



Secretary of Energy Advisory Board
Washington, DC 20585

September 4, 1998

Dr. Walter Massey
Chairman, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board
c/o Morehouse College
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Dear Dr. Massey:

On behalf of the Task Force on Electric System Reliability of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, I am providing you with the latest Task Force paper entitled *Issues of Federalism in Transmission System Reliability*. This paper was approved by the Task Force members at our July 9, 1998 meeting.

The paper examines the responsibility for transmission siting and the evaluation of transmission alternatives, and the reliability implication of rate-making associated with the expansion of transmission systems. It also examines state participation in the national Self-Regulating Reliability Organization and in regional reliability organizations.

The Task Force appreciates the opportunity to provide the Department with this paper and respectfully submits it for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip Sharp".

Dr. Philip Sharp
Chairman,
Task Force on Electric System Reliability

Enclosure

cc: Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy
Elizabeth Moler, Deputy Secretary of Energy
Skila Harris, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board