



Briefing Notice

Powering Up:

Improving Energy Grid Reliability and Resilience to Lower Energy Bills

Thursday, October 09, 2025 • 3:30 - 5:00 PM EDT

Rayburn House Office Building Gold Room (Room 2168)

45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a briefing about policy solutions to meet the reliability, resilience, and affordability challenges facing the U.S. energy grid. The grid underpins modern life—enabling economic activity, supporting national security, and powering everything from basic necessities in homes to critical infrastructure like hospitals and transportation. Today, the grid’s stability is being tested like never before. Aging infrastructure, extreme weather, and unprecedented increases in electricity demand could soon overwhelm generation and transmission capacity and outpace states and utility planners. These challenges hit home, from higher energy bills for consumers to rolling blackouts that leave communities vulnerable during heat waves, wildfires, winter storms, and hurricanes.

This briefing will outline policy options and technological innovations to address these challenges. Panelists will expand on several aspects of grid modernization, including the buildout of new transmission lines, bringing online new power generation and energy storage capacity, and improving energy efficiency. They will also describe the state of permitting reform in the 119th Congress. Attendees will leave this briefing with a better understanding of the imperatives and multiple benefits of an environmentally and economically sustainable energy grid to power the 21st century.

Speakers include:

- **Paulina Jaramillo**, Trustee Professor, Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University
- **Zach Zimmerman**, Research and Policy Manager, Grid Strategies
- **Kyle Davis**, Senior Director of Federal Affairs, Clean Energy Buyers Association (CEBA)
- **More speakers to be announced.**

This event is free and open to the public.

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