



2026 Energy Legislative Summit Powering America's Energy Future

Edison Electric Institute EEI, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C
Tuesday, April 14th 9:00 am – 7:30 pm

PROGRAM

9:00 am: *Registration/Networking Coffee*

9:20 am: **Welcome Remarks:**

- [José L. Pérez](#), President & CEO, Hispanics In Energy
- [Kiel Weaver](#), Chief Advocacy Officer, Edison Electric Institute

9:25 am: **Panel 1: Diverse Baseload that leads to Grid Reliability: Flexibility, Affordability, and Near-Term System Needs**

Moderator: [Lewis Binswanger](#), Energy Executive (Retired), Vice Chair, Hispanics In Energy

Panelists:

- [Tony Clark](#), Executive Director, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
- [Sheri Givens](#), President & CEO, Smart Electric Power Alliance
- [Michael J. Flannigan](#), Senior Vice President of Government Affairs Nuclear Energy Institute
- [John Dabbar](#), Executive Director, National Petroleum Council
- [Brad Viator](#), President, Power for Tomorrow

10:30 am: **Fireside Chat:**

- [José L. Pérez](#), President & CEO, Hispanics In Energy
- [The Honorable Julie Fedorchak](#), United States Representative, (ND-At Large)

10:55 am: **Panel 2: Community Engagement and Investment in the Energy sector**

Moderator: [Frederick Pfaeffle Arana](#), President & CEO, Energy Partners Solutions

Panelists:

- [Erica Bernal-Martinez](#), CEO, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
- [Mary Ann Gomez Orta](#), President & CEO, Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute
- [Patricia D'Costa](#), Commercial Structuring Lead, Clean Energy & Power, Google
- [Suhail Khan](#), Senior Director for External Affairs, Microsoft

11:45 am: **Panel 3: Innovation in the Energy Industry: Deployment Readiness Across the Energy Portfolio**

Moderator: [Zack Valdez, Ph.D.](#), Sr. Director, Industry and Regulatory Affairs, National Electrical Manufacturers Association

Panelists:

- [Deveshwar Singh, Ph.D.](#), Founder, Dharti AI
- [Gabriel Chavez](#), Nuclear Project Management, Burns & McDonnell
- [Marco V. Ávila](#), Vice President, WSP
- [Dr. Luis Ortiz](#), Deputy Director for Commercialization, Advanced Research Projects Agency Energy (ARPA-E), U.S. Department of Energy



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- 12:30 pm:** *Business Lunch*
- 12:50 pm:** **Keynote Speaker:** [Joseph Dominguez](#), President & CEO, Constellation
Chair, Hispanics In Energy
- 1:00 pm:** **CEO Fireside Chat: Leadership, Reliability, and the Future of Energy**
HIE Board Members
Moderator: [Maria Pia Tamburri](#), Vice President of Intergovernmental Affairs and Economic
Development, Dominion Energy
Panelists:
- [Joseph Dominguez](#), President & CEO, Constellation
 - [The Honorable Nelson A. Díaz](#), Board Member, Exelon & PECO (Retired), Former Vice Chair,
PREPA, Co-founder, LCDA, Vice Chair & Co-founder, Hispanics In Energy
 - [Deanna Rodriguez](#), President & CEO, Entergy New Orleans
 - [Dennis V. Arriola](#), Operating Partner, Sandbrook Capital; Former CEO, Avangrid; Board
Member of ConocoPhillips, Commercial Metals Company (CMC), Meritage Homes, Auto Club
of Southern California, and United Utility
- 1:45 pm:** **Spotlight Speaker:** [Pedro Azagra](#), CEO, Iberdrola Group
- 1:55 pm:** **Panel 4: Energy Reality: Looking at the Next Ten Years**
Moderator: [The Honorable James E. Campos](#), President, Red Post Energy Futures
Panelists:
- [Lance Medlin](#), CEO, Red Post Energy Group
 - [The Honorable Odogwu Obi Linton](#), Maryland Public Service Commission
 - [Julianne Szyper](#), Nuclear Policy Expert, Former Deputy Director of Energy, Commonwealth of
Virginia
- 2:50 pm:** **Panel 5: Energy Supply Chains: Expanding Opportunities for Hispanic-Owned Businesses**
Moderator: [Jose Niño](#), Chair, Biofriendly / Board Member, Hispanics In Energy
Panelists:
- [Ramiro A. Cavazos](#), President & CEO, United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
 - [Illary Archilla](#), Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Terravanta Inc.
 - [Diana Gomez](#), Board Member, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
 - [Raul E. Jurado](#), President, Compendious IT Solutions
- 3:35 pm:** *Networking Coffee Break*



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- 3:50 pm:** **Panel 6: Building a Workforce That Delivers: Apprenticeships, Credentials, and the Jobs-to-Projects Pipeline**
Moderator: [Deanna Rodriguez](#), CEO, Entergy New Orleans/ Director, Hispanics In Energy
Panelists:
- [Missy Henriksen](#), Executive Director, Center for Energy Workforce Development
 - [Dave Tamayo](#), President of the Board of Directors, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
 - [Suzanna Valdez Wolfe](#), CEO, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)
 - [Randall Stamper](#), Associate Vice Chancellor, Career Education and Workforce Programs, Virginia Community College System
 - [Jeyben Castro](#), Community Outreach and Engagement Director, U.S. House of Representatives
- 4:40 pm:** **Spotlight Speaker:** [The Honorable Henry Cuellar](#), United States Representative, (TX-28)
- 4:50 pm:** **Perspectives from Moderators:** [Nicolás Medina](#), Board Chair, Tapia Center, Rice University Executive (Retired), Exxon Mobil
- **Panel 1:** [Lewis Binswanger](#), Energy Executive (Retired), Vice Chair, Hispanics In Energy
 - **Panel 2:** [Frederick Pfaeffle Arana](#), President & CEO, Energy Partners Sol
 - **Panel 3:** [Zack Valdez, Ph.D.](#), Sr. Director, Industry and Regulatory Affairs, National Electrical Manufacturers Association
 - **Panel 4:** [The Honorable James E. Campos](#), President, Red Post Energy Futures
 - **Panel 5:** [Jose Niño](#), Chair, Biofriendly / Board Member, Hispanics In Energy
 - **Panel 6:** [Deanna Rodriguez](#), CEO, Entergy New Orleans/ Director, Hispanics In Energy
 - **CEO Chat:** [Maria Pia Tamburri](#), Vice President of Intergovernmental Affairs and Economic Development, Dominion Energy
- 5:30 pm:** **Reception: *District Still & Supply in the National Union Building***
918 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004
- Recognition Awards**
- [Pedro Azagra](#), CEO, Iberdrola Group
- Recognition of New Hispanics In Energy State Chapters**
- **Texas:** [Kym Bolado](#), President and CEO, SHALE Magazine
 - **Puerto Rico:** [Katerina Huertas](#), Energy Attorney & Policy Advisor, Puerto Rico
- 7:30 pm:** **Program Concludes**



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