



Americans for a Clean Energy Grid

# Policy Agenda

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*Americans for a Clean Energy Grid (ACEG) a non-profit broad-based public interest advocacy coalition bringing together diverse support for an expanded and modernized grid from business, labor, consumer, environmental groups, and other stakeholders to advance policy that recognizes the benefits of a robust transmission grid.*

*In 2022, ACEG will focus on the following policy priorities to help advance large scale regional and inter-regional transmission in the United States:*

## Congress

- Adopt legislation passed by the House that includes the following transmission provisions:
  - Establish a 30% Investment Tax Credit for regionally significant transmission lines.
  - Provide \$100 million for engaging stakeholders on large-scale transmission planning.
  - Provide economic development grants for host communities.
  - Provide \$1.5 billion in grants and \$500 million in loans for large-scale regional interties greater than 1 gigawatt (GW).
- Secure more funding for existing transmission provisions during FY23 appropriations.

## FERC

- Proceed to a NOPR and final rule(s) on Docket RM-21-17-000 to require proactive transmission planning to achieve an efficient level of transmission investment to ensure just, reasonable, and equitable rates.
  - Refer [here](#) for a downloadable version of ACEG's comments on this docket.

## Department of Energy

- Prepare the process so that the strengthened federal backstop siting authority, addressed in Section 40105 of the IIJA, can be used if necessary to advance interstate electric transmission facilities.
- Design and utilization of the \$2.5 billion Transmission Facilitation Program to develop nationally significant transmission lines, established under Section 40106 of the IIJA.
- Implementation of the Department's [Building a Better Grid Initiative](#) to catalyze the buildout of long-distance, high-voltage transmission lines, including accelerating the siting and permitting process of these lines. Adopt legislation passed by the House that includes the following transmission provisions:
  - Improve environmental reviews by aligning with other federal agencies on siting and permitting issues, the Department of Interior (DOI), Department of Transportation (DOT), and FERC.
- Maximize the use of existing and designated transmission corridors along highways and railroads.

## General

- Educational outreach to national, state, regional, and local stakeholders on the benefits of a robust transmission grid.