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Dear Riaz,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me. We're confirmed for July 25th at 9:30am for a meeting with the Secretary at our office (1849 C Street NW). Can you please fill out the attached meeting request form that we ask of everyone. We'd greatly appreciate it back as soon as possible. Please make sure to include all meeting participants names, title, and organization.

Thank you for your time and help!
Leila

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From: Kuhn, Thomas <TKuhn@eei.org>

Date: Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 4:35 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting Request

To: david_bernhardt@ios.doi.gov <david_bernhardt@ios.doi.gov>

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On behalf of EEI and its member companies, please find attached a letter requesting a meeting next month when a group of our CEOs will be in town.

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June 25, 2019

Thomas R. Kuhn
President

The Honorable David Bernhardt
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Bernhardt:

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and its member companies—our nation's investor-owned electric companies—currently are working with numerous federal and state partners to address the growing challenge of wildfires and to identify ways to turn our energy grid into an early detection and response system for wildfires and other catastrophic events. To that end, CEOs and other senior executives from EEI's member companies will be in Washington July 25-26 and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your team to discuss shared objectives.

Wildfires and other extreme weather events are occurring with increasing frequency and are having greater impacts on our nation's critical energy infrastructure and on the customers and the communities that we serve. Responding to these events requires investments from the private sector and from federal, state, and local governments in grid hardening, resilience, and adaptation. New regulatory tools for the management of physical risks also are needed. To help manage these increased risks and the attendant liabilities, EEI's member companies are exploring opportunities to work collaboratively with a diverse set of stakeholders.

Many electric companies are devising and implementing comprehensive wildfire mitigation plans. A vital component of mitigation and restoration is ensuring that our member companies have access to infrastructure to conduct routine maintenance, as well as emergency operations and maintenance. Technology developments and deployments will play a critical role in ensuring that, collectively, we can streamline wildfire prevention, detection, and suppression efforts. We believe these objectives align with DOI priorities.

Importantly, the July 25-26 dates also coincide with a meeting of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC), which presents an additional opportunity for electric company executives to address the core issues of vegetation management and fire suppression efforts. Optimally, we hope to meet with you and your team, other senior officials from DOE and the USFS, as well as with the leaders in the WFLC process.

Thank you for considering this request. Quin Shea of my team will be reaching out to your assistant to follow up. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Kuhn

cc: James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary
Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
Jeff Rupert, Director, Office of Wildland Fire

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