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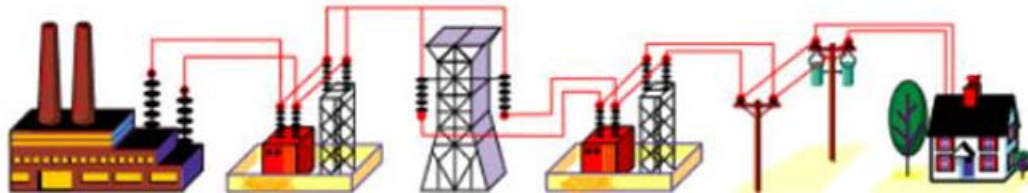
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Electricity Industry Perspectives on the NIST Cybersecurity Framework

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The Electricity Industry

Electricity generation, transmission, and distribution



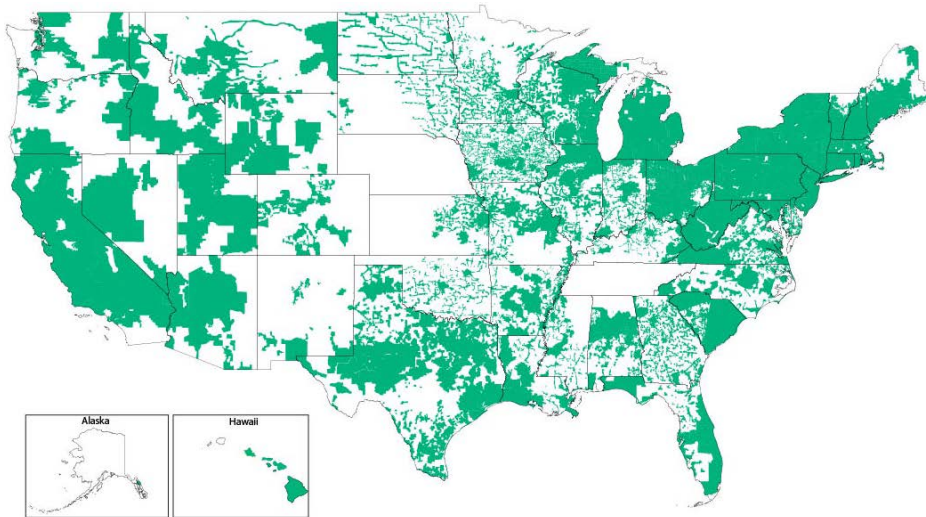
Investor- owned electric utilities – 67 parent companies, owned by shareholders, serve ~220 million people in all 50 states and DC

Public electric utilities – 2009 electric utilities; owned by non-profits, communities, and states; serve ~47 million people in 49 states

Cooperative electric utilities – 905 co-ops, owned by the customers, serve ~ 42 million people in 47 states

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI)

U.S. inventor- owned electric companies



Our members:

- Represent 70% of US Power Industry
- Provide electricity for 220 million Americans
- Operate in all 50 states and DC
- Employ more than 500,000 workers

EI's Cybersecurity Efforts

- Information sharing
 - Policy/strategic level
 - CEO Policy Committee on Reliability & Business Continuity
 - CIO Executive Advisory Committee
 - Business Continuity Committee
 - Security Committee
 - Enterprise Risk Management Task Force
 - Cybersecurity Law Group
 - *ES-ISAC – tactical level*
- EEI's Threat Scenario Project
- Supply Chain Cyber Integrity Working Group
- Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC)

ESCC – Executive Level Partnership

Electric Utilities



Reliability Organization



The Government

- The White House
- Department of Energy (SSA)
- Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission



ESCC Focus Areas

Advanced Cyber Preparation

Clearances

Cross-Sector Coordination

Cybersecurity Risk Information Sharing Program (CRISP) Deployment

Enhanced Information Sharing

ESCC Incident Response Playbook Development

→ NIST Framework Implementation

Physical Security / Substation Campaign

Public Affairs Outreach

Spare Equipment

Framework Awareness

Cybersecurity risk management is not new

- Multiple electricity-specific standards, guidelines, and practices
 - Mandatory NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Standards
 - DOE's Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Model (C2M2)
 - Smart Grid Cybersecurity Plans (ARRA funded projects)
 - NIST *Guidelines for Smart Grid Cyber Security* (NISTIR 7628)
 - DOE's Electricity Subsector Cybersecurity Risk Management Process
 - EEI's Threat Scenario Project



Strong member awareness of the Framework

- Strong engagement throughout development
- Awareness through trade organizations

Use of the Framework

Experiences with the Framework are just beginning

- Energy Sector implementation guidance
- Example company uses:
 - Internal security tool to identify strengths and gaps in existing cybersecurity programs
 - Internal communication tool
 - External communication tool

New challenges

- Utilities belong to multiple sectors
- Supply chain

