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*Left to right: EEI Vice Chair Calvin Butler, president and CEO of Exelon Corporation; IBEW International President Kenny Cooper; EEI President and CEO Dan Brouillette*

## TOP STORY

# ‘America’s Energy’ Showcases Industry Leadership at the DNC

EEI partnered with the American Clean Power Association (ACP), the American Gas Association (AGA), and the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to form “America’s Energy,” a coalition that hosted events at the recent Republican National Convention (RNC) in Milwaukee and the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Chicago. Through America’s Energy, we showcased how EEI’s member companies and the energy industry are powering the nation’s economy and delivering the future, ensuring energy issues remain at the forefront of the national agenda.

Earlier this month at the DNC, America’s Energy joined with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) to host a “Powering Progress” reception featuring remarks from U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg.

Punchbowl News also hosted an America’s Energy CEO Roundtable featuring EEI President and CEO Dan Brouillette, ACP CEO Jason Grumet, AGA President and CEO Karen Harbert, and NEI President and CEO Maria Korsnick. The industry leaders shared their policy priorities and expectations for how the U.S. energy landscape will evolve in the years and decades to come.

“More than 20 percent of new electricity demand between now and 2026 will come from AI and data centers,” said Brouillette. “That’s going to challenge this industry in a way that it hasn’t been challenged in more than 50 years.”

[Watch the full panel discussion on Punchbowl News' YouTube channel.](#)

You also can watch the full [America’s Energy CEO Roundtable discussion](#) held at the RNC last month.



*U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg delivers remarks at a reception jointly hosted by America's Energy and the IBEW.*

**7** out of **10** households  
**helped by LIHEAP**

are home to a child under 6,  
an elderly resident,  
a veteran, or someone  
with a disability.



#ProtectLIHEAP

HAPPENING NOW

**EEI Supports 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.

Throughout August, EEI and our member companies have emphasized the importance of 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 that Congress 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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## Use Your Power to Find Energy Savings

CUSTOMERS FIRST

### Learn More About Consumer Tax Credits and Rebates

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides several clean energy tax credits and rebates to customers looking to make energy-saving upgrades. Renters and homeowners can take advantage of credits and rebates for high-efficiency appliances, electric vehicles, energy-saving home upgrades like heat pumps and insulation, and more. [According to](#)

[the U.S. Department of the Treasury and Internal Revenue Service](#), Americans have claimed “more than \$6 billion in tax credits for residential clean energy investments” and “more than \$2 billion for energy efficiency home improvements” in 2023.

EEl has created a website to help customers understand the potential tax credits and rebate programs available to them through the IRA.

Visit [FindEnergySavings.org](https://www.findenergysavings.org) to learn how to save money while also saving energy.

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**TUNE IN**

## **Electric Perspectives: The Podcast**

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

On a recent episode, EEl Executive Vice President of the Business Operations Group and Regulatory Affairs Phil Moeller and Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) President and CEO Pablo Vegas discussed how ERCOT plans to meet the increasing demand for electricity, the lessons learned from Winter Storm Uri that could help other grid operators and electric companies, the importance of investing in resilient infrastructure, and more.

Also, hear the full-length EEl 2024 keynote conversation between NVIDIA Founder and CEO Jensen Huang and former EEl Chair Pedro J. Pizarro, president and CEO of

Edison International. They discussed how NVIDIA's pioneering work to advance AI and quantum computing has, in part, driven a significant growth in electricity demand and how electric companies are partnering with companies like NVIDIA to meet that growing demand. You also can watch a [video recording](#) of the keynote conversation.

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

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## SAFETY FIRST

### 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. Customers don't need to dig very deep to run into major problems. For more information on safe digging practices and procedures, visit [call811.com](http://call811.com).

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# A Career of Resilience

**Nina Plaushin on Regulatory Policy and the U.S. Transmission System**



## LESSONS OF LEADERSHIP

### **Nina Plaushin: A Career of Resilience**

Nina Plaushin, who retired in April as vice president of federal affairs and regulatory strategy at ITC Holdings Corporation, recently spoke with *Electric Perspectives* magazine to share her thoughts on transmission planning and the lessons she has learned during her more than 25 years in energy policy.

“You need to believe that what you’re doing today is going to have a benefit in the future,” she said on working in regulatory policy. “If you don’t like delayed gratification, don’t go into regulatory policy.”

[Read her full interview in \*Electric Perspectives\*.](#)

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## GET SOCIAL

### **America's Energy at the DNC**

EEI President and CEO @dan\_brouillette joins other leaders from America's Energy at @PunchbowlNews' energy policy forum.



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