

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. Ch. 10.
3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The EAC provides advice and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Electricity on the current and future electric system.
4. **Description of Duties.** The committee will:
 - a. Advise DOE on current and future electric grid reliability, security, 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 deployment activities including technology development, technical assistance, modeling and analysis, and planning and policy;
 - c. Identify emerging issues related to affordability, production, delivery, supply chain, end-use, reliability, security, resilience, modeling, and regulatory structures, 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 affordability, production, delivery, end-use, reliability, security, and economic and regulatory structures;
 - 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 electric transmission, generation, and distribution; and

- g. Make recommendations to the Department on how to best implement programs or policies directly affecting all components of the electric system and its operations, as appropriate.

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.** DOE's Office of Electricity shall furnish financial and administrative support for this committee.
7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staffing.** The estimated annual costs to operate the board include the following:
 - i. Federal personnel and other Federal internal costs. The estimated annual person-years of staff support required is one-half equivalent Federal full-time employee, at an estimated annual cost of \$135,000. The estimate for other Federal internal costs is \$155,000.
 - ii. Proposed payments to members. The estimated payments for 60 non-Federal members are \$0; the estimated salary of zero Federal members is \$0.
 - iii. Reimbursable costs. The estimate for reimbursable costs, including members' travel expenses, is \$175,000.
8. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Committee will meet approximately three times per year, or as necessary.
9. **Duration.** The Committee is expected to be continuing in nature, subject to the Termination section below.
10. **Termination.** The Committee terminates two years from the charter filing date and may not meet if the charter is not renewed biennially.
11. **Membership and Designation.** The Committee will consist of up to 60 members, who will be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Energy. The Secretary shall appoint one member from the Committee to serve as the Committee chair. Members will 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.

To obtain a wide range of experience and input from 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 up to two additional consecutive terms for a total of no more than three 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.

12. **Subcommittee(s).** To facilitate the functioning of the EAC, subcommittees may be formed by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), as appropriate. 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. Ad hoc members from outside the committee may be appointed by DOE, to ensure the competence necessary to conduct the subcommittee's business.

13. **Filing Date.**

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