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**Question:** Can an electronic logging device (ELD) provider pass the one-minute boot time rule by requiring the driver to power on the device (or an app) prior to starting the engine?

**Guidance**: Yes. If the ELD is an application on a separate device, the driver must understand that manual power must be on and the ELD application launched prior to starting the vehicle so that the device can recognize the engine start. Failure to start the application would result in the driver operating without an ELD, which would be in violation of the ELD rule.

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