

### **ESCC Statement on Substation Attacks in North Carolina**

**WASHINGTON (December 5, 2022)** –Tonight, the CEO-led Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC)—which serves as the principal liaison between senior federal officials and electric power industry leaders on efforts to prepare for, and respond to, national-level disasters or threats to critical infrastructure—issued the following statement:

“Protecting our nation’s energy grid is a top priority shared by the electric power industry and our government partners at all levels. We strongly condemn the attacks on critical energy infrastructure in Moore County, N.C., and we are working closely with the local, state, and federal law enforcement officials who are investigating these attacks.

“The CEO-led ESCC convened this evening to ensure a unified response across the highest levels of industry and government. U.S. Department of Energy Deputy Secretary David Turk, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Executive Director Brandon Wales, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Richard Glick, National Security Council Deputy Homeland Security Advisor for Resilience and Response Caitlin Durkovich, and senior officials from the FBI and other government agencies participated in the call.

“The nation’s electricity providers—investor-owned electric companies, electric cooperatives, and public power utilities—continuously monitor and prepare for threats to the grid and other infrastructure. Through the ESCC, we partner with the government to share information and to develop coordinated responses to incidents such as the one in North Carolina.

“In the wake of this weekend’s criminal events, we appreciate the ongoing collaboration of our federal partners and their level of outreach to ensure that the entire energy industry maintains a vigilant and secure posture. Understanding what happened in North Carolina will be important to minimize future threats and to keep our industry’s defenses at the forefront.

“We also know that being without power creates hardships, and we appreciate customers' patience and understanding while repair work and restoration efforts continue.”

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#### **About the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council**

*The ESCC serves as the principal liaison between leadership in the federal government and in the electric power sector, with the mission of coordinating efforts to prepare for 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.*

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