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Mr. Ken Meyer
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Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for your letter dated April 1 expressing support for Nebraska Public Power District's project application to the Grid Deployment Office's (GDO) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Funding Opportunity Announcement (DE-FOA-0003195). I am responding on behalf of Secretary Granholm.

As you may know, the GRIP program is a \$10.5 billion program — supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) — designed to invest in grid modernization and innovation to reduce the likelihood of outages from severe weather events and provide more affordable and reliable energy. We received significant interest in the GRIP program, which demonstrates the need for investment in energy infrastructure across the country.

Full Applications were due on April 17 for Topic Area 1, and applications are undergoing merit and technical review. Throughout the review process, each application will be given an impartial review and full consideration. The GRIP FOA received many thoughtful and innovative applications. Following the full application review and award selection process, each applicant will be informed of the outcome in writing. A listing of the selectees will also be available on the GDO website under the GRIP Program page at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/grid-resilience-and-innovation-partnerships-grip-program>.

Thank you for your interest in GDO's GRIP Program. For up-to-date information on GDO program information and timelines, please visit our "Conductor" webpage at www.energy.gov/gdo/grid-and-transmission-program-conductor. The Conductor provides a clearinghouse for GDO's transmission and grid resilience financing programs, as well as other existing Department of Energy transmission and grid programs. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Mr. Spencer Thibodeau, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

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