

February 18, 2004

The Honorable Patrick Henry Wood, III
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of my colleagues at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I want to thank you, your fellow Commissioners of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and the FERC staff for taking the time to discuss security and related issues such as electrical grid stability, on January 23, 2004, at NRC's White Flint Headquarters. The meeting afforded an unusual and valuable opportunity to exchange views on these important matters.

As a result of your expressions of interest in additional information, we have asked the NRC staff to be readily available to brief you and the FERC staff on topics of special interest to you and to support other information exchanges as appropriate. The NRC staff will be contacting their counterparts at FERC to determine appropriate areas which may be beneficial for further exchanges of information and cooperation.

The Commission looks forward to a continuing dialogue with FERC on matters important to our regulatory missions. In that regard, we would be pleased to meet with you at FERC to continue our discussions. Please do not hesitate to contact me on any matters where we may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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