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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we went to Congress, where EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has agreed to testify before a House energy panel Dec. 7 and the Senate environment committee Jan. 31 to discuss his priorities for the agency, his first appearances before Congress since testimony to two appropriations committees in June and before that his Senate confirmation hearing in January.

On the other side of the Capitol, seven Senate Democrats are asking Pruitt to restore climate-related web pages to the agency's website that were removed earlier in the administration, including recent changes to a site that had been focused on climate and energy resources for state and local governments.

In grid news, a new assessment from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation states that outages due to natural gas infrastructure are becoming less common, potentially aiding opponents of the Department of Energy's controversial proposed coal and nuclear subsidies a way to boost grid resilience.

In personnel news, Alexandra Dunn, the executive director of the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), which represents most state environmental agencies, will become regional administrator for EPA Region 1 covering six New England states.

And our daily news roundup looked at a group of 20 countries – not including the United States – that has pledged to phase out coal power by 2030.

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