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Chair, E-ISAC Member Executive Committee
Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council
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Jan Schori
Chair, Finance and Audit Committee
North American Electric Reliability Corporation Board of Trustees

Dear Jan,

On behalf of the E-ISAC Members Executive Committee (MEC) I would like to offer comments on two important aspects of E-ISAC budget--the portal and automation improvements.

As you know, the MEC was formed in July of 2015 to provide industry leadership and expertise to guide and support the E-ISAC. Among other roles set forth in its Charter, the MEC supports necessary NERC Board and regulatory approvals of the E-ISAC budget. The current list of MEC members is found at the end of this letter.

Since its inception in July 2015 the MEC has been working closely with the E-ISAC on a number of initiatives, including improvements to the E-ISAC portal and enabling automated information sharing. A May 2016 survey of E-ISAC users indicates that these improvements are essential for increasing the quality and speed of information sharing and continue to be a high user priority, just as users told us in early 2015 when the ESCC did its initial Strategic Review of the E-ISAC.

As you know, some portal improvements and automation improvements are being implemented in 2016 and others are slated for 2017. At our June 15th meeting, Marc Sachs and Stan Hoptroff provided our committee with an update on the latest plans for the remainder of 2016 and for 2017, including the timetable and costs associated with these plans. While the Committee understands that the particulars will evolve as the E-ISAC's contractor continues to refine the specifics of the enhanced information sharing project, we are in support of the proposed expenditures: \$400,000 in 2016 and \$1,000,000 in 2017. We are also in support of the planned improvements for which this money will be spent.

Our Committee plans to continue to work closely with the E-ISAC as its budget comes together and this project unfolds. To that end, we plan to offer comments on the Finance and Audit Committee's July call and to offer additional comments as more specifics become available.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments to the Finance and Audit Committee. We look forward on continuing our work with you and with the E-ISAC. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can provide any other industry support for the important mission of the E-ISAC.

Bill Spence
Chair, E-ISAC Member Executive Committee
Chairman, President and CEO, PPL Corporation

E-ISAC Member Executive Committee

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