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## **Reporters and Editors:**

**Below please find a brief statement from James P. Fama, EEI's Executive Director, Energy Delivery, regarding today's *Wall Street Journal* story about cyber security threats to the power grid:**

"Protecting the electrical grid and keeping the power flowing is our industry's top priority.

"The issue of cyber security has been on our industry's radar for some time. We are taking aggressive action to ensure that we anticipate, detect and address any present or future potential cyber threats to the system.

"In this effort we are working closely with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and other federal agencies. We will continue to do so to address potential threats now and in the future."

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