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EEI Delegation Advocates for Clean Energy Tax Provisions at White House

On February 9, EEI and a delegation of CEOs representing investor-owned electric companies met with President Joe Biden, U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy, and other members of the Administration to reinforce EEI member companies’ clean energy leadership and strong support for a robust clean energy tax package that will deliver significant long-term benefits for electricity customers.

The delegation was led by EEI President Tom Kuhn and included EEI Chairman Gerry Anderson, executive chairman, DTE Energy; EEI Vice Chairman Warner Baxter, executive chairman, Ameren Corporation; EEI Vice Chairman Pedro J. Pizarro, president and CEO, Edison International; Nick Akins, chairman, president, and CEO, American Electric Power; Dennis V. Arriola, CEO, AVANGRID, Inc.; Calvin Butler, senior executive vice president and COO, Exelon Corporation; Tom Fanning, chairman, president, and CEO, Southern Company; Lynn Good, chair, president, and CEO, Duke Energy; and Pat Vincent-Collawn, chairman, president, and CEO, PNM Resources.

“The clean energy tax policies that we discussed would allow electric companies to accelerate the clean energy transition while preserving electric reliability and affordability for the customers and communities that we serve,” Kuhn said. “We thank President Biden, Secretary Granholm, and National Climate Advisor McCarthy for recognizing the opportunity that we have to use resilient clean energy to reduce carbon emissions across the U.S. economy and to create good-paying union jobs.”

Following this discussion, EEI’s delegation met with Secretary Granholm; National Cyber Director Chris Inglis; Caitlin Durkovich, National Security Council director of resilience and response; and Eric Goldstein, executive assistant director of cybersecurity for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, to discuss cybersecurity collaboration, supply chain issues, and wildfire risk mitigation.
Delivering America’s Resilient Clean Energy

Each February, EEI is pleased to highlight our achievements, and those of our member companies, over the past year—in 2021, we made substantial progress on our commitment to provide America’s resilient clean energy. This year’s state-of-the-industry briefing, held on February 9, was delivered to a large virtual audience of Wall Street investors, analysts, bankers, reporters, and other industry stakeholders from Nasdaq’s MarketSite.

The event provided the opportunity to reinforce that EEI’s member companies are committed to getting the energy we provide as clean as we can as fast as we can, while maintaining the reliability and affordability that our customers value.

Thanks largely to the leadership of EEI’s member companies, carbon emissions from the U.S. electric power sector are at their lowest level in nearly 40 years. At the same time, 40 percent of our nation’s electricity now comes from clean, carbon-free sources, including nuclear energy, hydropower, wind, and solar energy.

Delivering a carbon-free energy future is perhaps the defining challenge of our time and is one that will require extraordinary, concerted effort from electric companies, technology partners, policymakers, and many other stakeholders. Fortunately, our member companies—and our industry’s extraordinary workforce—never back down from a challenge.
Our industry has some of the most dedicated, talented workers anywhere. No matter the threat thrown at them—extreme weather and record-setting storms, wildfires, cyber-attacks, and more—they accept these challenges.

At the same time, EEI’s member companies continue to make record investments of more than $120 billion each year to make the energy grid smarter, stronger, cleaner, more dynamic, and more secure.

Our commitments—to enhancing resilience, to leading on clean energy, and, above all, to serving our customers—are on display every day.

For us, the path forward is clear—and the path forward is clean.

Visit EEI’s event website to find prepared remarks and our presentation. Listen to highlights in the Electric Perspectives Podcast.

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**NEWS FROM THE HILL**

**Advocating for LIHEAP**

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Millions of American families struggle to afford basic necessities. For these families, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a vital source of aid, helping them pay their energy bills and avoid having to choose between energy and other essentials, like food or medicine.

On February 23, LIHEAP Action Day, EEI and our member companies joined with partners in the National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition (NEUAC) to urge lawmakers to ensure that LIHEAP receives the necessary federal funding to help millions of vulnerable Americans.

LIHEAP is an essential, widely supported federal program that delivers critical short-term aid to some of our nation’s most vulnerable citizens: more than 90 percent of households receiving LIHEAP include at least one person with a disability, a child under 18, a veteran, or a senior citizen. Most households helped by LIHEAP have an annual income below $20,000.

Unlike some federal assistance programs that see their funding increase with need, like Social Security or food stamps, LIHEAP funding must be appropriated annually by Congress.

Learn more on EEI’s website and from NEUAC.
EEI Celebrates Black History Month

Each February, EEI celebrates Black History Month, which commemorates the achievements of Black Americans and highlights their central role in history. EEI is proud to recognize one of the first pioneers of the electric power industry, Lewis H. Latimer.

A talented engineer, draftsman, and prolific inventor, Latimer was born on September 4, 1848, in Chelsea, MA. Recognized for his drawing skills, Latimer was hired by the inventor Alexander Graham Bell to draft the drawing necessary for a patent application of Bell's famous telephone in February 1876.

In 1881, Latimer began working to improve Thomas Edison’s light bulb while employed by the United States Electric Lighting Company in Bridgeport, CT. Latimer devised a way of encasing the filament within a cardboard envelope. This prevented the carbon from breaking, prolonging the life of the bulb. The new long-life bulb was more economical and more energy-efficient than previous bulbs.

On January 24, 1918, Latimer was named one of the 28 charter members—and the only African American member—of the “Edison Pioneers,” a distinguished group of people who worked to keep the ideals of Thomas Edison alive. The “Edison Pioneers” are credited with creating the nation’s electric power industry.
Latimer continued to display his creative talents over the next several years, receiving patents for a variety of inventions, including a safety elevator. Latimer died on December 11, 1928, leaving behind a legacy of achievement and leadership.

The [Association for the Study of African American Life and History](#) provides more information about Black History Month.

Check out [EEI's booklet](#) to learn more about Latimer’s life and legacy.

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Past meetings have drawn nearly 1,000 attendees and have featured such notable speakers as Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, Warren Buffett, Elon Musk, José Andrés, Reshma Saujani, former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Lisa Jackson, and more.
Industry leaders, including electric company executives; policymakers and influencers; executives from technology companies, corporate customers, and other partners; and members of the media all will be on hand.

During our main stage sessions and breakouts, we will explore various themes related to providing resilient clean energy to power a net-zero economy, including technology development and deployment; the policies needed to support a clean energy transition; meeting customer expectations; the role of transmission; the importance of a reliable, resilient energy grid; electric transportation; environmental justice; and more.

EEI 2022 is the place to be if you are #Committed2Clean®. Register today.

WHAT WE'RE READING

Investing in a Clean, Resilient, and Secure Energy Future for All Americans

“The U.S. Department of Energy partners with the energy sector and with state and local officials to prepare and plan for, and respond to, extreme weather and cyber events that could impact our energy system,” writes Deputy Secretary of Energy David
M. Turk in the latest issue of *Electric Perspectives*.

“The Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC) is a deeply valued partnership between the highest levels of government and industry that has been nurtured over many years. The ESCC works across the sector and with the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center to develop actions and strategies that help protect the North American energy grid and prevent threats from disrupting electricity service.”

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

EEI Chairman Gerry Anderson: Shaping Our Energy Future

In the latest issue of Electric Perspectives, EEI Chairman Gerry Anderson, executive chairman, DTE Energy, explained that the profound transformation EEI’s member companies are leading involves much more than developing and deploying new energy resources and smarter energy infrastructure: it involves a recalibration of the industry’s mindset across electric companies, their workers, and their leadership.

“This issue clearly is front and center for our companies, and we want to reach our clean energy and carbon reduction goals as fast as we possibly can,” Anderson said. “We need to do that affordably and reliably…. In the near term, for many companies, the primary constraint is affordability. Over the next decade, affordability will be the mechanism that sets the pace.” Anderson emphasized that the clean energy tax package being considered by Congress is critical to maintaining affordability for customers.

“Longer term, the constraint is technical,” added Anderson. “Many of us have realized for some time that we can push through the first 70-80 percent of this transition with currently available technologies, but, ultimately, we will need new forms of carbon-free generation to reach 100 percent. So, the constraint becomes the commercial availability of long-duration storage, new resources like hydrogen, carbon capture and storage, and so forth, for us to transition the critical role that natural gas is playing in balancing the variability of renewables and ensuring reliability.”
INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Global Approaches to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

EEI’s member companies around the world are committed to advancing racial and social justice and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in their companies and across our industry. Building on programs and work already underway at electric companies, EEI launched an industry-wide DEI initiative in September 2020 that integrates workforce development and DEI priorities into one strategic initiative.

A new casebook published by EEI International Programs highlights the DEI approaches of 10 global electric companies. These international members share how they are leading on DEI through an exploration of their overall strategies, initiatives to connect with the communities they serve, and actions to create inclusive workplaces.

EEI International Programs will continue to update this volume of case studies, adding more examples of the wide-ranging DEI initiatives being pursued by our member companies around the world.

Read more.
Read the casebook.

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Celebrating National Engineers Week

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