

Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability

DOE Electric Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities

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Risks









Resilience combined with modernization would define success

Climate Change and Extreme Weather Resilience







Trends indicate the situation will get worse, not better.





Grid Modernization Vision

The future grid provides a critical platform for U.S. prosperity, competitiveness, and innovation in a global clean energy economy. It must deliver **reliable, affordable,** and **clean electricity** to consumers <u>where</u> they want it, <u>when</u> they want it, <u>how</u> they want it.

Enhance the Security of the Nation through Mitigating Risks

- Extreme weather
- Cyber threats
- Physical attacks
- Natural disasters
- Fuel and supply diversity
- Aging infrastructure

Sustain Economic Growth and Innovation

- New energy products and services
- Efficient markets
- Reduce barriers for new technologies
- Clean energy jobs

Achieve Public Policy Objectives

- 80% clean electricity by 2035
- State RPS and EEPS mandates
- Access to reliable, affordable electricity
- Climate adaptation and resilience



Key Attributes of a Modernized Grid





Transforming the Grid

Current System

- Monolithic
- Centralized generation
- Decisions driven by cost
- Catastrophic events
- Limited energy choices
- Vulnerable to new threats

Future Paradigm

- Modular and Agile
- Centralized and distributed generation
- Decisions driven by cost and environmental sustainability
- Contained events
- Personalized energy options
- Inherently secure to all threats







Program Resources

Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability <u>http://www.oe.energy.gov</u>

Energy Storage http://sandia.gov/ess

International Storage Database

http://energystoragexchange.org

Recovery Act Smart Grid Investments <u>https://smartgrid.gov</u> Microgrids http://energy.gov/oe/services/tec

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