



## **Statement of Devin Hartman, ELCON CEO and President-designate, on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation Generation Retirement Report**

“America’s manufacturers appreciate the North American Electric Reliability Corporation’s (NERC) attention to retiring coal and nuclear plants. However, we are disappointed that NERC’s [“Generation Retirement Scenario”](#) is not economically plausible. The report’s finding of potential capacity shortfalls in four assessment areas could only result from massive political interventions. Policymakers and regulators should not interpret this study as justifying interventions to artificially retain unprofitable power plants, as these actions deter the economic transition in the power generation fleet, undermine innovation, and raise costs to America’s businesses and families. Manufacturers are very sensitive to grid reliability issues and believe current industry practices are well positioned to procure sufficient amounts of capacity as coal and nuclear plants retire. We encourage NERC to evaluate factors affecting the performance, not total amount, of that capacity.”

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