

ELECTRICITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
U.S. Department of Energy

Advisory Committee Charter

1. **Committee's Official Designation.** Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC).
2. **Authority.** The Electricity Advisory Committee is established under the authority of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) is being renewed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.
3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The activities of the Committee include:
 - a. Advise DOE on current and future electric grid resilience, security, reliability, sector interdependence, and policy issues of concern;
 - b. Periodically review and make recommendations on DOE electric grid-related programs and initiatives, including electricity-related R&D programs and modeling efforts;
 - c. Identify emerging issues related to production, delivery, end-use, reliability, security, resilience, modeling and electric utility regulation, and make recommendations, if appropriate, concerning DOE policy and initiatives;
 - d. Make recommendations on how DOE can address the growing interdependence of and risk to critical and defense critical electric infrastructure and other critical sectors such as defense, communications, and transportation;
 - e. Advise on coordination between DOE, State, Tribal, territorial, and regional officials and the private sector on matters affecting production, delivery, end-use, reliability, resilience, security, and electric utility regulation; and,
 - f. Advise on coordination between Federal, State, Tribal, territorial, and regional officials and the private sector in the event of supply disruption or other emergencies related to electricity transmission, generation, and distribution.
4. **Description of Duties.** The duties of the Committee are solely advisory in nature.
5. **Official(s) to Whom the Committee Reports.** The Committee will report to the Assistant Secretary for Electricity.
6. **Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support.** The DOE will provide financial and administrative support for this Committee. Within the Department, primary support shall be furnished by the Office of Electricity.
7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staffing:** The estimated annual costs associated with supporting the Committee are approximately \$400,000; estimated level of 1.5 full-time employees.

8. **Designated Federal Officer (DFO).** A full-time or permanent part-time DOE employee, appointed in accordance with agency procedures, will serve as the DFO (or designee). The DFO (or designee) will approve or call all of the Committee's and subcommittee's meetings, and prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings, and adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest.
9. **Estimated Number of and Frequency of Meetings.** The Committee will meet approximately three times per year, or as necessary.
10. **Duration.** The Committee is expected to be continuing in nature.
11. **Termination. (If less than two years from date of establishment or renewal):** The Committee terminates two-years from the Charter filing date, and may not meet if the Charter is not renewed biennially.
12. **Membership and Designation.** The Committee will consist of approximately 35 members, to be appointed by the Secretary of Energy. The Secretary shall appoint one member from the Committee to serve as the Committee chair. Members shall be appointed as either a special Government employees (SGE), being experts in their respective fields, or as a Representative of a particular industry sector, including, but not limited to, regional planning entities; utility companies; equipment manufacturers; State governments; construction and architectural companies; national security; law enforcement; cybersecurity; national defense; environmental, energy, and consumer groups; and other electricity-related organizations should the Committee require such representation.

In order to obtain a wide range of experience and input to the EAC, appointments may be made for up to two years. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which his/her predecessor was appointed. Members may be appointed for two additional consecutive terms.

Members of the Committee serve without compensation; however, each appointed non-Federal member may be reimbursed for authorized travel and per diem expenses incurred while attending Committee meetings in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations.

13. **Subcommittees and Workgroups.** The Department of Energy has the authority to form subcommittees. The objectives of the subcommittees are to make recommendations to the full EAC committee with respect to particular matters related to the responsibilities of the full committee. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the EAC and must report their recommendations and advice to the full committee for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees and workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the EAC, nor can they report directly to the Department of Energy.
14. **Recordkeeping.** The records of the EAC shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2; and DOE Administrative Records, Schedule 16, Item 8b (1.1); and approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

15. Filing Date.

Date filed with Congress: August 7, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rachael Beitler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Rachael J. Beitler
Acting Committee Management Officer