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NOTICE TO LICENSEES

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DATE: October 23, 2020
TO: All Licensees and Interested Persons
FROM: Jim Barbee, Chief, Technology Division
SUBJECT: Cybersecurity Awareness and Preparedness

Licensees are reminded that, in accordance with NGC Regulation 5.010(2), the responsibility for the employment and maintenance of suitable methods of operations rests with the licensee. This responsibility includes implementing and ensuring adherence to best practices related to cybersecurity.

As October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, the Board strongly encourages licensees to evaluate their cybersecurity awareness, preparedness, and response plans for adherence to cybersecurity best practices.

General areas of best practices include, but are not limited to:

- Taking the appropriate steps to secure and maintain devices and networks;
- Maintaining adequate email and internet security practices;
- Protecting data from compromise or loss;
- Incorporating cybersecurity awareness and risk management into organizational culture;
- Cybersecurity threat monitoring;
- Maintaining a cyber incident response plan.

Detailed information and examples of cybersecurity best practices is available through the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST.) NIST provides valuable information and resources to assist in developing a cybersecurity framework, improving cybersecurity risk management, and developing an incident response plan.

Cybersecurity Awareness and Preparedness Resources are available at:

- [NIST Information Technology Cybersecurity Resources](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency](#)