

## ESCC Congratulates Department of Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm

**WASHINGTON (February 25, 2021)** –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:

“Protecting the energy grid from cyber and physical threats is a shared responsibility between the electric power industry and government. The ESCC congratulates Jennifer Granholm on her confirmation as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, and we look forward to working with her and other leaders across the Administration to build on the existing partnership that has enabled the electric power industry to respond quickly and decisively to all manners of threats to the grid.

“Over the past year, the ESCC has developed COVID-19 protocols to help keep our frontline workers safe throughout the pandemic. The industry also worked through the ESCC to manage the impacts of the historic 2020 hurricane and wildfires seasons and the SolarWinds Orion Platform cyber vulnerability that affected many sectors.

“The ESCC remains committed to working across the industry and with Secretary Granholm and our government partners to apply the lessons learned in 2020 to our work to enhance the resilience and security of the North American energy grid.”

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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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