



TOP STORY

### EI Board Names Dan Brouillette President and Chief Executive Officer Elect

On August 16, EEI announced that Dan Brouillette has been selected as EEI's President and Chief Executive Officer Elect, effective October 1, 2023, following a comprehensive search process. Brouillette will become EEI President and CEO on January 1, 2024, and will succeed Tom Kuhn, who previously announced his plans to step down on December 31, 2023.

"I am pleased to welcome Dan to the EEI team," said EEI Chair Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International. "With his deep experience in both the public and private sectors, as well as his extensive energy industry expertise, Dan is the clear choice for EEI's next leader."

"It is clear to EEI's Board that Dan shares our strong commitment to safety, integrity, bipartisanship, and excellence. We are confident he will embody these long-standing values as he leads the EEI team in supporting our members' clean energy transition, maintaining strong relationships with our partners in organized labor and other stakeholders, and advancing our workforce development and DEI efforts," Pizarro added.

"I am honored to be joining the world-class team at EEI at a pivotal point for the industry," said Brouillette. "EEI is a preeminent voice helping to guide the nation's energy policy, and I believe the leadership role it performs has never been more important than it is today. I have long admired the determination of EEI and its member companies to deliver clean, reliable, and resilient energy in the most affordable and inclusive manner possible. In my former role as U.S. Secretary of Energy, I witnessed firsthand EEI's relentless dedication to these goals, and I am excited to now work with the EEI team in support of their member companies, their customers, and our country."

"It has been an incredible honor to have led EEI for more than three decades, and I am incredibly proud of the significant results that EEI and our member companies have achieved in so many critical areas for the benefit of electricity customers across the country," Kuhn said. "I look forward to working alongside Dan and the rest of our talented EEI team in the coming months to ensure a seamless transition for our employees, member companies, and all of our stakeholders."

[Read the full press release on EEI's Newsroom.](#)

### Hurricane Idalia: Mutual Assistance Networks Activated and Ready to Respond



HAPPENING NOW

### Idalia: Powerful Storm, Powerful Response

Hurricane Idalia made landfall along the coast of Florida's Big Bend near Keaton Beach on Wednesday morning as a strong Category 3 hurricane. An army of more than 25,000 workers from at least 21 states and the District of Columbia is working around the clock to complete damage assessments and to restore power to customers impacted by Idalia.

The highest number of customers out at one time was approximately 669,400 on Wednesday. More than half of the customers impacted by Idalia had power restored within 24 hours of the storm making landfall. As of 4:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, approximately 225,000 customers were without power across Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia.

The significant investments made in hardening critical transmission and distribution infrastructure have enabled crews to begin restoring customers swiftly. Investments in smarter energy infrastructure also have greatly increased situational awareness of where outages are occurring to help enable this efficient response.

[Learn more about the industry's response to Idalia on EEI's website.](#)



ENERGY POLICY

### EEI Submits Comments in Response to EPA's Proposed 111 Rules

In May, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed regulations for greenhouse gas emissions from fossil-based power plants using Clean Air Act Section 111. EEI filed comments in response to EPA's proposed rules on August 8 and EEI President and CEO Tom Kuhn issued the following statement:

"EEI and our member electric companies have been doing the hard work of finalizing recommendations to help EPA move forward with 111 rules that are legally durable and allow us to continue our work to get the energy we provide as clean as we can as fast as we can, reliably and at a price that is affordable for customers.

"As we make clear in our comments, EEI and our member companies support regulations for greenhouse gas emissions. In fact, we participated in a case before the U.S. Supreme Court last year in defense of EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act to regulate these emissions. We appreciate EPA's willingness to engage constructively with us over the past several years as the agency worked to develop the proposed 111 rules, and we share EPA's long-term clean energy vision for our sector.

"While our comments identify technical concerns with specific elements of EPA's proposal, we offer detailed solutions to address them. Our goal remains to help EPA develop final rules that provide maximum flexibility and durable regulatory frameworks that allow electric companies to continue to provide their customers with the resilient clean energy they need and deserve, reliably and affordably.

"We look forward to having continued productive discussions with the agency as it works to finalize these regulations."

[Read the full press release on EEI's Newsroom.](#)



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### EEI Urges Lawmakers to Support Families in Need During LIHEAP Action Month

Millions of American families struggle to afford basic necessities. For these families, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a vital source of aid, helping them pay their energy bills and avoid having to choose between energy and other essentials, like food or medicine. Access to affordable energy is a matter of health and safety.

Throughout August—and all year long—EEI and our member companies have emphasized the importance of supporting LIHEAP, an essential, widely-supported federal program that delivers critical short-term aid to some of our nation's most vulnerable citizens. LIHEAP distributes funding to states, territories, and tribal governments, which in turn use the funds to help low-income households in their jurisdictions with home heating and cooling costs. LIHEAP funds also are used for emergency situations and for weatherization services.

Unlike some federal assistance programs that see their funding increase with need, like Social Security or food stamps, LIHEAP funding must be appropriated annually by Congress. EEI and the National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition (NEUAC) are working together to advocate for Congress to maintain—and increase—LIHEAP funding. Learn more about this vital program and its impact on American families in [NEUAC's LIHEAP Action Toolkit](#).

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POLICY PERSPECTIVES

### EEI Statement on FERC's Final Rules on Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements

On July 27, EEI Executive Vice President of the Business Operations Group and Regulatory Affairs Phil Moeller issued the following statement on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC's) much-anticipated revisions to the interconnection process.

"America's investor-owned electric companies are leading the charge to make the energy grid smarter, cleaner, more dynamic, more flexible, and more secure—without compromising on reliability and affordability. A critical part of this transformation is ensuring new electric generation can connect to the energy grid safely and efficiently.

"EEI and our member companies are pleased to see the Commission beginning to act on its pending rulemakings. We applaud Chairman Phillips and the other commissioners for developing bipartisan solutions that require key changes, such as cluster studies and increased financial commitments, that will reduce interconnection backlogs.

"We look forward to continuing to work with the Commission, regional planners, and project developers on the compliance process to ensure our customers have access to affordable, reliable clean energy."



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### Highlights from EEI's Annual Meeting

The perspectives of innovators and thought leaders were front and center throughout EEI 2023, the annual thought leadership conference held this year in Austin, Texas.

EEI Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Vice President of Public Policy and External Affairs Brian Wolff noted in the latest issue of [Electric Perspectives](#), "I could not be prouder of how we showcased EEI's member companies during EEI 2023, our annual thought leadership conference. . . Discussions were forward-thinking, with a focus not just on the challenges and opportunities of the day, but on the investments, policies, and collaboration needed to prepare for the resilient clean energy future of tomorrow."

More than 1,200 attendees gathered for the 2.5-day program, which featured a dynamic lineup of panelists and keynote speakers. Among them: Breakthrough Energy Founder Bill Gates, renowned technologist Elon Musk, U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm, Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation John Podesta, and football coach and Pro Football Hall of Famer Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders.

"There is so much going on in this industry," EEI President and CEO Tom Kuhn said as he opened the conference's first keynote session. "We are thrilled to showcase how our member companies and their partners are working to deliver resilient clean energy across our economy, without compromising affordability."

Read highlights from EEI 2023 on [EEI's website](#). For recordings of keynote sessions, visit the [EEI YouTube channel](#).

**TUNE IN**

## Electric Perspectives PODCAST

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### Electric Perspectives: The Podcast

The Electric Perspectives podcast discusses the latest trends and issues shaping the electric power industry.

On a recent episode, hear Jigar Shah, director of DOE's Loan Programs Office (LPO), and Alex Bond, EEI deputy general counsel of climate and clean energy, discuss the latest guidance on the LPO's Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment Program, which finances certain clean energy and carbon reduction projects to replace or convert old or existing energy infrastructure.

[Listen to the episode here](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

Read the latest issue of **Electric Perspectives**

- **Delivering a Resilient Clean Energy Future**
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ELECTRIC PERSPECTIVES

### Delivering a Resilient Clean Energy Future

The latest issue of [Electric Perspectives](#) will be live on EEI's website September 1. Be sure to read this issue for features including:

- **EEI Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Vice President Brian Wolff** | A Big Step Forward
- **EEI Executive Vice President Phil Moeller** | Financing the Future Energy Grid
- **Highlights of EEI 2023**
- **Former EEI Executive Vice President David K. Owens** | Lessons of Leadership
- **Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer at Southern California Edison Brian Bartlett** | Ensuring a Secure, Resilient Grid
- **Company Spotlight** | PG&E Microgrid Powers Coast Guard Air Base Through Natural Disasters, Extreme Weather

Visit the [Electric Perspectives webpage](#).

**AUGUST 11 IS 8-1-1 Awareness Day**

Remember to always **#Call811** before you dig.

CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS

### Electric Companies Remind Customers to Dial 811 Before Digging

On August 11, EEI and our member companies observed 8-1-1 Awareness Day (or Safe Digging Day) by reminding customers to dial 811 before beginning landscaping or other projects that require digging. When customers dial 811, they are connected to state "one call" centers that dispatch professional locators to mark the locations of underground power lines, wires, and pipes. For more information on safe digging practices and procedures, visit [call811.com](#).

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### Industry Statement to Idalia

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This afternoon, more than 25,000 workers from at least 20 states and D.C. are conducting damage assessments and responding to power outages when and where they can, provided it is safe to do so. Customers should continue to stay off the roads while this work is underway. #Idalia

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