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BACKGROUND A recent report by the Department of Homeland Security identified a 50 percent increase in the amount of cyber-attacks leveled against the energy industry in the past year; however, many more go unreported every year. As hackers grow more sophisticated and utilities, vendors, and customers continue to upgrade their infrastructure, the potential openings for hackers also increase. With more than 2,000 utilities across the country, 50 states, and a Federal government, there are many players with an opinion on what to do, and the industry faces many challenges and opportunities to address this issue. Several states, such as California, Michigan, Missouri, and Texas have increased their scrutiny over utility cybersecurity practices and protocols; in addition, the Federal government is also considering taking additional action (and jurisdiction) over the entirety of the electricity grid as it pertains to cybersecurity.

The staff of the CPUC issued a White Paper in September 2012 to consider what steps a regulatory body may take, and what issues a regulatory body should consider when considering cybersecurity requirements. In addition, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, created in the wake of the 1968 blackouts, was enabled by Congress and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to be the reliability enforcement authority over the bulk power grid and has its own set of cybersecurity requirements. As utilities continue to modernize their infrastructure and vendors continue building "smarter" technology, regulators need to become more aware of impacts of new technology on utility operations, as well as the customer, and have some level of assurance that these new technologies do not ultimately disrupt the grid.



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- 1:30 p.m. - 1:35 Welcome to Thought Leaders
- 1:35 - 2 Opening Comments from Panelists
- 2 - 3 Interactive Dialogue between Panelists
- 3 - 3:20 Q&A with Audience
- 3:20 - 3:30 Closing Thoughts



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