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Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ATIS NRSC Support for CSRIC Best Practices

Dear Suzon:

On behalf of its Network Reliability Steering Committee (NRSC), the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) is writing to offer assistance to the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) with Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) Best Practices. Specifically, ATIS NRSC is offering to assist with: (1) Best Practices developed by the last CSRIC (CSRIC VIII) that are not in the Commission’s Best Practices database; and (2) future Best Practices (those developed in CSRIC IX and beyond) as they are developed so that they can be more quickly added to the Commission’s database.

**CSRIC VIII Best Practices.** ATIS NRSC has identified recommended Best Practices in the CSRIC VIII final reports. These Best Practices – contained within five reports from CSRIC VIII Working Groups 1, 2, and 5 – provide an invaluable resource to the telecommunications industry. The NRSC believes it would be beneficial for these Best Practices to be incorporated and publicly available for implementation by the telecommunications industry in the Commission’s Best Practices database. To facilitate this, ATIS NRSC is willing to assist the Commission by appropriately formatting the CSRIC VIII Best Practices so that they can be more easily incorporated into the Commission’s Best Practices database.

**Future CSRIC Best Practices.** Since the inception of the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (NRIC, the predecessor to CSRIC), ATIS NRSC has aided and supported the validation and formatting of the Best Practices, including within the CSRIC Best Practices database.¹ As future Best Practices are created and approved by the CSRIC, the NRSC is offering to remove some of the administrative burden from the Commission by:

- identifying any missing elements, including the industry roles (i.e., implementers) associated with new Best Practices being included in the Commission’s Best Practices database;
- structuring Best Practices in a format compatible with the database;
- identifying key words for searchability and clarity; and
- providing training sessions and/or consulting for new CSRIC IX Working Groups regarding Best Practices, as NRSC has done in the past.

¹ ATIS NRSC was formed in 1993 at the recommendation of the first NRIC.
ATIS NRSC’s assistance would permit the Commission to more quickly add newly adopted CSRIC Best Practices to its database. Updating the database with the most recently adopted CSRIC Best Practices would reinforce CSRIC’s efforts to improve the reliability and resiliency of the telecommunications industry and would provide additional visibility to the work of CSRIC. An updated database would also benefit the industry by providing it with important and implementable information and would encourage participation in CSRIC.

ATIS NRSC believes that both the Commission and the industry would benefit from the continued collaboration between the NRSC and CSRIC. The NRSC looks forward to providing the Commission with the formatted Best Practices from CSRIC VIII ready for inclusion in the Commission’s Best Practices database.

If you have any questions about this matter, please let me know.

Thank you,

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