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Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Hoffman:

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As Co-Chairs of the NARUC/FERC Smart Grid Collaborative, we are writing to you today to provide you with a list of Smart Grid project criteria developed by the Collaborative. The Smart Grid Collaborative is a cooperative agreement between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) designed to facilitate the transition to a smart electric grid. The Collaborative members believe that these criteria, applied by the Department of Energy (DOE), would be helpful to them in carrying out their legal responsibilities as they relate to Smart Grid projects.

The Collaborative asks the DOE to consider these criteria when establishing procedures under which applicants can receive funding for Smart Grid matching grants and for Smart Grid demonstration projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and Title XIII of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 as modified by the ARRA.

State and federal commissioners are well aware that there is a sense of urgency within industry and government for the development of standards for, and deployment of, smart grid technologies generally. We believe these criteria, developed as a consensus by a broad group of commissioners around the country many of whom will ultimately be responsible for approving Smart Grid projects within their jurisdictions, are important criteria to apply as DOE considers which projects to fund under the ARRA.

We appreciate your consideration of these criteria. The Collaborative stands ready to assist the DOE in any way it can as we work together to build this nation's new energy future.

Sincerely,

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