

APPA Weekly Situation Report



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American Public Power Association's (APPA)
Western Regional Cyber Security Summit
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Weekly Situation Report In Brief



- Developed as part of a larger information sharing pilot project
- Developed by EnergySec under contract with APPA
- Currently 100% funded by DOE cooperative agreement
- Designed to provide a succinct summary of current security events and actionable items



EnergySec's Role



Provide cybersecurity analyst services to review, analyze, distill, and report on relevant cybersecurity threat feeds with the intent of providing actionable and usable information for APPA member organizations

Budgeted for roughly 1.5 FTEs for this project



About EnergySec



- Founded in 2003 as Energy Security Northwest (E-SecNW)
- Incorporated as non-profit (501c3) in 2008
- Selected by DOE for National Electric Sector Cybersecurity Organization (NESCO) grant in 2010
- Cybersecurity focused industry organization
- Existing contracts with DHS (cleared facility)
- Based in Portland, OR



Steve Parker



17 years cyber security in the electric sector



PacifiCorp 2001-2009



WECC (CIP Auditor) 2009-2010



EnergySec 2010- Present



Partner, Archer Security Group 2014 – Present



Certifications: CISA, CISSP



Andrew Zambrano



4 years cyber security in the electric sector

United States Marine Corps. 2001-2006



Navy Exchange Service Command
(NEXCOM) 2009-2012



Transportation
Security
Administration

Transportation Security Administration
2013-2014

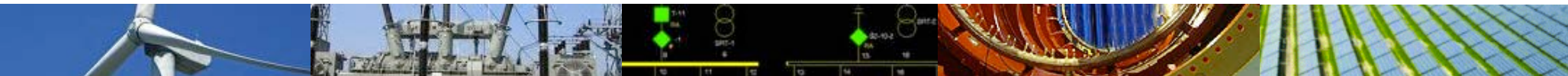


EnergySec 2015-Present



MT. HOOD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Degree: Cybersecurity/Networking



Sebastian Galvin



5 years cybersecurity/IT

IT Support, Recreation and
Hospitality at Resort 2014 - 2016

EnergySec 2016 – Present

Degree: Associates in
Cybersecurity/Networking



Ryan Bowers



NORWICH
UNIVERSITY®



- Mt. Hood Community College: Cyber Security and Networking Major. 2017-2019
- Norwich University: Information Warfare and Security Management Major. Current
- Heavy industrial maintenance technician, automation and controls background. (Aerospace, Amazon, Pharmaceuticals, food, etc..)
- Cyber Analyst for ICS with EnergySec



Current Status



- Standard format developed and in use (Subject to change)
- WSRs being delivered weekly since May 16th
- Weekly coordination calls with APPA cybersecurity team
- Secure messaging (Armor Text) tool implemented and available



Distribution



(Current) TLP/GREEN version being widely distributed via email

(Future) TLP/AMBER versions may be available via Armor Text



Information Sources (Current)



- Open Source Information
- APPA Sources
 - DOE/Government relationships
 - Membership
 - E-ISAC/MS-ISAC
 - Various other feeds
- EnergySec Sources
 - DHS CISCP Program
 - US-CERT/NCCIC
 - Non-public feeds via Anomali platform
 - Washington State Fusion Center



Information Sources (Future)



- Formal E-ISAC MOU (Nearly complete)
- MS-ISAC MOU (In progress)
- Direct Vendor feeds (Possible)
 - N-Dimension
 - Dragos
- Member submissions (highly desired)



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June 13, 2019



Summary

Section	Items	Source
Urgent Alerts/Vulnerabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Critical Microsoft NTLM vulnerability- Vulnerability in Vim and NeoVim on Linux Distributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CVE-2019-1040- CVE-2019-12735
Current Activity	- N/A	
Strategic Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tool links Shodan data with Google Maps- HTTPS phishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Github- IC3
Information Request	- N/A	



Alerts/Vulnerabilities



- This section will highlight and summarize key alerts or disclosed vulnerabilities that are likely to affect public power entities.
 - Control system specific with industry relevance
 - Significant general IT vulnerabilities
 - E-ISAC, US-CERT, and other relevant alerts



Alerts/Vulnerabilities



- Examples
 - Blue Keap
 - Urgent/11
 - NERC Alert on Supply Chain issues
- Feedback Needed
 - Relevance of specific issues
 - Extent to which certain technologies are deployed within public power



Current Activity



- This section will summarize current attack activity of significance to public power that was noted during the week
 - Actual Incidents
 - Campaigns
 - Significant phishing attempts



Current Activity



- Examples
 - Significant phishing activity
 - Ransomware
 - Microsoft Outlook Security Feature Bypass Vulnerability
- Feedback Needed
 - Relevance of issues
 - Reporting of activity (Significant reports via ISACs)



Strategic Awareness



- This section will discuss cybersecurity developments that do not require immediate action, but are relevant to longer term planning for cybersecurity defense
 - Emerging adversary capabilities and tactics
 - Industry trends
 - Threat scenarios
 - Adversary analysis



Strategic Awareness



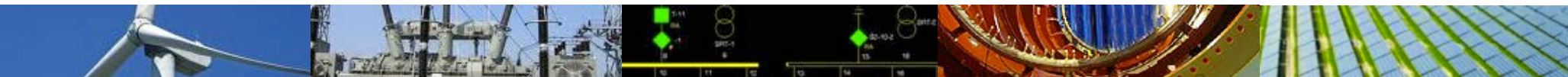
- Examples
 - Geopolitical activity (US/Iran)
 - Increase in ransomware
 - Use of 3rd parties/MSP/MSSP in attacks
- Feedback needed
 - Input on relevance
 - Questions are welcome



Information Requests



- From time to time we may request input on specific topics to provide a richer and more accurate context for our analysis
 - Requests are always optional, but any feedback will benefit the broader public power community
 - A discussion forum also exists on ArmorText for more real-time conversations



Questions



EnergySec's Role



- be available for regular phone calls with APPA staff and pilot group participants, as needed, to explain, review, or expand on information products developed under this statement of work



EnergySec's Role



- EnergySec will develop practices for the use of relevant technology to develop, enhance, or deliver the products developed under this engagement



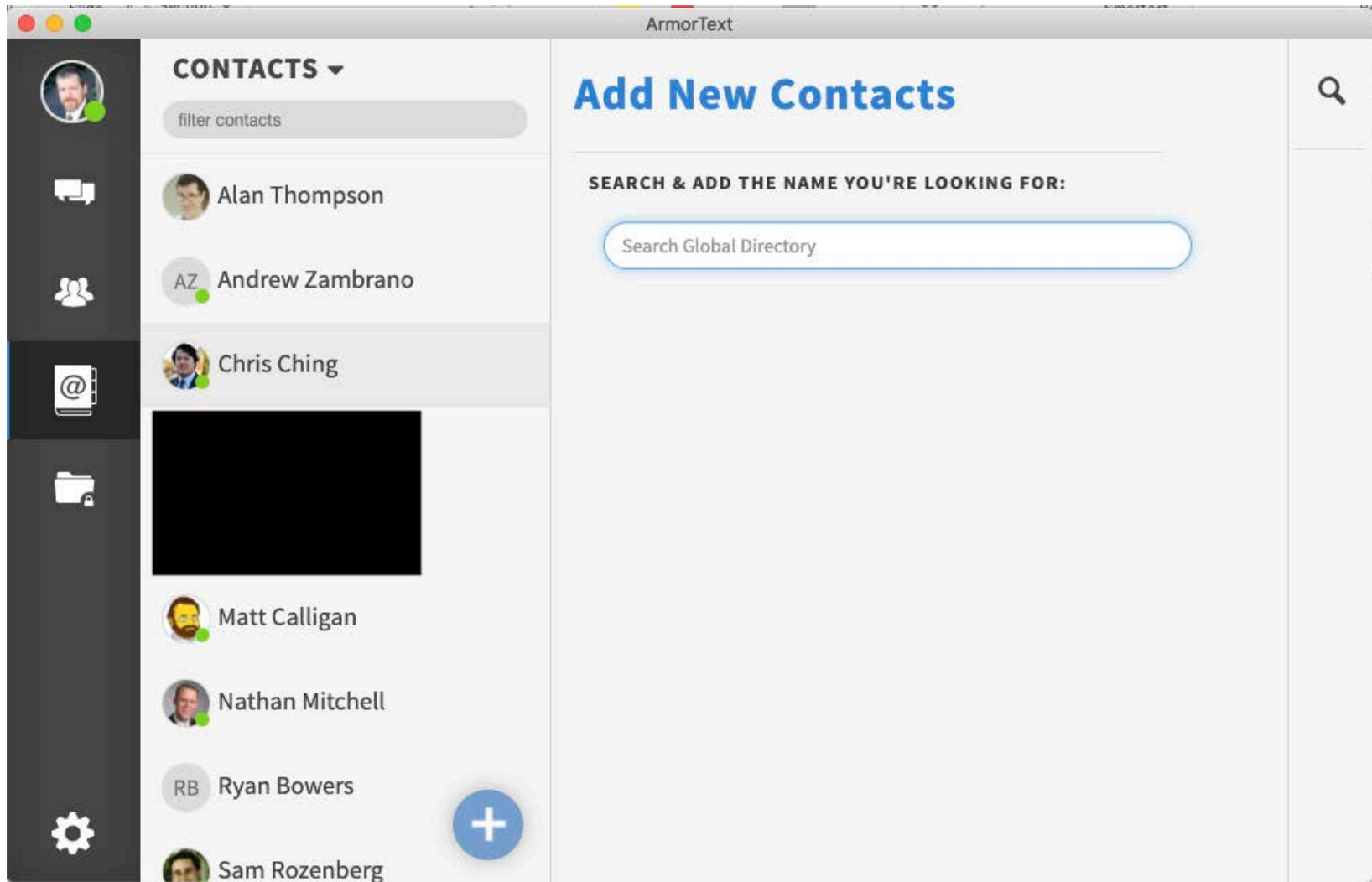
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The screenshot displays the ArmorText web application interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation icons: a profile picture, a chat icon, a group icon, an email icon, a folder icon, and a gear icon. The main content area is titled "ACTIVE THREADS" and includes filters for "ALL", "1-ON-1", and "GROUP". Below these are several chat threads, with "APPA WSR Topics Discus..." selected and highlighted in blue. The main chat window shows a message from Steven Parker dated Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 3:59:18 PM. The message text is: "All: New thread intended for pre-publication discussions and input from APPA members on topics under development. EnergySec will drop new topics intended to be addressed in the Weekly Situation Report (WSR) for which we believe input or discussion would provide value. We will incorporate feedback and input into the WSRs. This thread will be open to any APPA member that wishes to participate in the development of summaries for any given topic." Below this is a second message: "For our 1st topic, we are digging into two NTLM vulnerabilities announced today. These pertain to older Microsoft protocols, but we believe these may be in use". At the bottom is a text input field with the placeholder "Type a message..." and a "Press Enter to Send" button. The interface also includes a search icon, a user list icon, a document icon, a phone icon, a pin icon, and a star icon on the right side.



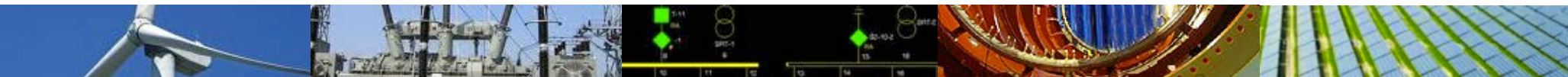
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Media Library

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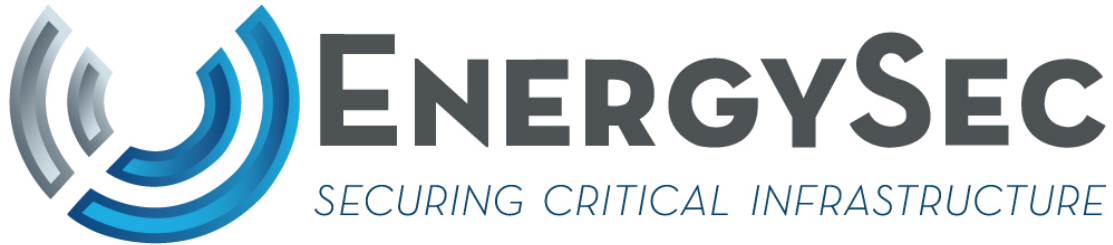
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Thank You



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