

Sponsor: Representative Karen Camper, Tennessee

***Resolution Supporting Efficient Sighting and Permitting to Ensure Electric Grid Reliability
for a Clean Energy Future***

WHEREAS, the mix of resources used to generate electricity in the United States has changed dramatically over the last decade and are increasingly cleaner;

WHEREAS, approximately 40 percent of America's electricity came from clean carbon-free resources in 2021, including nuclear energy, hydropower, solar, and wind;

WHEREAS, by 2025, EIA projects approximately 125 GW of renewables capacity will be online, and further, that in the United States the share of renewables in the electricity generation mix will more than double by 2050;

WHEREAS, electric power infrastructure, including but not limited to the transmission and distribution system, is the backbone of our nation's energy grid and plays an important role in facilitating a pathway to our clean energy future;

WHEREAS, electric power infrastructure enables the delivery of lower cost and clean energy to customers and maintains reliability and resiliency;

WHEREAS, energy infrastructure investment is needed to maintain the reliability and resilience of the grid against extreme weather conditions and increasing security threats, and to meet the demands of customers and facilitate the continued transformation to a clean energy economy; and

WHEREAS, the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL Women) recognizes the crucial role played by electric power companies in investing and developing the cost-effective electric power infrastructure needed to meet local, state, and federal clean energy goals, while continuing to provide affordable and reliable electricity for consumers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED, that NOBEL Women will work with government policymakers to develop policies that facilitate an efficient permitting process for the deployment of electric infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NOBEL Women encourages Congress to adopt policies that facilitate an efficient permitting process in order to accelerate the deployment of critical electric infrastructure and to help the nation achieve a clean energy future.