



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Company Name (respondent)

Company Address

Dear [Primary contact],

The U.S. Energy Information Administration protects the information you report on Form EIA-XXX under the Confidentiality Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA). This law requires EIA to protect the identifiability of your information and restricts the use of your information for statistical purposes only. EIA modified its confidentiality pledge under CIPSEA in 2017 to comply with new requirements arising from the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. This law requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide Federal civilian agencies' Information Technology systems with cybersecurity protection for their Internet traffic. The DHS cybersecurity program's objective is to protect Federal civilian information systems from malicious malware attacks.

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If you have any questions about the modification to EIA's CIPSEA pledge please contact Jake Bournazian on my staff at (202) 586-5562, email: Jacob.bournazian@eia.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nanda", written over a horizontal line.

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