



Government Relations Strategy Update - State and Federal

November 19, 2024

Board Committee Meeting

Agenda

- Election update
- State legislative update
 - Interim studies
 - 109th Legislature, First Session will convene on January 8, 2025
- Federal legislative update
- Upcoming and next steps

Election Results Update

State Legislature

- 17 new Senators
 - 33 GOP – 16 DEM
 - District 13 race remains too close to call but will be new Senator
 - New committee chairs and members for the 2025 Legislative session
 - Legislature will be more moderate than last session

Federal

- New Administration
- Senate – 53 GOP/47 DEM
- The House election has yet to be called
 - 218 votes needed for majority
 - Currently 214 GOP/205 DEM (as of 11/12/24)
- New Congressional and Committee Leadership

State Interim Studies

- **LR 409** – Interim study to carry out the provisions of 13-2402, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions – Hearing on November 21
- **LR 432** – Interim study to examine the impact of digital asset data mining on Nebraska public power districts, electric ratepayers and communities
- **LR 469** – Interim study to examine existing, new and emerging technologies in the nuclear energy industry – Hearing on October 17

State Potential Upcoming Legislative Topics

- Not unduly discriminatory rates
- Chapter 70 modernization
- Address Pacific Stress Test Act
- PRB items
- Addressing private transmission
- Energy Storage
- Private property protection
- Comply with local/county zoning
- Nameplate capacity tax increase
- Shot clock for zoning permits
- NEMA changes to address ice jams/uncommon incidents
- EV infrastructure
- Energy efficiency program expansion
- Capping President & CEO salaries
- Property tax relief 2.0
- Dark fiber 2.0
- COLA for retirees
- Net metering
- EMP funding
- Funding for EAP programs
- Funding for weatherization – NDEE to ask

Federal Legislation

- **IRA/IIJA issues**
(SD 2, 4, 7, 9)
- **Appropriations**
(SD 2, 4, 9, 15)
- **Transmission**
(SD 2, 4, 9)
- **PURPA reform**
(SD 4, 9)
- **Climate legislation**
(SD 2, 4, 7, 9)
- **Hydropower**
(SD 4, 7, 9)
- **Permitting reform**
(SD 7, 9)
- **Cyber & physical grid security**
(SD 4, 6, 12, 15)
- **Energy efficiency**
(SD 5, 7, 9)
- **Electric vehicles**
(SD 2, 5, 7, 11, 13)
- **Comparable incentives**
(SD 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11)
- **Restore advanced refunding**
(SD 2, 3)
- **LIHEAP funding**
(SD 5, 9, 15)
- **Energy workforce**
(SD 6, 8)
- **Nuclear issues**
(SD 6, 7, 9, 15)
- **Private use restrictions**
(SD 2, 3, 9, 15)
- **Weatherization**
(SD 5, 6, 7)
- **Environmental legislation**
(SD 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 15)
- **Clean energy standards**
(SD 2, 4, 7, 9, 15)
- **Carbon tax**
(SD 2, 3, 7, 9, 15)
- **Electrification**
(SD 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15)
- **Renewable tax credits**
(SD 2, 3, 4, 7, 9)
- **Build America Bonds**
(SD 2, 3, 15)
- **Missouri River issues/WRDA** (SD 4, 6, 7, 9, 15)
- **Supply chain issues**
(SD 2, 4, 7, 9, 15)
- **Cadillac taxes on health care**
(SD 2, 6, 8)
- **Farm bill provisions**
(SD 2, 7)
- **ESG issues**
(SD 2, 3, 15)

Federal Issues for 2024 and beyond

- Water Resources Development Act language to address ice jams on the Missouri River
- Tax issues/Inflation Reduction Act/Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Action
- Reconciliation
- Permitting reform
- Interactions with American Public Power Association, Large Public Power Council, Nuclear Energy Institute, American Clean Power Association

Upcoming and Next Steps

- Continue execution of state and federal legislative strategy
- OPPD Board communication process
 - Weekly recaps
 - Directors Updates
 - Legislative bill status updates
 - Monthly Customer and Public Engagement (CPE) updates at pre-committee meetings
 - Board committee meeting updates