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Mr. Michael Skelly
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Dear Mr. Skelly:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, to testify at the hearing entitled “Wires, Rates, and States: Permitting Transmission for Reliable and Affordable Power.”

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Your responses should be mailed to Seth Ricketts Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Seth.Ricketts@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert E. Latta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being the most prominent.

Robert E. Latta
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy

cc: Kathy Castor, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Marinette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)

1. You describe Grid United's model as succeeding because the benefits of your projects are clear enough that you can voluntarily assemble utility partners without a federal mandate. What makes those benefits clear enough to reach voluntary agreement?
 - a. Where that clarity does not exist, is the problem that the benefits are genuinely smaller, or that the parties lack a common framework for measuring them?

The Honorable Michael Rulli (R-OH)

1. When done right, data center development can strengthen the electric grid, but it is essential that households and small businesses are protected from increased power bills as the U.S. expands electric infrastructure to meet rising demand. In Ohio, AEP has demonstrated leadership in this model, developing a large load tariff alongside SoftBank to construct an over \$4 billion 765kV transmission line for their new Piketon data center campus. With this partnership, all costs are being covered by the developer rather than being passed on to Ohio's families and businesses.

You discuss in your testimony the advantages of 765-kV lines. Can you please expound on why these lines are uniquely suited to ensure reliability and support rising energy demand?