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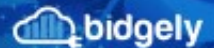
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EEI President and CEO Tom Kuhn with Bob Rowe, former NorthWestern Energy CEO

TOP STORY

EEI President and CEO Tom Kuhn Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from USEA

The United States Energy Association (USEA) awarded EEI President and CEO Tom Kuhn with its first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award during its Policy Summit in late May. Kuhn was recognized by USEA for his decades-long career in the energy industry.

“The most important part of my more than 30-year career in energy was the remarkable leaders I served with,” Kuhn said. “It’s the people and the leaders who make the difference.”

USEA also awarded former NorthWestern Energy CEO Bob Rowe, who retired at the end of 2022, with the 2023 Energy Award. This award recognizes preeminent energy leadership and contributions to international understanding of energy issues.

Both awards were chosen by the Awards Selection Committee, which is comprised of national energy leaders and examines nominees for a track record in leadership and a

history of proven accomplishments that promote a greater understanding of energy issues.



NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

EEI Applauds Efforts to Reach Agreement on Debt Ceiling Deal

Late on Saturday, May 27, President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy announced that they had reached agreement on a debt ceiling deal.

“EEI and our member companies commend President Biden and Speaker McCarthy for working together to reach a bipartisan resolution on the debt ceiling,” said EEI President and CEO Tom Kuhn in a statement.

“The siting and permitting elements of the deal will make important improvements that create a more efficient, environmentally sound, and legally durable process for deploying new energy infrastructure and upgrading existing infrastructure. Having a clear, coordinated, consistent, and efficient permitting process is essential for our industry and for America’s electric companies as we make critical investments in our nation’s energy grid.”

Kuhn urged Congress to act quickly to pass the compromise legislation.



AWARD WINNING

EEI Announces Finalists for 2023 Edison Award

EEI has announced five U.S. and three international electric companies as finalists for the 2023 Edison Award. Presented annually, the Edison Award recognizes electric companies for their distinguished leadership, innovation, and contribution to the advancement of the electric power industry. You can read more about this year's distinguished finalists [on EEI's website](#).

The winners of the 95th Edison Award will be announced during EEI 2023, EEI's annual thought leadership forum to be held June 11-13 in Austin, Texas. [There's still time to register!](#)



POLICY PERSPECTIVES

EEl Responds to EPA's Proposed Regulations for Power Plant Carbon Emissions

Earlier this month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed regulations for carbon emissions from fossil-based power plants using Clean Air Act section 111. The proposed regulations have been published in the *Federal Register* and now are within a 60-day public comment period.

EEl President and CEO Tom Kuhn issued the following statement on the proposed regulations:

“For the third time in nine years, EPA is proposing to limit carbon emissions from power plants using Clean Air Act section 111. Just as we do with any rulemaking, we will assess EPA’s proposed new regulations through the lens of whether they align with our priorities and support our ability to provide customers with the reliable clean energy they need at an affordable cost.

“While there have been many legal and technical ups and downs throughout this regulatory process, there also has been one constant—EEl’s member electric companies have remained focused on getting the energy they provide as clean as they can as fast as they can without compromising customer reliability and affordability. And, thanks to our members’ clean energy leadership, carbon emissions from the U.S. power sector are now as low as they were in 1984, while electricity use has climbed 73 percent since then.

“Over the past 18 months, we have engaged constructively with EPA and outlined several important priorities that are consistent with the ongoing clean energy transition that our member companies are leading.

“We focused our engagement on three key areas. 1) Alignment of compliance deadlines with existing transition plans. 2) Recognition of the critical role existing and new natural gas generation plays—and will continue to play—in integrating more renewable energy and maintaining reliability. 3) Inclusion of a range of compliance flexibilities and the industry’s commitment to developing and deploying critical clean energy technologies, including hydrogen and carbon capture and storage, when they are commercially available at scale and cost.

“We value that EPA has constructively engaged with EEI and our member companies over the past 18 months, and we look forward to continuing to work with Administrator Regan and his team throughout the rulemaking process.”



SPONSORED CONTENT

Keep Your Cool with Behind-the-Meter Intelligence

Amidst extreme weather, electrification, and a changing energy mix, electric companies need an urgent and agile response to sudden pressures on the grid. Learn how [Bidgely’s behind-the-meter intelligence](#) supercharges your team’s load research, grid planning, and program optimization so you can keep your cool, even when the heat is on!

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Flashlight



Important Documents



Portable Chargers



Medication



Cash



First Aid Kit



Radio



Non-Perishable Food



Water



Batteries

For additional ideas visit eei.org.

HAPPENING NOW

Preparing for Hurricane and Wildfire Season

Storm season is fast approaching and EEI and our member companies remind you that now is the time to prepare for extreme weather events and other emergencies that could cause extended power outages.

Proactively taking simple steps to get ready now can be greatly beneficial if, and when, an emergency occurs.

Customers and communities share a responsibility to prepare for emergencies, and we encourage everyone to create an emergency plan and to prepare an emergency outage kit that is readily available if—and when—disaster strikes.

Here are some tips and resources to help you get started:

- Review EEI's [hurricane safety tips](#), [tornado safety tips](#), and [wildfire safety tips](#). For more hurricane safety and preparation tips, visit the [National Hurricane Survival Initiative](#). For more wildfire safety tips, visit www.ready.gov/wildfires.
- Learn what to do in case of a [power outage](#).
- Make sure your contact information is current with your local electric company so you can receive any status or safety updates the company might put out during an emergency. Be sure to follow your electric company on social media for real-time updates.

[Review more safety tips on the EEI website.](#)



IN THE NEWS

EEI Supports United for Infrastructure 2023

This month, EEI proudly supported United for Infrastructure Week, held May 15-19. Over the past decade, United for Infrastructure has highlighted the importance of investing in resilient, modern, and equitable infrastructure. Electric transmission is the backbone of the nation's energy grid and plays an important role in facilitating the continued transition to a resilient clean energy future.

EEI's member companies have made substantial investments to make the energy grid smarter, stronger, cleaner, more dynamic, and more secure. And, in the last two years, the Biden administration has passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, which contribute significant funds to enhancing energy infrastructure across the country.

Find more United for Infrastructure Week content on social media with [#InfrastructureWeek2023](#).



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Electric Perspectives

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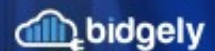
Electric Perspectives: The Podcast

The *Electric Perspectives* podcast discusses the latest trends and issues shaping the electric power industry. Recently, U.S. Forest Service Chief Randy Moore and EEI Vice Chair Maria Pope, who is president and CEO of Portland General Electric and co-chair of EEI's Wildfire CEO Taskforce and the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council's Wildfire Working Group, discussed how America's electric companies and our government partners are working together to identify opportunities to enhance mitigation, detection, and response capabilities as part of our wildfire mitigation strategy.

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

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Accelerate heat pump replacement with a clear ROI for your customers



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EEI 2023

Join electric industry executives, government officials, and thought leaders at EEI 2023, the premiere annual electric power industry forum. The conference will be at the JW Marriott Austin in Austin, Texas, from June 11-13. Thought-provoking and information-packed programming will focus on how America's electric companies are accelerating the transition to resilient clean energy.

Our Monday morning keynote speakers include Bill Gates, founder of Breakthrough Energy, U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm, and Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation John Podesta. Two-time Super Bowl champion Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders will be our dinner speaker that night. During our closing keynote lunch, Admiral William H. McRaven (U.S. Navy retired) will discuss leadership with Mark Updegrave, President and CEO, LBJ Foundation.

There's still time to register! Find registration information and the full agenda at eei.org/2023.

May is National Electrical Safety Month

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SAFETY FIRST

May is National Electrical Safety Month

Throughout May, EEI and our member companies joined the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) in reminding customers to stay safe around electrical appliances, equipment, and power lines. Taking simple steps can help prevent electrical accidents or fires.

With more people seeking to spend time outdoors, here are a few important tips to help you stay safe!

- Know what's below before you dig. Dial 8-1-1 to have your local electric or natural gas company representative mark the location of underground lines for free.
- Never touch downed power lines.
- Watch for overhead power lines every time you use a ladder, work on roofs and trees, or carry long tools or loads. Keep kites, model airplanes, and metallic balloons away from power lines.
- Do not overload outdoor electrical and/or extension cords or allow them to run through water on the ground.

For more electrical safety tips and resources, visit [the ESFI website](#).

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We salute Tom Kuhn and [@TheBrianWolff](#) for their leadership and service to EEI's member companies and for their work to advance public policies that benefit electricity customers nationwide. bit.ly/3VBguAe via [@Washingtonian](#) #Committed2Clean



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