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Dragos Launches Program to Provide Water, Electric Utilities With Free Cybersecurity Tools.

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Cybersecurity company Dragos said it would provide free security software to small water, natural gas and electric utilities in the U.S., as a string of recent cyberattacks have drawn attention to weak defenses at critical infrastructure operators.

Dragos will provide tools for threat detection and hunting, vulnerability management and threat intelligence free of charge to utilities with less than $100 million a year in revenue, said Robert Lee, the company's chief executive. The Community Defense Program also includes membership in OT-CERT, an information and threat intelligence sharing group for industrial cybersecurity, operated by Dragos.

"Everybody communitywide, including governments, has been talking about how the small infrastructure providers just don't have the resources to do the cybersecurity work that we would like, and it really comes down, usually, to economics," Lee said. A pilot of the program was launched in 2022 following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, in which Dragos provided software to 30 U.S. organizations in light of threats stemming from the conflict.

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