



### Public Power Cybersecurity Roadmap: Culture Changes Needed to Support Cybersecurity

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## **Beam Reach Consulting Group**

- Strategic planning, project management support for energy infrastructure and resilience programs
- Staff have supported over 75 advanced electric grid projects across the US
- Program management for energy infrastructure programs > \$7.9 billion
- APPA Associate Member, WOSB







## Public Power Cybersecurity Roadmap Advisory Council



#### Designed approach to cybersecurity maturity implementation

- Establish management buy-in
  - Security program
  - Budget and resources
- Assess the need and set the vision



- Prioritize and treat cybersecurity maturity like a project
- Develop successful employee
  training
- Establish data/metrics for security program





## **Public Power Cybersecurity Roadmap**

- Clear actions and outputs for small- to med-public power utilities
- Focused on priority pathways





- Driven by Cybersecurity Roadmap Advisory Council
- Informed by industry

Public Power Cybersecurity Roadmap bridges the gap between assessment and action.





#### Initial assessments and activities

#### **Getting Started on the Roadmap Path**

- Target profile for small-to-medium public power utilities
- Dedicate time to planning, especially risk assessment and measurement
- Perform baseline assessment and consider independent review/assessment
- Follow a risk-based approach
- Gain senior management support and buy-in
- Establish a project-based approach to cybersecurity
  - $\circ$  Develop cybersecurity strategy
  - $_{\odot}$  Create data and metrics to measure security program
  - Prioritize actions to take
  - Create a project management plan
  - $\,\circ\,$  Include communications, outreach, and continuous learning



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Workforce management and development

assessments

#### Developing a culture of awareness and building knowledge





#### Why is (organizational) Change Management so important to cybersecurity projects?

Focus on technology > Impact on people? People make your organization work (or fail)



20% of employees willing to sell passwords to a third party\*

44% willing to do for less than \$1,000

Some would do it for \$100

Trap: The value of technology improvements are self-evident

\*SailPoint Market Pulse Survey (2016)





#### Change Management Challenges for Cybersecurity Adoption

- Security is the enemy of productivity!
- Cybersecurity has never been an issue for us before.
- We are a small utility in a small town. We're not on the radar screen.
- We can't afford it!
- I already have 3 day jobs. How do I have time for one more?

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## Playbook and Preparation

Incident response plan

- Make policies and actions very clear in advance (e.g. pre-approval for kill switch authority)
- Clear roles and responsibilities (staff, SMEs, vendors)
- Engage and share plan with law enforcement/FBI/National Guard
- Weigh pros and cons of engaging outside entities and be clear on actions for the plan.
- Use cyber mutual aid as both a communications and resource support tool
- Integration with corporate business continuity and emergency response plans
- Reinforce the plan through training, exercises
- Leadership signoff

## Roles for APPA and Joint Action Agencies?

STATISTICS AND DESCRIPTION



## Developing a Culture of Awareness and Building Knowledge

- APPA CEDS Training Program for Joint Action Agencies
  - Cybersecurity 101
  - $_{\odot}$  Deeper dive training
- Regional Cybersecurity Summits (April-August 2019)
  - $\,\circ\,$  Midwest (July 2019) Kearney, NE
  - $_{\odot}$  Western (August 2019) Anaheim, CA
- Cybersecurity Roadmap Advisory Committee (CRAC)
- Joint Action Committee Cybersecurity (JAC-C)
- GridEx V (November 13-14, 2019)
- National Cybersecurity Summit (November 18-20, 2019 Nashville, TN)

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# So what's next?



Assessment is step one https://publicpower.axio.com



How much would we reduce risk by implementing all 51 recommendations?



How do we prioritize recommendations?



These are the key tenets to a successful cybersecurity program

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## **Questions and Discussion**

