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In this edition of Energy Talk:

- EEI was selected by Sandia National Laboratories to lead the National Consortium for the Advancement of Long Duration Energy Storage Technologies.
- Join EEI and Axios Live on September 15 for one-on-one conversations with industry and congressional leaders.
- The latest episode of the *Electric Perspectives* podcast highlights how digital solutions can enhance the energy grid.
- EEI member companies are partnering with tech companies and data center developers to drive meaningful benefits for customers.

Let's dive in!



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EEI to Lead National Consortium for Long Duration Energy Storage

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EEI Selected to Lead the LDES National Consortium

Chosen by Sandia National Laboratories –
a U.S. Department of Energy research lab – to guide
the next phase of long-duration energy storage.



EEI has been chosen by Sandia National Laboratories to spearhead the National Consortium for the Advancement of Long Duration Energy Storage Technologies (LDES National Consortium).

Why it matters: This initiative aims to drive the commercialization of long-duration energy storage technologies, which are crucial for enhancing

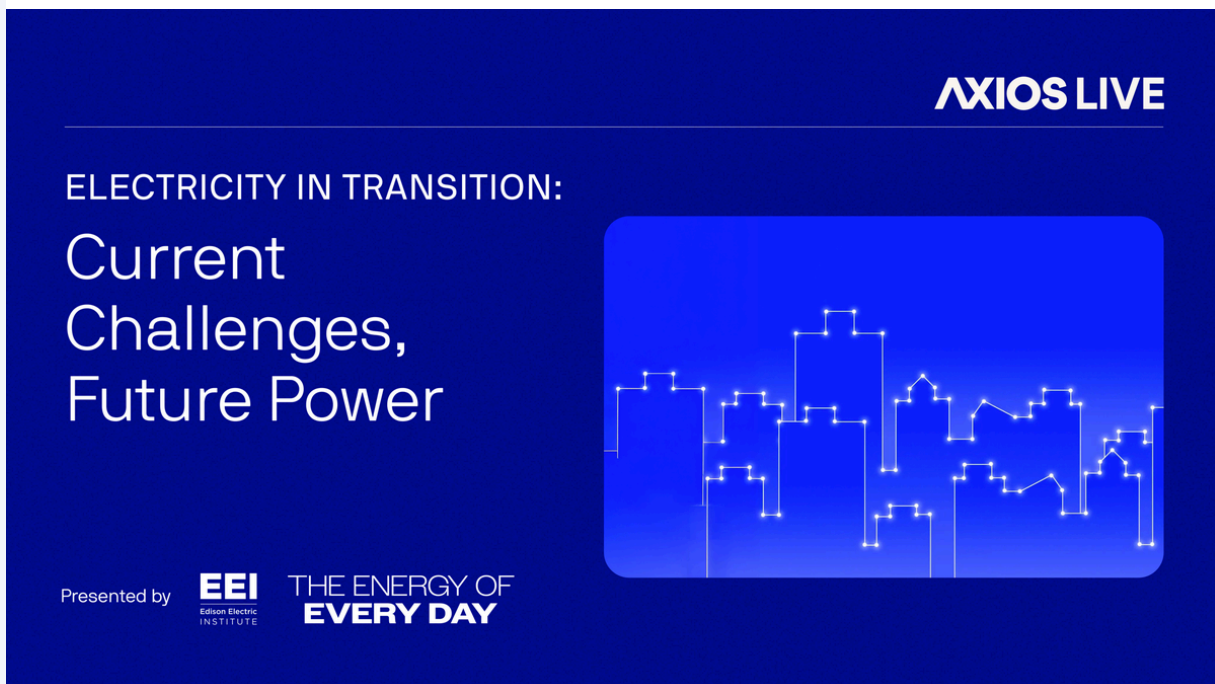
grid reliability and efficiency.

- The consortium will unite industry leaders, technical experts, national labs, government partners, and more to tackle barriers and accelerate deployment.

[Read more on EEI's website.](#)

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EEI and Axios Live Host Electricity in Transition

A promotional graphic for an Axios Live event. The background is dark blue. In the top right corner, 'AXIOS LIVE' is written in white. On the left, the text 'ELECTRICITY IN TRANSITION: Current Challenges, Future Power' is displayed in white. To the right of this text is a white line graph with a jagged, step-like pattern. In the bottom left corner, the EEI logo (Edison Electric Institute) is shown next to the text 'Presented by'. To the right of the EEI logo, the text 'THE ENERGY OF EVERY DAY' is written in white.

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ELECTRICITY IN TRANSITION:
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Join Axios Live and EEI on Tuesday, September 15, for one-on-one conversations with industry and congressional leaders.

- **Key topics:** How technology is reshaping the energy landscape, and the strategies and investments needed to power future growth.

- **Featured speakers:** Duke Energy President and CEO Harry Sideris; Representative Bob Latta (R-OH), member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee; Representative Sam Liccardo (D-CA), member of the House Financial Services Committee.

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Powering Growth While Delivering Value to Customers



FEATURING

RACHAEL MARSH
Chief Legal Officer at
Edison Electric Institute

HANNA GRENE
Global Go to Market and
Innovation Leader for Energy
and Resources at Microsoft



Collaboration for community benefits: On a recent episode, Hanna Grene from Microsoft joined EEI's Rachael Marsh to discuss Microsoft's new Community-First AI Infrastructure initiative and how digital solutions can enhance the grid.

Enhancing decision-making with tech: Ryan Murphy of Puget Sound Energy and Gary McAuliffe of KloudGin discussed using technology and

risk modeling to boost situational awareness and improve decision-making.

[Listen to the episodes here.](#)

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Driving Community Benefits Through Partnerships



Large-load data centers can deliver meaningful community benefits by reducing electricity costs and driving local investments.

Why it matters: EEI member companies, in collaboration with tech partners and data center developers, are ensuring that the expansion of data centers brings tangible benefits to surrounding communities.

- **Ratepayer protection:** EEI member companies ensure new customers are paying the full cost of service, which helps stabilize or reduce rates for existing customers.
- **Community investment:** These partnerships are delivering direct, measurable benefits for local communities.
- **Job creation:** Data centers are fueling new opportunities for workers and boosting local and regional economies.

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

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Sponsored Content: The Fragmentation Challenge: How Disconnected Systems Undermine Utility and Public Sector Operations



Utility and public sector organizations manage thousands of assets across vast territories—yet most operate with disconnected systems that were never designed to work together. The result: 20–30 percent of workforce productivity lost to system switching, data reconciliation, and

rework, leading to delayed emergency response, mounting regulatory exposure, and citizens left waiting for answers.

The path forward is a unified approach that connects every work type, work group, and asset class, from multi-year infrastructure projects to same-day service calls. KloudGin's Single Face of Work® delivers exactly that: one cloud-native, mobile-first platform unifying construction work management, asset management, and field service. Organizations report 15–25 percent workforce productivity gains, faster response times, and stronger regulatory compliance.

[Read the full article](#) for a breakdown of what fragmentation really costs—and how innovative utilities and public sector organizations are eliminating it.

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EEI Fall 2026 TDM&MA Conference: Register Now



Join EEI from September 27-30 in Bellevue, Wash., for the Fall 2026 Transmission, Distribution, Metering & Mutual Assistance (TDM&MA) Conference.

TDM&MA will bring together more than 800 operational leaders from EEI member companies, vendors, and key industry stakeholders to shape

how the industry engineers, maintains, plans, and operates critical energy infrastructure and enhances emergency preparedness.

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EEI Members Help Customers Stay Cool in August



August is LIHEAP Action Month, focusing on energy bill assistance for low-income families.

Why it matters: The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) offers critical support for energy costs to customers in need.

- Advocacy for continued federal funding helps these customers keep their homes cool during the summer.

Energy savings in action: EEI member companies work to keep electricity prices low year-round.

- Explore how these efforts help customers on the [Electric Perspectives website](#).

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Powering Fall Moments



This fall, America's electric companies are powering the energy of every day.

- From students preparing for the new school year to gathering under the lights on game day, reliable energy helps make the moments that matter possible.
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This is what America's electric companies do. When storms and natural disasters strike, electric companies have each other's backs, deploying crews and resources to help get the lights back on for impacted customers and communities. Mutual assistance is a hallmark of our industry.



Pedro Pizarro • Following

President and Chief Executive Officer at Edison International (EIX)

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Nearly 60 [Southern California Edison \(SCE\)](#) teammates just arrived in Hawaii to support [Hawaiian Electric](#) as they repair infrastructure and restore power for thousands of people impacted by Hurricane Lala.

A big thank you to these team members and to the advance teams that planned for a safe, efficient deployment. As always, please take care of yourselves and look out for one another as you carry out this important work.

Mutual assistance like this is one of the ways that utilities show up for each other. Our thoughts are with the people of Hawaii as they recover and rebuild in the weeks ahead.

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