



# Understanding Load Growth and Energy Affordability

## *Policy and Market Trends from the 2026 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook*

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### Welcome

- **Daniel Bresette**, President, Environmental and Energy Study Institute

### Introduction of the *2026 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook*

- **Lisa Jacobson**, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)
- **Allison Hull**, Chair, BCSE Board of Directors & Director of Government Affairs, Sempra

### Overview of the Factbook and Key Findings

- **Trina White**, Senior Associate, North American Energy Transition, BloombergNEF

### Panel Discussion: Policy and Market Trends

- **Charles Bolden**, Senior Director, Congressional Affairs, Solar Energy Industries Association
- **Charles Hernick**, Head of Environmental Policy, Amazon
- **Sam Hodas**, Vice President, U.S. Government Affairs, National Grid
- **Chris Young**, Manager, Government Relations, Johnson Controls, Inc.
- **Jack Thirolf**, Head of Energy Policy, NET Power
- **Christina Baworowsky**, Senior Vice President, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions
- [Moderator] **Daniel Bresette**, President, Environmental and Energy Study Institute

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## **KEY INFORMATION**

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### *Speaker Biographies*

**Christina Baworowsky, Senior Vice President, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions:** Christina Baworowsky is the Senior Vice President at Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions. In this role, she leads the organization's efforts to implement federal policies that promote cleaner, more cost-effective energy solutions designed to decrease emissions, boost job creation, support domestic manufacturing and safeguard the environment.

**Charles Bolden, Senior Director, Congressional Affairs, Solar Energy Industries Association:** Charles Bolden is the Senior Director of Congressional Affairs for the Solar Energy Industries Association. In this role, Charles leads SEIA's energy and carbon portfolio. Charles started off his career in politics working for Congressman Danny K. Davis of Illinois as a fellow and had several roles in Representative Robin Kelly's office, most recently as her energy advisor, including helping to lead an Energy and Commerce Committee round table on diversity in the energy industry.

**Daniel Bresette, President, Environmental and Energy Study Institute:** Danie Bresette is the President of the Environmental and Energy Study Institute. Before joining EESI, Daniel served as the Vice President of Policy at the Alliance to Save Energy, which also involved leading the Energy-Efficient Codes Coalition as its Executive Director. Previously, Daniel was the Maryland Energy Administration's Senior Energy Policy Manager and oversaw a diverse portfolio of state energy efficiency financing initiatives.

**Charles Hernick, Head of Environmental Policy, Amazon:** Charles Hernick leads energy and environmental policy for Amazon. Before joining Amazon in 2022, he led policy and advocacy for a Washington D.C.-based organization that engaged Republicans on bipartisan clean energy and climate policy. He has also worked as a private sector consultant leading environmental and social impact assessments in over a dozen countries around the world for USAID, and he advised the U.S. EPA on policy design and program implementation.

**Sam Hodas, Vice President, U.S. Government Affairs, National Grid:** Sam Hodas is Vice President of U.S. Government Affairs for National Grid, a multinational energy company that has electricity and natural gas distribution customers in Massachusetts and New York. Before arriving at National Grid, Sam served as Managing Director, head of Enterprise ESG Strategy, at Nuveen, the asset management arm of retirement provider TIAA. Sam's early years in DC were spent toiling in the halls of Congress, working as a staffer to three different lawmakers.



**Allison Hull, Chair, BCSE Board of Directors & Director of Government Affairs, Sempra:** Allison Hull leads the federal advocacy team for Sempra, a San Diego-based Fortune 500 energy infrastructure company. Allison has over 20 years of experience in the energy industry, as a government relations professional and attorney. Prior to her career in government relations, Allison was an energy regulatory attorney in private practice, where she represented Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**Lisa Jacobson, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy:** Lisa Jacobson is the President of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy. She has over 20 years of experience advising federal and state policymakers on energy, tax, air quality, and climate change issues. She is also a member of the United States Trade Representative's Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee, the Energy Efficiency Global Alliance Steering Committee, and the Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisory Committee.

**Jack Thirolf, Head of Energy Policy, NET Power:** Jack Thirolf is responsible for policy analysis and advocacy, community relations, and communications at NET Power. Prior to joining Net Power, he spent 11 years at Enel North America working on regulatory affairs and public policy on behalf of the company's renewable power generation, demand response, battery energy storage, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and energy trading business lines.

**Trina White, Senior Associate, North American Energy Transition:** Trina White is a Senior Associate at BloombergNEF where she focuses on cross-sector coverage of the energy transition in North America. She supports long-term scenario development and policy analysis. Previously, she covered the financial industry's role in enabling the movement of capital for decarbonization and developed BNEF's Energy Supply Banking Ratios to compare low-carbon and fossil-fuel financing activity.

**Chris Young, Manager, Government Relations, Johnson Controls:** Chris Young joined Johnson Controls in 2025 as a Manager on the Government Relations Team. Prior to Johnson Controls, Chris led government relations functions for the National Association for Conservation Districts. He also previously managed energy and environmental policy issues for a U.S. Senate office.