



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Meeting Information Request Form

Thank you for your interest in meeting with U.S. Secretary of Energy. To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of Energy is meeting with you on a given matter and because the Office of the Secretary is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, we need the information requested below before we can agree to schedule a meeting¹.

Please respond to the questions below and send your response to the.secretary@hq.doe.gov.

If you have any questions you may contact the Secretary's Scheduling Office at 202-586-5534.

Requesting individual/organization: (Please identify the person(s) (name and affiliation) requesting the meeting, including any background information on the affiliated organization(s).)	American Public Power Association – national trade association representing public power utilities. APPA represents public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 55 million people that public power utilities serve across the United States and its territories. We advise on electricity policy, grid technology and operations, and workforce development in support of safe, modern, and resilient utilities. Meeting request from Scott Corwin, APPA President & CEO
Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):	Desmarie Waterhouse Senior Vice President of Advocacy and Communications & General Counsel (b) (6) dwaterhouse@publicpower.org
Please describe the action sought from the Office of the Secretary:	The purpose of the meeting is to discuss APPA's work with DOE and how we can work together to promote the President's agenda for affordable and reliable electricity.
Meeting date (if date is flexible please indicate the range): Please explain any time sensitivity that impacts the date of the meeting, such as court-ordered or statutory deadline:	Below are dates that we are available to meet. March 27 April 15-18 May 1-2
Proposed meeting location (City, State/Country):	DOE Headquarters in Washington, D.C.
Describe the proposed meeting topic/ agenda, provide available briefing materials, and identify desired outcome(s):	<u>Affordable and Reliable Power</u> – as not-for-profit electric utilities, public power utilities' primary mission is to provide affordable and reliable power to their communities. We greatly appreciate the focus of the Trump Administration on affordability

	and reliability and would like to discuss what policies DOE will adopt to help achieve these important goals. <u>The Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC)</u> – APPA is an active participant on the ESCC and would like touch base with you about your vision for the ESCC going forward. <u>Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical Assistance Program</u> (RMUC Program) – APPA has received two grants from DOE, one of which supports the association’s Cyber Pathways Program, to provide cybersecurity assessments and training for some of the most at risk and resource constrained public power entities, including those owning or supporting defense critical electric infrastructure. The second grant supports APPA’s Response Beacon program, which focuses on creating and improving public power utilities’ cybersecurity incident response plans, as well as updating existing cybersecurity framework resources. <u>Emergency Prep Funding/Safe Haven Exercise</u> – as part of funding under DOE’s State, Local, Territories, and Tribal Program, APPA is planning to hold a cybersecurity mutual aid exercise, Safe Haven that will focus on mutual aid response, the voluntary partnership between electric utilities across the country committed to helping restore power whenever and wherever assistance is needed, when it is safe to do so. The event will feature a cybersecurity incident affecting information technology and operating technology systems, which leads to physical impacts and damage to critical electric infrastructure.
Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organizational affiliation):	Scott Corwin, APPA President & CEO Desmarie Waterhouse, APPA Senior Vice President of Advocacy and Communications & General Counsel Adrienne Lotto, APPA Senior Vice President of Grid Security, Technical and Operations Services Michael Coe, APPA Vice President for Security, Resilience, and Energy Solutions
Are any expected meeting participants registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and/or registered under the	Yes, Desmarie Waterhouse is a registered lobbyist for APPA.

Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	
Are any expected meeting participants a partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)	No
Do any expected meeting participants seek or currently have any business interests with the Department of Energy such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please identify.)	APPA has several grants with DOE. US Department of Energy: OT Insight Issued by: Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (DE-CR0000007) Amount of Grant: \$6,000,000 Grant term: 09/25/2020 to 03/31/2027 Description: Develop and Deploy Cybersecurity Defense for Public Power. ICS CyberShield Issued by: Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (DE-CR0000015) Amount of Grant: Government Share \$15,000,000; Cost Share \$(b) (4) ; Total \$(b) (4) Grant term: 10/01/2022 to 09/30/2026 Description: Facilitate the Rapid Adoption and Deployment of Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Technologies for Distribution and Municipal Utilities. Cyber Pathways Issued by: Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (DE-CR0000026) Amount of Grant: \$4,000,000 Grant term: 05/01/2024 – 04/30/2028 Description: Advancing the Cybersecurity Posture of Electric Public Power Utilities by evaluating member capabilities and needs; exploring innovative training techniques and cybersecurity practice methods; enhancing internal capacity; increasing participation in information sharing programs; improving member cybersecurity incident preparedness and response knowledge and posture; and related activities.

	Issued by: Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (DE-CR0000012) Amount of Grant: \$4,300,000 Grant term: 10/01/2021 to 9/30/2026 Description: Programmatic Collaboration and Coordination with Public Power Utilities – APPA will use its direct link with public power utilities to support and benefit the ability to provide technical assistance, workshops, exercises, and planning tools to help enable public power utilities to improve their mitigation, response, and restoration actions from all hazards. Project areas include: Emergency preparedness and mutual aid in coordination with state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) governments; cybersecurity; physical security; and risk management. Issued by: Office of Electricity Amount of Grant: \$1,500,000 Grant term: 10/01/2021 to 9/30/2026 Description: Programmatic Collaboration and Coordination with Public Power Utilities – use our connection to public power utilities to convene and facilitate peer learning among our members to generate plans, tools and resources that make progress towards high resilience and low-emission electricity delivery systems and connect with DOE resources. Issued by: Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (DE-FE0032026) Amount of Grant: Govt. Share \$500k over 5 Years with no renewal required (100k per year); Cost Share \$(b) (4); Total \$(b) (4) Grant term: 09/01/2021 to 08/31/2026 Description: Energy Storage Accessibility for Public Power Utilities; using APPA’s connection to public power utilities to convene and facilitate peer learning among members about their energy storage projects and develop case studies and other approaches to minimize barriers and maximize opportunities and connect with DOE resources. Blueprints for Communities Issued by: DOE Office of Policy Amount of Grant: \$130,000 Grant term: 11/14/2024 to 05/14/2025
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	Description: The program supports the development of additional resources for communities as they plan and execute projects which were made eligible for clean energy tax credits through Elective Pay or the 179d energy efficient commercial building property tax deduction by the Inflation Reduction Act. National Laboratories: Wildfire and Extreme Heat Risk Mitigation for Public Power Utilities Issued by: Argonne National Laboratory Subcontract Amount of Grant: \$425,000 (addendum to increase amount to (b) (4) currently being negotiated) Grant term: 12/13/2024 to 09/30/2025 (addendum will extend project to ~09/30/2026) Description: This project aims to link Argonne's wildfire and extreme heat datasets with APPA's Risk Management Toolkit (RMT) to enhance risk management for public power utilities. Through virtual webinars and workshops, Argonne and APPA will engage with five utilities to deploy relevant datasets, integrate these datasets with the RMT, and provide direct technical assistance to improve wildfire and heat risk mitigation plans. Energy Storage for Rural Resilience Issued by: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Subcontract Amount of Grant: \$170,000 Grant term: 06/12/2024 to 11/30/2025 Description: Provide technical assistance to public power utilities who are developing energy storage projects to ensure resilience in rural parts of their service territory through collaborative meetings with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory staff.
Will the meeting involve legislation, broad policy options, or other general matters that involve a large and diverse range of persons and interests? (If yes, please describe.)	The meeting will discuss policy matters, as described above, but not specific legislation. It will also discuss APPA's DOE grants.
Will the meeting involve regulations, rules, or other matters that impact a specific industry, sector of the economy, or group of persons? (If yes, please describe.)	We will discuss matters impacting the electric sector, as described above.
If any gifts (e.g., meals or refreshments, mementos or tokens of appreciation,	No gifts will be offered.

transportation, etc.) will be offered to the Secretary, please describe and provide their monetary value.	
If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?	The request is to meet with the Secretary given the scope of issues to discuss.
Any additional notes or information?	

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