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Greetings, Leila:

This is Jim Owen at EEI. I hope this finds you well. Attached please find a formal invitation from EEI President Tom Kuhn to Secretary Zinke to speak to the EEI Board of Directors during our upcoming spring CEO conference here in D.C., March 5-7. Please let me know if you have any questions. Many thanks in advance, and best regards,

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The Honorable Ryan K. Zinke
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and its member companies are grateful for the robust level of engagement that exists between the Department of the Interior and the electric power sector. Your senior staff—particularly Jim Cason and Vincent DeVito—have been especially gracious in facilitating numerous productive discussions on a range of mutually important policy initiatives. We also were pleased that Vincent was able to visit with senior industry leaders earlier this month during EEI's winter meetings.

To build on those discussions I am pleased to formally invite you to address the EEI Board of Directors during our March 5-7 spring conference at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel here in Washington. As you know, EEI is the trade association for the nation's investor-owned electric power companies, and our members deliver electricity to 220 million customers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our spring CEO meeting is an ideal venue for you to interact with the top executives from energy companies in EEI's membership. In light of your prominent role in the Administration, our CEOs would be very interested in hearing your views about a wide range of public policy issues involving energy, federal lands and environmental issues, including the paramount importance of easing barriers to the siting and permitting of critically needed energy infrastructure, such as transmission lines and natural gas pipelines. We also would appreciate your thoughts on ongoing regulatory reform efforts generally.

We would envision remarks of approximately 25-30 minutes, followed by a brief question-and-answer period with our Board members. We are acutely aware of the demands on your time and will remain flexible in seeking to accommodate your schedule. As a planning matter, our CEO conferences are entirely closed to the news media.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 202-508-5555 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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