



## Department of Energy Request for Information Clarifies “Foreign Adversaries” and Asks for Industry Comment on Bulk-Power System Executive Order Implementation

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On July 8, 2020, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a Request for Information (RFI) asking for electric industry input on implementing Executive Order 13920, “Securing the United States Bulk-Power System” (the “E.O.”). The RFI provided additional insight regarding the possible outlines of a rule implementing the E.O. and identified the countries considered “foreign adversaries” for the purposes of the E.O. The DOE asks for information on a specific set of issues including cybersecurity measures and risk assessment, supply chain risks, foreign access to company assets, potential changes to standards, known vulnerabilities and breaches, control over subvendors and subcontractors, critical materials and the E.O.’s potential economic impacts, including compliance costs, categories of equipment likely to be particularly affected and challenges to small businesses. Responses to the RFI are due August 7, 2020.

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