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New Army, Edison Electric Institute Collaboration for Resilience

WASHINGTON (March 14, 2023) — The Army and the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) announced today the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate continued exploration of best practices for joint energy resilience planning at installations across the Army enterprise.

The MOU, signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment (ASA IE&E), Honorable Rachel Jacobson, and EEI President Tom Kuhn, establishes a framework for the two organizations to collaborate and share information on energy security and resilience strategies.

“A secure supply of resilient, efficient, and sustainable energy is critical for Army to deploy, fight, and win our nation’s wars,” said Assistant Secretary Jacobson. “The new MOU with EEI is an exciting opportunity to reinforce existing relationships between Army and its serving electric companies, and build the resilient, efficient, and sustainable grid of tomorrow.”

The U.S. Army has a long history of working closely with electric companies to meet its energy resilience, efficiency, and sustainability goals. To address Army’s ever evolving resilience needs, the ASA IE&E is engaging with the electric companies serving Army installations to facilitate information sharing on electric company infrastructure vulnerabilities and planned investments potentially impacting Army installations and mission operations.

The MOU lays the foundation for joint efforts to identify, develop, and implement best practices for energy resilience planning, with the goal of ensuring a secure and reliable energy supply for military installations, as well as the broader community.

“EEI and our member electric companies are proud to continue working with the Army to identify new opportunities to enhance energy resilience at its installations,” said Kuhn. “The information sharing and joint exercises made possible by this MOU will ensure that the industry can help meet the unique resilience and sustainability needs for each location.”

An original MOU, signed in 2021, initiated a 1-year pilot program that enabled Joint Energy Resilience Planning across the Army enterprise. Under this agreement, EEI facilitated planning exercises between installations and electric companies in places like Fort Belvoir, Va., with Dominion Energy; Fort Bliss, Texas, and White Sands Missile Range, N. M., with El Paso

Electric; Fort Huachuca, Ariz., with Tucson Electric Power, and U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii with Hawaiian Electric. These exercises led to identification of shared vulnerabilities, communications gaps, and opportunities to improve Army-electric company coordination during grid emergencies.

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The United States Army is the largest branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and is responsible for land-based military operations. The Army provides essential support to the Joint Force, securing the homeland, preserving peace, and protecting America's interests around the world.

EI is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. Our members provide electricity for more than 235 million Americans, and operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. As a whole, the electric power industry supports more than 7 million jobs in communities across the United States.

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