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FS-ISAC Launches New Energy Sector Sharing Community

Reston, VA – February 15, 2017 – The Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC) has launched a new intelligence-sharing community that will help provide real-time cyber and physical threat information to the energy sector.

The community, called the Energy Analytic Security Exchange (EASE), will be open to utilities and energy grid companies. FS-ISAC's Sector Services division will manage the organization on behalf of the EASE membership, utilizing 18 years of experience plus technology platforms and advanced cyber and physical threat intelligence to help protect this critical infrastructure sector.

"We are excited to work with the energy sector to jointly develop the Energy Analytic Security Exchange. The EASE sharing community will enhance the security and resilience of the sector by incorporating best practices, services, and products provided by FS-ISAC's Sector Services division in order to bolster the sector's existing defenses and also promote cross-sector sharing. We look forward to quickly adding more members to this community," said Cindy Donaldson, COO of FS-ISAC Sector Services.

By supplementing their security practices to include the capabilities offered by FS-ISAC, EASE members will gain access to a member-driven organization with timely, industry specific information and bi-directional communication. EASE will provide members real and near real-time intelligence, the ability to monitor risks to extended supply chains, and access to cross-industry threat intelligence.

"Ensuring the integrity of critical infrastructure demands constant vigilance and it is a responsibility we take seriously," said Ben Fowke, chairman, president and CEO of Xcel Energy, the initial member of EASE. "We're proud to take the lead in the creation of a new community that will provide additional tools to address potential cyber and physical risks to our business."

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About FS-ISAC Sector Services

The Sector Services division of the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC) is a not-for-profit entity committed to facilitating the creation and growth of threat sharing organizations across many sectors. Its mission is to support organizations in sharing timely, relevant, and actionable cyber and physical threat intelligence, with the goal of strengthening overall resilience and promoting information sharing within and across many industries. FS-ISAC offers 18 years of experience with building and nurturing threat sharing communities across industry sectors including financial services, oil and gas, legal, real estate and retail.