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To the Energy Commission,

SRI International appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to the California Energy Commission's docket number 09-IEP-1G, "2009 IEPR - Smart Grid".

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SRI's Computer Science Laboratory addresses growing needs for computer security, privacy, and reliability by developing tools and methods for building, assessing, and defending computer systems. Current areas of concentration include system verification, privacy assurance, distributed peer-to-peer systems, and dependable architectures.

While SRI is excited about the potential of the smart grid, we would like to see the smart grid implemented in a way that does not pose cybersecurity risks. We would be happy to familiarize the Commission with our expertise in cybersecurity and to support the Commission as it formulates its recommendations for the smart grid in California's integrated energy policy.

SRI is conducting numerous cybersecurity projects and is part of the Institute for Information Infrastructure Protection (I3P), a consortium of leading national cyber security institutions. Please feel free to contact me if our organization can be of service to the California Energy Commission.

Regards,

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