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TOP STORY

Highlights from EEI's Spring Board of Directors Meeting



EEI's Spring Board of Directors and Chief Executives meeting underscored the industry's commitment to collaborating with government partners to strengthen the energy grid and power the energy of every day.

Highlights from the meeting included:

- U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright discussed how strengthening industry-government partnerships can help unleash American energy dominance.
- EEI Chair Calvin Butler, president and CEO of Exelon, spoke with Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) on the federal policies essential to supporting our nation's energy infrastructure.
- Butler also spoke with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Commissioner Lindsay See on how regulatory certainty supports long-term grid reliability and customer affordability.
- EEI Vice Chair David Campbell, chairman and CEO of Evergy, discussed the importance of financial stability with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Paul Atkins.
- EEI Vice Chair Chris Womack, chairman, president, and CEO of Southern Company, spoke with U.S. Department of Energy Deputy Secretary James Danly on the federal partnerships necessary to meet rising electricity demand and support national energy security.

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Electricity in Transition: Strengthening the Grid for What's Next

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Join Axios Live and EEI on Tuesday, April 14, for one-on-one conversations with industry and congressional leaders on the ways that emerging technologies and widespread electrification are reshaping the nation's energy grid, and the policies and investments needed to maintain grid resilience and energy affordability.

EEI Vice Chair Chris Womack, chairman, president, and CEO of Southern Company, will join Axios Publisher Nicholas Johnston for a View From the Top discussion. The event also will feature conversations with Representatives Julie Fedorchak (R-ND) and Jennifer McClellan (D-VA), members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

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ENERGY OF EVERY DAY

EEI Highlights American Energy Innovation and Investment to Wall Street



Photo: NYSE

In mid-March, EEI President and CEO Drew Maloney, along with leaders from EEI and Con Edison, rang the Opening Bell at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in celebration of EEI and its member companies delivering the energy of every day, and to recognize the more than 200-year legacy of Con Edison—the longest continuously listed company on the NYSE—serving New York City and the NYSE.

“America’s investor-owned utilities are powering our nation. We are investing more than \$1.1 trillion over the next four years in the energy grid to ensure adequate transmission and generation to meet the needs of America,” said Maloney on the floor of the NYSE ahead of EEI’s Wall Street Briefing. *“We’re also seeing demand for more power. We are working closely with state and federal governments to ensure that we provide that power in an affordable and reliable way.”*

Following the bell ringing, Maloney briefed Wall Street investors, showcasing American energy innovation and investment.

Read more on [the *Electric Perspectives* website](#).

TUNE IN

Drew Maloney Joins POLITICO Energy Podcast



EEI President and CEO Drew Maloney recently joined the POLITICO Energy podcast, where he spoke with reporter Zack Colman about electricity prices, the need to fix PJM's generation shortfall, grid reliability, coordination with the White House and technology companies, and more.

[Listen to the full episode here.](#)

FOCUS ON DATA

America's Electric Companies Partner to Protect Local Families and Small Businesses



EEI President and CEO Drew Maloney issued the following statement ahead of the Trump Administration releasing a new Rate Payer Protection Pledge:

"We appreciate President Trump's focus on ensuring that our nation can drive innovation while also protecting Americans who need affordable, reliable energy. Our industry has built a strong record of working with the tech community on responsible agreements that benefit local communities and help strengthen the grid for the future."

We are excited for the next phase of American innovation that will support jobs, help families, and drive economic growth.”

EEl also released a new snapshot of publicly announced data center and other large load projects being developed in partnership with America’s investor-owned electric companies. [View the full list here.](#)



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The Resilience Gap Is Growing—And Laterals Are Where It Shows

Year after year, SAIDI including major events ticks upward, and the gap between performance on “blue-sky” and storm days stretches wider. Caught in that resilience gap are customers who rely on dependable power more than ever.

With up to 80 percent of faults happening on overhead distribution laterals, electric companies incorporating lateral automation into their protection strategies are successfully narrowing the gap.

Single-phase reclosers are driving these improvements. These devices automatically restore power for temporary faults and contain permanent faults to minimize outage impact and speed restoration. Electric companies that have deployed single-phase reclosers have seen fast improvements in SAIDI, SAIFI, and the average number of sustained outages.

An easy entry into lateral automation is adopting field-proven technology like S&C’s [TripSaver® II Cutout-Mounted Recloser](#), which is now joined by the new [TripSaver® FXR Recloser](#) for broader coverage and feature options.

The resilience gap doesn’t have to keep widening. Closing it is the next deployment away.

Industry Celebrates Management-Organized Labor Partnership at National LAMPAC Conference



L to R: Rachael Marsh, Chief Legal Officer, EEI; Todd Malan, Executive Vice President, Government Relations, QTS Data Centers; Jon Van Zante, Business Manager, IBEW Local 204; Lisa Barton, President and CEO, Alliant Energy.

EEI partnered with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) earlier this month to host the 19th annual National Labor and Management Committee (LAMPAC) meeting, bringing together leaders in energy and labor to celebrate their long-standing partnership and advance their shared priorities. Read highlights from the National LAMPAC meeting on [the *Electric Perspectives* website](#).

Also during National LAMPAC, EEI and IBEW presented [the John D. Dingell Award](#) to Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Jack Reed (D-RI) for their steadfast support of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The Edwin D. Hill Award was presented to [Alliant Energy, IBEW Local 949, and IBEW Local 204](#); and to [Ameren Missouri and IBEW Local 1439](#) in recognition of their efforts to advance state and local initiatives that help customers and create new jobs.



Energy News Across America



[DOE Launches \\$1.9B Grid Modernization Fund to Boost Capacity, Lower Costs](#)

The U.S. Department of Energy announced the Speed to Power Through Accelerated Reconductoring and Other Key Advanced Transmission Technology Upgrades Program, a \$1.9 billion funding opportunity to expand energy grid capacity to meet rising demand.

[PJM Is A Broken Electricity Grid](#)

Ed Hirs, a UH Energy Fellow at the University of Houston, discussed how PJM Interconnection can implement new grid management solutions that allow electric companies to build more generation.

[In the AI Race, Reliable, Affordable Energy Matters Most](#)

Former American Public Power Association CEO Joy Ditto and former Washington Rural Electric Cooperative Association Executive Director Paul Griffin wrote about how vertically integrated electric companies are strategically positioned to build out needed infrastructure to meet growing energy demand while keeping costs low for all customers.

[FERC Approves ComEd Data Center Transmission Agreements](#)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission recently approved five transmission security agreements between ComEd and data center developers that include multiple provisions to protect existing customers from costs caused by the data centers.

[Investor-Owned Utilities Are the Solution, Not the Problem](#)

Institute for Policy Innovation President Tom Giovanetti shared the ways investor-owned electric companies can help ensure reliable energy at affordable rates with energy market reform.

KEYNOTE ANNOUNCED

Alphabet and Google's Ruth Porat Confirmed for EEI 2026

The graphic is a blue and yellow promotional banner for the EEI 2026 event. On the left, the text 'EEI 2026' is in white, followed by 'Keynote Speaker' in large white font and 'ANNOUNCED' in yellow. In the center is a portrait of Ruth Porat, a woman with shoulder-length brown hair, smiling. To the right of the portrait, a yellow circle contains the text 'JUNE 2-4 Fontainebleau Las Vegas'. Below the portrait, a dark blue box contains the name 'Ruth Porat' in white, and below that, in smaller white text, 'President and Chief Investment Officer Alphabet and Google'.

Just announced: Ruth Porat, president and chief investment officer of Alphabet and Google, will deliver a keynote address at EEI 2026. She will share her insights on how Google is partnering with EEI member companies to support the rapid growth of advanced computing, AI, and digital infrastructure while maintaining reliability and affordability for all customers.

Join us at EEI 2026, our premier annual conference and thought leadership forum, from June 2-4 to explore the forces defining and shaping the electric power industry today, and tomorrow.

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A behind-the-scenes look at the [NYSE!](#)

EEI President and CEO [Drew Maloney](#) joined [Con Edison](#) and our member company executives to celebrate how America's electric companies are delivering the energy of every day—as well as Con Edison's legacy of reliably serving New York City and the NYSE for more than 200 years.

