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Skolnik Industries, Inc.  
c/o Veronica Crouchelli  
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Dear Veronica:

269,000 powerless customers, more than 1,000 miles of power lines and 6,000 poles damaged, and over 500 loads of materials delivered. These numbers paint a vivid picture of the daunting challenges our company, Interstate Power and Light Company (IP&L), faced in the aftermath of two major Midwest winter storms slamming our Iowa and southern Minnesota electric service areas in late February.

Approximately one-half of the 800 communities served by our company and nearly 54 percent of our customers lost electric service as a mixture of freezing rain, high winds, sleet and snow inflicted extensive damage on our company's electric distribution and transmission infrastructure. As our crews assessed the damage in the hours after the first winter storm had passed, our worst fears were confirmed; restoration times were not going to be calculated in terms of hours, but rather days and perhaps even weeks.

The response of our employees and the assistance from our fellow utility companies and suppliers across the country was selfless and heroic. This was a team effort as we confronted the devastation to our electric transmission and distribution system which was unprecedented in the history of our company and our IP&L service area. With a force of 600 IP&L employees and more than 900 contractors and mutual utility assistance employees, we began the process of quickly and safely restoring service to our customers and rebuilding the electric systems that serve our communities. Our ability to make these repairs and restore service to our customers would not have been possible without the assistance of companies like yours. The speed with which you were able to provide us the necessary materials, and the cooperation and coordination of your employees was nothing short of amazing.

On behalf of our company, I extend our deepest appreciation, thanks and gratitude for the support lent by our supplier partners. While numbers can paint a vivid picture of an event, perhaps two words provide the best illustration of this effort, 'Thank-you'!

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy S. Fite".

Peggy S. Fite  
Director - Supply Chain  
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