

ELECTRIC ENERGY MARKET COMPETITION TASK FORCE

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April 5, 2007

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney President United States Senate S-212 U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

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