

December 12, 2007

The Honorable James R. Langevin
Chairman
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity,
and Science and Technology
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Langevin:

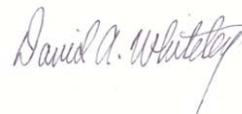
In the questions for the record you submitted to NERC following the Subcommittee's October 17, 2007 hearing, you asked, "What were the results of the August 2007 NERC survey sent to owners and operators regarding the status of the sector's implementation of the Aurora mitigation efforts?" I am writing to correct any misimpression that my November 20 response may have given regarding the timing of the written survey.

My answer to your question did not make clear that the survey of owners and operators regarding the implementation of mitigation measures was sent in October 2007, not in August 2007 as indicated in your question. The response provided a narrative discussion of the results of the October survey. As you requested, a copy of the survey itself, dated October 19, 2007, was included with my response.

I recognize that the way the response was written may inadvertently appear to confirm that the survey was sent in August. Enclosed is an amended copy of the response to Question No. 1 that clarifies the timing of the written survey. I would be grateful if this material could be substituted for my November 20 response to Question No. 1 in the written hearing record.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sincerely,



Enclosure

**Response of David A. Whiteley, Executive Vice President
North American Electric Reliability Corporation
to Additional Questions from Members of the
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology**

Amended December 12, 2007

Question No. 1: What were the results of the August 2007 NERC survey sent to owners and operators regarding the status of the sector's implementation of the Aurora mitigation efforts? Please provide the Committee with a copy of the survey and a narrative of the results.

Response: The written follow-up survey was distributed on October 19, 2007. Survey responses were received from 133 entities. The respondents included generating plant owners, generating plant operators, transmission owners, transmission operators, and load-serving entities. The respondents ranged from very large, multistate investor-owned utilities to small municipal utilities. Responses were received from all eight reliability regions.

The results of the survey indicate 94% of the mitigation measures recommended in the June 21 ES-ISAC advisory are completed or are in progress. This 94% consists of 60% completed and 34% in progress. The remaining 6% are not being performed for a variety of reasons (not applicable due to nature of equipment, being done by another entity, could compromise reliability rather than help reliability).

The respondents indicated they are taking a prioritized approach to the mitigation measures in applying them to their facilities. All respondents with nuclear facilities indicated they have completed the mitigation measures associated with those facilities and are working on other, smaller facilities on a prioritized basis.

A copy of the survey is enclosed.