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*Above, L to R: Nuclear Energy Institute President and CEO Maria Korsnick, EEI President and CEO Dan Brouillette, American Gas Association President and CEO Karen Harbert, American Clean Power Association CEO Jason Grumet, and Punchbowl News Founder and CEO Anna Palmer.*

## TOP STORY

# EEI Joins ‘America’s Energy’ to Showcase Industry Leadership at the Republican National Convention

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) and is planning similar events for the upcoming Democratic National Convention (DNC). Through America’s Energy, we are working to showcase how EEI’s member companies and the energy industry are powering the nation’s economy and delivering the future of energy.

Earlier this month at the RNC in Milwaukee, Punchbowl News 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. Brouillette discussed how vital energy is to the national economy, stating that the energy industry comprises “the first 5 percent” of our national gross domestic product.

“Everything else that we build is on the foundation of energy production here in the United States,” he continued.

The panel also discussed the rise in energy demand as more data centers and technologies like artificial intelligence connect to the grid, and the need for siting and permitting reform to catalyze the infrastructure build-out needed to meet this rising demand.

[Watch the full panel discussion here.](#)

Punchbowl News will host a discussion with America’s Energy leaders at the DNC in Chicago next month.



**HAPPENING NOW**

## Celebrating National Lineworker Appreciation Day

On July 10, EEI joined the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) in celebrating National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

Celebrated annually, National Lineworker Appreciation Day honors the life and work of Henry Miller, the first IBEW president, and our nation's more than 100,000 electrical lineworkers. These dedicated lineworkers often work around the clock and in dangerous conditions following hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, winter storms, and other extreme weather events to ensure that the customers and the communities they serve have access to safe and reliable electricity. Lineworkers also maintain and enhance the energy grid and are playing a critical role in delivering the resilient clean energy future.

“EEI and our member electric companies salute our nation's lineworkers and the incredibly important work they do every day,” said EEI President and CEO Dan Brouillette. “In the face of disaster, lineworkers stand ready to support and to rebuild, dedicating their lives to restoring electricity and hope to the customers and communities they serve. They are heroes, and we are grateful for their commitment to keeping the lights on.”

EEI and our partners were proud to stand alongside more than 160 members of Congress who observed this year's National Lineworker Appreciation Day by co-sponsoring resolutions to honor America's lineworkers. EEI and our organized labor partners also joined with some of the congressional co-sponsors for a reception on Capitol Hill in honor of National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

Learn more about the electric power industry's dedicated, talented workforce [on EEI's website](#). Read [EEI's press release](#) with IBEW and NECA—and show your gratitude and [#ThankALineworker](#) on social media.

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*Above, L to R: Antonio Neri, President and CEO, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, and EEI Chair Maria Pope, President and CEO, Portland General Electric.*

## LOOK BACK

### Watch EEI 2024 Keynote Sessions On Demand

Last month, EEI 2024 attracted more than 1,300 attendees to Las Vegas to learn how America's electric companies are delivering the future of energy. In addition to timely breakout sessions and technology-focused discussions in The Hub, we heard from a dynamic lineup of keynote speakers, including:

- Jensen Huang, founder and CEO of NVIDIA, who was in conversation with outgoing EEI Chair Pedro J. Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International. [Watch the conversation.](#)
- Antonio Neri, president and CEO of Hewlett Packard Enterprise, who was in conversation with newly elected EEI Chair Maria Pope, president and CEO of Portland General Electric. [Watch the conversation.](#)
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Willie Phillips, who spoke with EEI Vice Chair Calvin Butler, president and CEO of Exelon Corporation.

- U.S. Congressman Steven Horsford (D-NV), who welcomed attendees to Las Vegas.
- Las Vegas Raiders President Sandra Douglass Morgan, who spoke with Doug Cannon, president and CEO of NV Energy.

Read more highlights from EEI 2024 on our [Meeting Highlights webpage](#) and watch the keynote discussions on [EEI's YouTube page](#). We already are planning for EEI 2025 in New Orleans, from June 2-4, and we hope to see you there!

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*EEI Senior Vice President of International Programs Dr. Lawrence Jones conducts a workshop as part of the EEI-LEC strategic engagement.*

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

# EEI Supports Liberia's Electricity Sector Through Strategic Engagement

EEI is proud to announce a new initiative with the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) aimed at enhancing the capacity and knowledge of LEC stakeholders. As part of the initiative, EEI International Programs and LEC co-hosted a workshop from July 2-12.

The goals of this engagement were to educate stakeholders on the fundamentals of electrifying a country, raise awareness about the challenges and opportunities in the electrification process, and transfer knowledge to LEC employees in areas such as electric company planning, operations, maintenance, customer engagement, communications, and financial management.

“This collaboration with LEC is a great example of EEI’s commitment to supporting electrification efforts across Africa,” said EEI President and CEO Dan Brouillette. “By sharing our collective expertise and best practices, we aim to empower African electric companies to overcome their unique challenges as they work to deliver reliable and resilient energy to customers.”

[Read more in EEI’s press release.](#)

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## STORM SEASON

# Industry Response to Beryl

Hurricane Beryl made landfall along the southeastern coast of Texas on July 8 as a strong Category 1 hurricane. An army of more than 15,000 workers from at least 17 states worked around the clock to complete damage assessments and to restore power to customers and communities impacted by Beryl.

EEl Senior Vice President of Security and Preparedness Scott Aaronson and StormGeo Meteorologist Justin Petrusas joined the *Electric Perspectives* podcast, in partnership with The Current, for an episode discussing the extensive tree damage caused by Hurricane Beryl and the complex restoration process. [Listen to the episode here.](#)

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## SECURITY MATTERS

# The Foundation of Resilience: Keeping the Power On

In the latest issue of *Electric Perspectives* magazine, Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Deanne Criswell writes about the necessary investments EEI's member companies and our federal partners are making in grid resilience initiatives, and the importance of industry-government collaboration to continue providing customers with reliable and secure energy.

"Resilience is not just about maintaining service and bouncing back from service disruptions," Administrator Criswell writes. "It's also about fortifying our grid to withstand and adapt to ever-changing threats."

"EEI's members, who supply electricity to nearly 250 million Americans, are pivotal in fostering the resilience necessary to withstand both physical and cybersecurity threats to our nation's infrastructure," she continues. "This means strengthening and hardening our critical energy infrastructure by reinforcing power lines, securing substations, and adopting smart-grid technologies that can help predict and mitigate disruptions."

[Read more in \*Electric Perspectives\*.](#)

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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, hear highlights from EEI 2024 on clean energy technologies, opportunities for collaboration created by AI, grid resilience, distribution transformation, and more. This first part of our EEI 2024 highlights series features Energy Impact Partners Founder and Managing Partner Hans Kobler, Oracle Senior Vice President and General Manager Creighton Oyler, ENODA Founder and Chief Policy and Global Affairs Officer Paul Domjan, and Deloitte U.S. Power, Utilities, and Renewables Risk and Financial Advisory Leader Martin Stansbury.

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

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## BEAT THE HEAT

### Summer Energy Efficiency Tips

Summer is here, and EEI and our member companies would like to remind you that there are simple ways you can save energy—and save money—while keeping your home cool and comfortable. Follow these seven energy efficiency tips to beat the heat while saving energy.

- **Service Your AC:** Have a certified professional check your air conditioning (AC) unit to ensure it's in good shape and ready to perform in high temperatures. To keep your AC running optimally, remember to change your filter as often as the manufacturer's instructions recommend.
- **Smart Programming:** A web-programmable "smart" thermostat can save you money—as much as 10 percent on your annual electric cooling bill. You will have the power to control your home's temperature remotely (on your computer or smart phone), so it's just right when you walk in the door.
- **Allow Air to Flow Freely:** Make sure that your furniture, plants, and other objects aren't blocking air registers and vents in your home. This will allow cooled air to circulate freely. ACs use more energy when they have to work harder. Also, remove plants, dirt, twigs, branches, and grass clippings surrounding the outdoor AC unit for uninterrupted air circulation.
- **Cover Windows:** Closing curtains, drapes, and blinds on sun-facing windows

helps block rays that naturally increase indoor temperatures.

- **A Bright Idea:** Replace old incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs to save electricity all year long. During the summer, shut your lights off and take advantage of the extended period of daylight (from windows that don't directly face the sun) when possible.
- **Seal Cracks:** Did you know that air leaking through cracks and openings can account for up to 30 percent of a cooling system's energy consumption? Use caulk or weather-stripping to seal cracks and openings to prevent cooled air from escaping. Don't forget the doggie door—remove your pet door frame and install weather-stripping around the opening.
- **Cook Outside:** On warmer days, keep the heat out of your home by cooking with an outdoor grill instead of using indoor ovens. Make sure to follow all safety instructions when cooking with a grill. If you are cooking inside, use a microwave oven when possible to cook efficiently and to minimize heat buildup in the kitchen.

For more energy-saving tips, check out EEI's [More Than 100 Ways to Improve Your Electric Bill](#) booklet.

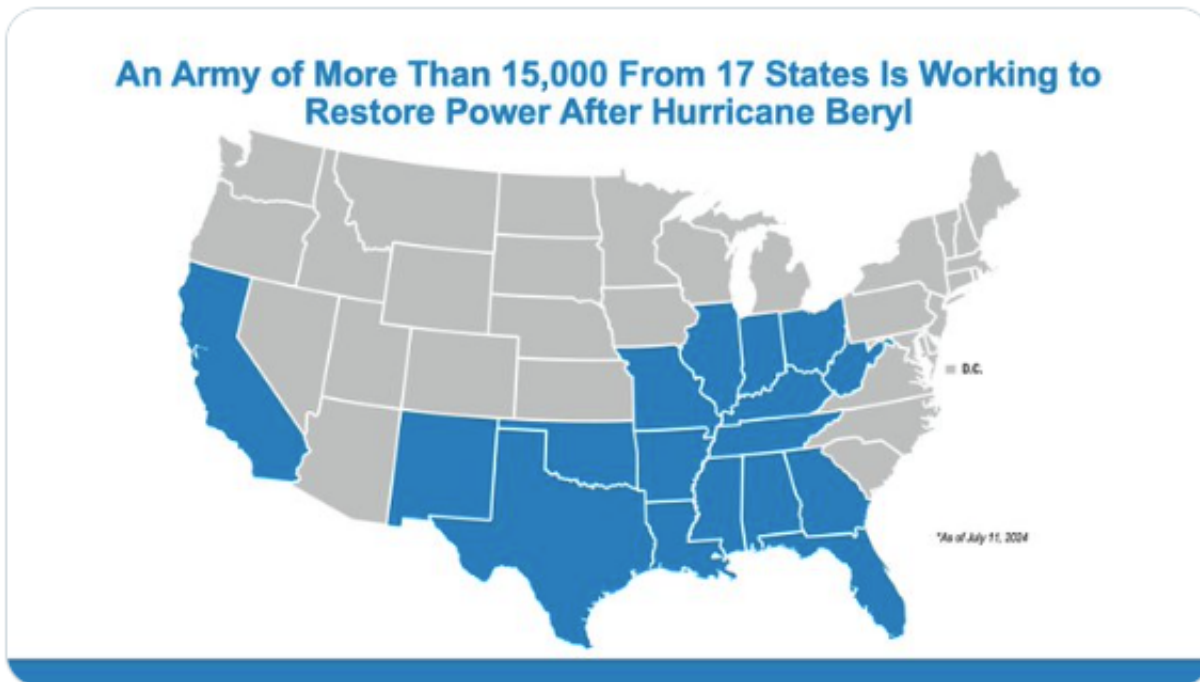
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## GET SOCIAL

# Mutual Assistance Response to Hurricane Beryl



More than 15,000 workers from 17 states are dedicated to the Hurricane [#Beryl](#) response. [#ThankALineworker](#)



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