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### **WORKSHOP TO ADDRESS CYBER SECURITY STANDARDS FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

DENVER – Officials from the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) and the Department of Energy (DOE) will discuss cyber security standards for electric utilities at a workshop in Denver on Thursday, June 9.

The workshop, hosted by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the Governor’s Energy Office (GEO), the Center for International Security, Policy and Research (CISPR), and the Colorado Division of Emergency Management, will run from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel Downtown Denver.

The risk for cyber intrusions are rapidly becoming paramount among government and private sector entities, and with the advent of increasing use of IT and communications technology to improve electric energy operational efficiencies, these risks will become greater in the future. The DOE has directed NIST to develop a set of comprehensive cyber security standards for risk mitigation within the electric utility sector and these standards are now before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for rulemaking and potential adoption.

DOE and NIST officials will share their insights at the workshop for the benefit of all Colorado electric energy providers, including Xcel Energy, Black Hills Energy, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, and many others.

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