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Subject: FW: EPRI Utility Telecommunications State of the Industry Survey - Your Input Needed!

Nat and Gil,
 FYI, in case you want to listen in to this webcast. It is a survey we are doing for one of our DOE projects. The webcast itself may not be too exciting, the interesting part will be the survey results, but at least you can learn about the survey. I'll also send the slides afterwards regardless.

-Matt

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From: Wakefield, Matt
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Subject: EPRI Utility Telecommunications State of the Industry Survey - Your Input Needed!
When: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 1:00 PM-1:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
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Dear Utility Telecommunications Stakeholders,
 Please join this webcast to learn about the EPRI Utility Telecommunications State of the Industry Survey – Your Input is Needed!
 During this 30 minute webcast, we will provide the goals of this survey, why we would like your participation and what you will learn by participating.

Background:

Are you prepared for the evolving landscape of utility telecommunications? As the reliance on telecommunications for grid operations, reliability, and resiliency grows, so do the demands for advanced capabilities to enhance performance and safeguard against cyber threats. Understanding what other utilities are doing and their drivers can provide valuable insights.

We invite you to participate in a crucial survey (b) (6) that will inform an EPRI Research Project funded by the US Department of Energy. This survey aims to gather industry information to develop a roadmap for utilities transitioning from legacy telecommunication systems to Private LTE, 5G, or other converged systems.

Why Participate?

- Gain insights into industry trends impacting utility telecommunication systems and strategies.
- Receive anonymized results to understand how your peers are navigating these changes.
- Contribute to a collective understanding that will shape the future of utility telecommunications.

Who Should Participate? Utility leaders familiar with your telecommunications strategy and current and planned future requirements.

Survey Details:

- Estimated completion time: Less than 15 minutes.
- Mostly multiple-choice questions for ease of response.
- No questions are mandatory, but you must include your contact information to get anonymized results.
- LINK to Survey: (b) (6)
- We intend to keep the survey open until the end of April and share results with participants this summer.

Survey Question Categories:

- **State of the Industry:** Types of telecommunications systems, utility applications, performance metrics, operational costs.
- **Emerging Telecommunications Needs:** Performance factors, emerging applications, additional features.
- **Cost Benefit Analysis:** Investment plans, potential benefits of migrating to advanced networks, challenges, and needs for cost-benefit estimation.

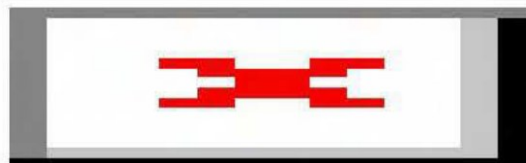
If you have any questions, please contact

- Myself - Matt Wakefield, Director, Information, Communication and Cyber Security at mwakefield@epri.com
- Tim Godfrey, Senior Technical Executive at tgodfrey@epri.com
- Bobbi Harris, Executive Director at Utility Broadband Alliance, (b) (6)

Thank you for your time and contribution to this important initiative.

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