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Mr. James R. Long
Computer Engineer   *sent via electronic mail, two pages*
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Ste. 300
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Re: Deployment of Assure 1.2 Systems

Dear Mr. Long:

At this time, Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. (Dominion) does not have any customers with an end-to-end EAC Certified Assure 1.2 system configuration installed.   State election authorities approved of the Assure 1.2 system (or components thereof), but either didn't require the Assure 1.2 hardware upgrades or made them optional at a customer jurisdiction's discretion. The one exception is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who will require the Assure 1.2 hardware upgrades, but at this time, there are no installations of the Assure 1.2 system in those jurisdictions. In addition, one state (Florida) has approved newer versions of the AccuVote-OS firmware and BallotStation software and another state (Iowa) uses an older version of AccuVote-OS firmware in conjunction with the Assure 1.2 components of which they approved.

Dominion's understanding is that the EAC label can only be placed on a component that completely conforms to the EAC certified configuration (software and hardware) and is used in conjunction only with other components that completely conform to EAC certified configurations from that certified end-to-end system, i.e., unique component versions from multiple EAC certified systems cannot be mixed. Although the Assure 1.2 components were presented for state certification in those configurations, the state election authorities made their own determinations as to the configurations that would be approved for use in their jurisdictions. If our understanding of the criteria for placing EAC labels on EAC certified component configurations is in error, please let us know.

If you have any questions regarding the information above, please call me at your convenience.

Sincerely:

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