepare for, and respond to, national-level disasters or threats to critical infrastructure—issued the following statement:

"The electric power industry takes all vulnerabilities and threats to the energy grid and our supply chains very seriously, including the latest SolarWinds Orion Platform vulnerability that cuts across many sectors.

"The CEO-led Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC) is highly engaged and already has conducted a situational awareness call on this threat. The Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC) also has provided potential indicators of compromise and other technical data that electric companies, public power utilities, electric cooperatives, and independent power producers in North America are utilizing to run comprehensive diagnostics of their systems to identify and to remediate any threat exposure. This information sharing is representative of the strong industry-government partnership that the ESCC embodies and is vital to guarding the energy grid from all possible threats."

About the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council

The ESCC includes CEOs and executives from electric companies, public power utilities, and electric cooperatives, as well as their trade association leaders, who represent all segments of the industry.

Through the ESCC, the industry works closely with its government counterparts, including senior administration officials from the White House, cabinet agencies, federal law enforcement, and national security organizations. Canadian electric company executives also are represented on the ESCC due to the international make-up of the North American energy grid.

The ESCC coordinates efforts to prepare for, and respond to, national-level incidents or threats to critical infrastructure. Protecting the energy grid from threats that could impact national security and public safety is a responsibility shared by both the government and the electric power sector. The ESCC facilitates and supports policy- and public affairs-related activities and initiatives designed to enhance the reliability and resilience of the energy grid. These activities include all hazards, steady-state preparation, and emergency preparedness, response, and recovery for the nation's electricity sector.

More information is available at: <http://www.electricitysubsector.org/>

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