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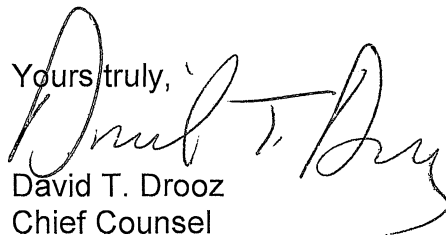
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Re: Docket No. E-7, Sub 1162  
Letter Regarding Conflict of Interest

Dear Mr. Watson:

This letter is in response to the notification in your letter of July 20, 2018, that Chairman Finley was appointed to serve on the Advisory Council to the EPRI Board of Directors in February 2015. You have asked parties to verify in writing that they received notice of this potential conflict and agree that it is not substantial or material.

The Public Staff hereby confirms that it does not see any substantial or material conflict of interest. The Public Staff does not object to Chairman Finley's participation in the proceeding.

Yours truly,  
  
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