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NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear Sample A. Sample,

We are writing to provide information about a recent cybersecurity issue that involves certain of your personal information.

What Happened?

SM Energy experienced a cybersecurity incident on or around May 15, 2026, involving unauthorized access to certain company systems. Based on our investigation, we determined on June 30, 2026, that an unauthorized third party accessed certain SM Energy systems and obtained files containing certain of your personal information.

What Information Was Involved?

The types of affected information varied by individual and included name, postal address, email, phone number, and Social Security Number/Taxpayer Identification Number.

What We Are Doing

Promptly after becoming aware of the issue, we launched an investigation to understand its nature and scope. We blocked the unauthorized party's access to our systems and took additional steps to enhance our safeguards. We also reported the issue to law enforcement authorities.

What You Can Do

We take the security of your personal information seriously and are alerting you about this issue so you can take steps to help protect your information. You are entitled under U.S. law to one free credit report annually from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. We encourage you to remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports. We also encourage you to be cautious of any unsolicited communications that ask for your personal information or refer you to a webpage asking for personal information, and avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments from suspicious emails.

In addition, we have arranged to offer you identity protection and credit monitoring services for two years at no cost to you. The Reference Guide below provides information on registration and recommendations by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on the protection of personal information.

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More Information

We regret any concern this issue may cause. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us at 1-833-918-6683, toll-free, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time (excluding major U.S. holidays). If calling from outside of the U.S. and Canada, please call +1 214-393-3260. Please be prepared to provide engagement number ENGAGE# when calling.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Wade Pursell', written in a cursive style.

A. Wade Pursell
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Reference Guide

We encourage you to take the following steps:

Register for Identity Protection and Credit Monitoring Services. We have arranged with Experian to help you protect your identity and your credit information for two years at no cost to you.

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorksSM for 24 months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at 1-833-918-6683. Please be prepared to provide engagement number ENGAGE# when calling. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed, then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available for 24 months from the date of this letter with engagement number ENGAGE#. Identity Restoration does not require enrollment on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

We also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary 24-month membership. This product provides you with identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by October 31, 2026** (your code will not work after this date)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: www.experianidworks.com/1Bcredit
- Provide your **activation code**: ABCDEFGHI

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian Credit Report at Signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and TransUnion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance:**** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

** The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

Order Your Free Credit Report. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com, call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC's") website at www.consumer.ftc.gov and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three nationwide consumer reporting agencies provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.



When you receive your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open. Look in the “inquiries” section for names of creditors from whom you haven’t requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store or commercial names. The consumer reporting agency will be able to tell you when that is the case. Look in the “personal information” section for any inaccuracies in your information (such as home address and Social Security number). If you see anything you do not understand, call the consumer reporting agency at the telephone number on the report. Errors in this information may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the consumer reporting agencies of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate consumer reporting agency by telephone and in writing. Consumer reporting agency staff will review your report with you. If the information cannot be explained, then you will need to call the creditors involved. Information that cannot be explained also should be reported to your local police or sheriff’s office because it may signal criminal activity.

Report Incidents. If you detect any unauthorized transactions in a financial account, promptly notify your payment card company or financial institution. If you detect any incident of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the incident to law enforcement, the FTC and your state Attorney General. If you believe your identity has been stolen, the FTC recommends that you take these steps:

- Close the accounts that you have confirmed or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. For streamlined checklists and sample letters to help guide you through the recovery process, please visit <https://www.identitytheft.gov>.
- File a local police report. Obtain a copy of the police report and submit it to your creditors and any others that may require proof of the identity theft crime.

You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft and how to repair identity theft:

Federal Trade Commission
Consumer Response Center
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)
www.ftc.gov/idtheft/

Consider Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File. To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect you against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a merchant checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the merchant gets a notice that the applicant may be the victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the merchant to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free numbers provided below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows you to flag your file with a fraud alert at all three consumer reporting agencies. For more information on fraud alerts, you also may contact the FTC as described above.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
1-800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-680-7289
www.transunion.com

Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File. You may wish to place a “security freeze” (also known as a “credit freeze”) on your credit file. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit file at the consumer reporting agencies without your consent. *Unlike a fraud alert, you must place a security freeze on your credit file at each consumer reporting agency individually.* There is no charge to place or lift a security freeze. For more information on security freezes, you may contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies or the FTC as described above. As the instructions for establishing a security freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies to find out more information.

The consumer reporting agencies may require proper identification prior to honoring your request. For example, you may be asked to provide:

- Your full name with middle initial and generation (such as Jr., Sr., II, III)
- Your Social Security number
- Your date of birth
- Addresses where you have lived over the past five years
- A legible copy of a government-issued identification card (such as a driver's license or military ID card)
- Proof of your current residential address (such as a current utility bill or account statement)

For Iowa Residents. You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity theft. This office can be reached at:

Office of the Attorney General of Iowa
Hoover State Office Building
1305 E. Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50319
(515) 281-5164
www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov

For Maryland Residents. You can obtain information from the Maryland Attorney General's Office about preventing identity theft. You can contact the Maryland Attorney General at:

Maryland Office of the Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
(888) 743-0023 (toll-free in Maryland)
(410) 576-6300
www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov

For Massachusetts Residents. You have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above. The consumer reporting agencies may require that you provide certain personal information (such as your name, Social Security number, date of birth, and address) and proper identification (such as a copy of a government-issued ID card and a bill or statement) prior to honoring your request to place a security freeze on your account.

For New Mexico Residents. You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"). These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, please visit https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-underfcra.pdf or www.ftc.gov.

For New York Residents. You can obtain information from the New York State Office of the Attorney General about how to protect yourself from identity theft and tips on how to protect your privacy online. You can contact the New York State Office of the Attorney General at:

Office of the Attorney General
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224-0341
1-800-771-7755 (toll-free)
1-800-788-9898 (TDD/TTY toll-free line)
<https://ag.ny.gov/>



Bureau of Internet and Technology (BIT)
28 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10005
Phone: (212) 416-8433
<https://ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/consumer-issues/technology>

For North Carolina Residents. You can obtain information from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office about preventing identity theft. You can contact the North Carolina Attorney General at:

North Carolina Attorney General's Office
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001
(877) 566-7226 (toll-free in North Carolina)
(919) 716-6400
www.ncdoj.gov

For Oregon Residents. We encourage you to report suspected identity theft to the Oregon Attorney General at:

Oregon Department of Justice
1162 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-4096
(877) 877-9392 (toll-free in Oregon)
(503) 378-4400
www.doj.state.or.us

For Rhode Island Residents. You may obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General at:

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General
Consumer Protection Unit
150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 274-4400
www.riag.ri.gov

You have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above. The consumer reporting agencies may require that you provide certain personal information (such as your name, Social Security number, date of birth, and address) and proper identification (such as a copy of a government-issued ID card and a bill or statement) prior to honoring your request for a security freeze on your account.

For Washington, D.C. Residents. You may obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at:

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia
400 6th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 727-3400
www.oag.dc.gov