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Below please find a brief statement from David Owens, Executive Vice President, Business Operations Group, the Edison Electric Institute, regarding the NERC report entitled *Accommodating High Levels of Variable Generation*.

“The NERC report serves as a detailed road map for the challenges and opportunities electric utilities face as we integrate more renewable electricity resources. We are committed to the task at hand and are confident that renewable generation will play an increasingly important part in meeting the electricity demands of the future.”

“As the NERC report indicates, we’re going to have to take new and innovative approaches to managing the electric grid as more renewables come on line, and we will need sound policy and leadership from our regulators and lawmakers to ensure that we can make these changes and improvements.”

“One important area, as indicated in the report, will be expediting the siting of new transmission to interconnect and integrate renewable sources -- this is essential for addressing the issue of transmission congestion and ensuring reliability.”

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