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Powering America's Commercial Transportation (PACT) and Edison Electric Institute (EEI) Join Forces to Accelerate Access to Charging Infrastructure for Class 6-8 Electric Trucks

Joint MOU aimed at enabling and facilitating the widespread electrification of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles



Powering America's Commercial Transportation and Edison Electric Institute at the EEI National Key Accounts Workshop - Fall 2024. [Photo credit: EEI]

WASHINGTON (October 17, 2024) – [Powering America's Commercial Transportation \(PACT\)](#), a coalition focused on education and advocacy for accelerating the deployment of nationwide infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), and the [Edison Electric Institute \(EEI\)](#), the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies, today announced the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to help advance the organizations' shared goal of deploying and scaling affordable electric

infrastructure necessary to facilitate and enable the widespread operation of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles (MHDVs).

Through the MOU, PACT and EEI will prioritize cross-sector initiatives in support of the [National Zero-Emission Freight Corridor Strategy](#) and will work together to advance grid readiness across different regions to enable truck manufacturers and fleet operators to comply with federal and state ZEV regulations and goals. The two organizations will also develop and share best practices for estimating where and when electric MHDV charging load will materialize, electric company processes to support timely energization, and state and local government policies to reduce costs and timelines associated with deploying charging infrastructure.

“PACT’s partnership with the Edison Electric Institute is an important and much-needed step toward unlocking the benefits of a commercial zero-emission vehicle future,” said Aravind Kailas, Advanced Technology Policy Director at Volvo Group North America, PACT Founding Member. “Close collaboration among medium- and heavy-duty vehicle manufacturers, truck fleets, charging infrastructure developers, and electric companies is vital for an affordable energy transition in trucking.”

“Medium- and heavy-duty truck fleets represent an entirely new customer segment for America’s electric companies, and we are proud to join forces with PACT to ensure their seamless integration with the energy grid in a cost-effective and reasonable manner,” said Phil Dion, Senior Vice President of Customer Solutions, EEI. “Through collaboration, we’re confident that our two industries can accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles in the commercial sector and prepare the energy grid to meet the needs of tomorrow’s transportation network.”

Partnerships of this sort are critical to accelerate electric commercial vehicle adoption. In addition to working with EEI, PACT has also joined organizations like the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) in advancing policies that will lay the foundation for the expedited and affordable build-out of the electric grid in several states.

“This is one issue on which NRDC, electric utilities, vehicle manufacturers and charging developers can agree. We’re glad they’ve joined together to build the infrastructure needed to meet our clean air goals. It’s the job at hand,” said Max Baumhefner, Director of EV Infrastructure, NRDC.

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Powering America’s Commercial Transportation (PACT) is the unified voice for medium- and heavy-duty (M/HD) zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure, bringing together all ZEV stakeholders, including original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), commercial fleets, infrastructure developers, electric utilities, policymakers and regulators. PACT is committed to advancing America’s zero-emission transportation goals by accelerating the deployment of nationwide infrastructure for M/HD ZEVs. To learn more about PACT or inquire about becoming a member, visit www.pactcoalition.org and follow us on LinkedIn and X.

EEI is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. Our members provide electricity for nearly 250 million Americans, and operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The electric power industry supports more than 7 million jobs in communities across the United States. In addition to our U.S. members, EEI has more than 70 international electric companies, with operations in more than 90 countries, as International Members, and hundreds of industry suppliers and related organizations as Associate Members.

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