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Subject: EPRI Webcast: The State of Utility Telecommunications - DOE-Funded Survey Results

Dear Utility Telecommunications and Cybersecurity Stakeholders,
 We invite you to an exclusive webcast unveiling the results of EPRI's "Utility Telecommunications State of the Industry" survey—part of the DOE CESER-funded **STAR TREC** (Secure Telecommunications Architecture for Trusted Electric Communications) project.

This research explores how utilities are navigating the transition to next-generation telecom systems, including private LTE and 5G, and the cybersecurity and performance requirements driving investment decisions.

What You'll Learn:

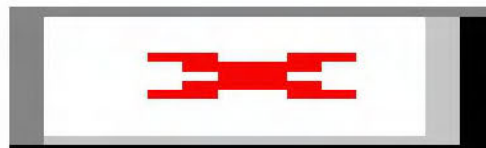
- **Current State of Utility Telecom Systems**
 - Gaps in capabilities, scalability, and modernization
 - 80% of current systems may fall short within the next decade
- **Emerging Requirements for Future Networks**
 - Support for DER, AMI, teleprotection, and automation
 - High-bandwidth, zero-trust architectures, and enhanced cybersecurity
- **Investment Considerations**
 - Cost-benefit insights for private LTE/5G adoption or other private networks
 - Key decision factors: lifecycle, ROI, resiliency, and compliance

This webcast will provide valuable insights to help utilities make informed, strategic decisions about future telecom investments.

Sincerely,

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