



FEDERAL LEGISLATION WORKING GROUP MEETING 6/08/22

Agenda

1. Administration activities
2. Legislative updates
3. Other updates

Notes

1. Administration Activities

On May 12, the US Department of Energy (DOE) [launched](#) the Long Duration Energy Storage for Everyone, Everywhere (LD ESEE) Initiative which is intended to advance widespread commercial deployment of energy storage systems by lowering the costs and increasing the duration of energy storage resources. DOE also issued a [request for information](#) (RFI) seeking input on the implementation of \$505 million.

On May 18, DOE released its [2022 Progress Report](#) of its [Better Buildings Initiative](#). Program participants have collectively saved over \$15 billion and 155 million tons of CO₂ since the start of the program in 2011. BBI is a market transformation program where its over 900 participants collaboratively pursue ambitious energy, etc. reduction goals.

On May 24, President Biden renominated Richard Glick to another five-year term on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and plans to retain him as the Chair.

On May 25, DOE announced \$40 million to provide research opportunities through the RENEW Initiative to historically underrepresented groups in STEM and diversify American leadership in the physical and climate sciences. Beneficiaries will include Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), and other research institutions. Upcoming webinar details re: Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) can be found [here](#).

On May 26, the Department of the Interior (DOI) proposed sales of offshore wind leases in five areas (three off of Morro Bay area and two off the Humboldt Bay area) totaling 373,268 acres. The proposal would be the first sale of wind leases off the West Coast and could result in more than 4.5 GW of wind power development.

On May 31, DOE launched the [Interconnection Innovation e-Xchange](#) (i2X) - a new partnership funded by the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA) that brings together diverse stakeholders to connect more clean energy to America's power grid by reducing wait times for clean energy sources in interconnection queues and lowering costs to connect to the grid.

On June 6, President Biden [issued](#) presidential determinations providing the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) with the authority to utilize the Defense Production Act (DPA) to accelerate domestic production of five key energy technologies: (1) solar; (2) transformers and electric grid components; (3) heat pumps; (4) insulation; and (5) electrolyzers, fuel cells, and platinum group metals. In addition to authorizing the use of the DPA, President Biden:

- Directed the development of master supply agreements, including "super preference" status to spur domestic solar manufacturing capacity; and
- Declared a 24-month tariff exemption on solar panels from Southeast Asia to bridge domestic climate change-fighting goals and domestic manufacturing interests.

An upcoming AEE webinar related to this issue was discussed during the call, further information will also be provided in the newsletter:

Beyond Tariffs: How Best to Boost U.S. Manufacturing of Advanced Energy

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 | 2 p.m ET / 11 a.m. PT

Registration and more information [here](#)

2. Legislative Updates

On June 2, House Republicans introduced a [road map](#) (strategy), a product of the Energy, Climate, and Conservation Task Force established in 2021. The strategy addresses energy and climate policies if the Republican party regains control of the House in the November midterm elections, focusing on reducing energy prices, meeting national and international energy demand, and addressing climate change.

An article reporting on reignited discussions re: the Build Back Better package was discussed. You can find that article [here](#).

Both Senate Energy and House Natural Resources subcommittees will take on a spate of mining, drilling and public lands legislation this week. The [Senate Energy Public Lands, Forests and Mining Subcommittee](#) had a legislative hearing Tuesday on several bills ranging from local-focused land issues to reducing permitting requirements for some federal oil and gas drilling. The [House Natural Resources Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee](#) has a legislative hearing Thursday on five bills focused on mine clean up and mining community welfare.

The [House Science Committee](#) has a hearing Wednesday on detecting and quantifying methane emissions from the oil and gas industry. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, and reining in emissions was a major target in the House-passed Build Back Better package that ultimately stalled in the Senate.

3. Other Updates

EESG's monthly regional group call for June has not been held yet.

Next Meeting

Our next Federal MWG meeting will be on Wednesday July 13th at **9:15 am**. Call-in coordinates are below.

[Zoom link](#)

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