

TOP STORY

Celebrating National Lineworker Appreciation Day

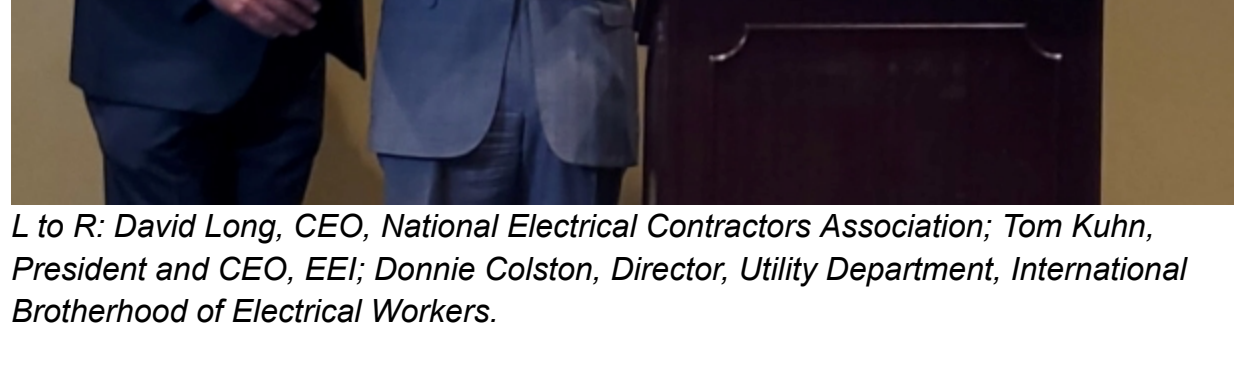
On July 10, EEI joined the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) in celebrating National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

This day honors the life and work of Henry Miller, the first IBEW president, and our nation's nearly 100,000 electrical lineworkers, who often work around the clock and in dangerous conditions to ensure that the customers and the communities they serve have access to safe and reliable electricity. Lineworkers also maintain and enhance the energy grid and play a critical role in delivering the resilient clean energy that powers our economy and our daily lives.

"EEI and our member companies applaud our industry's lineworkers for the tireless work they do each and every day," said EEI President and CEO Tom Kuhn. "Whether it is wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, or anything in between, our nation's brave lineworkers always rise to the challenge. They are heroes, and we commend their commitment to restoring power safely and as quickly as possible for our customers and the communities we serve."

EEI and our partners were proud to stand alongside more than 150 members of Congress who observed this year's National Lineworker Appreciation Day by co-sponsoring resolutions to honor America's lineworkers. Read more about this partnership in a [joint op-ed](#) co-authored by Kuhn, IBEW International President Kenneth Cooper, and NECA CEO David Long.

Learn more about the electric power industry's dedicated, talented workforce on [EEI's website](#). Learn more about lineworkers—and show your gratitude and [#ThankALineworker](#) on social media.



L to R: David Long, CEO, National Electrical Contractors Association; Tom Kuhn, President and CEO, EEI; Donnie Colston, Director, Utility Department, International Brotherhood of Electric Workers.

CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIP

EEI President and CEO Tom Kuhn Receives Honorary Lineworker Award

EEI President and CEO Tom Kuhn was presented with an Honorary Lineworker Award in recognition of his work to advance the partnership between EEI member companies and organized labor. NECA CEO David Long and IBEW Utility Department Director Donnie Colston presented the award at a Lineworker Appreciation Day event on Capitol Hill earlier this month.



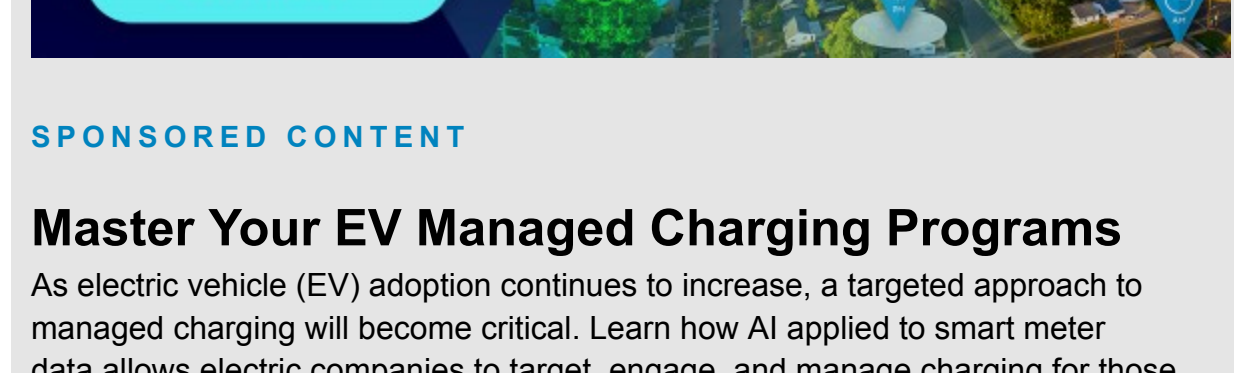
TUNE IN

Electric Perspectives: The Podcast

The *Electric Perspectives* podcast discusses the latest trends and issues shaping the electric power industry.

In a recent episode, IBEW Local 47 Business Manager Colin Lavin and Southern California Edison (SCE) Senior Vice President of Transmission and Distribution Heather Rivard discuss why we celebrate National Lineworker Appreciation Day on July 10, how a culture of safety has been ingrained in lineworkers, how lineworkers are modernizing and maintaining SCE's energy grid, and more.

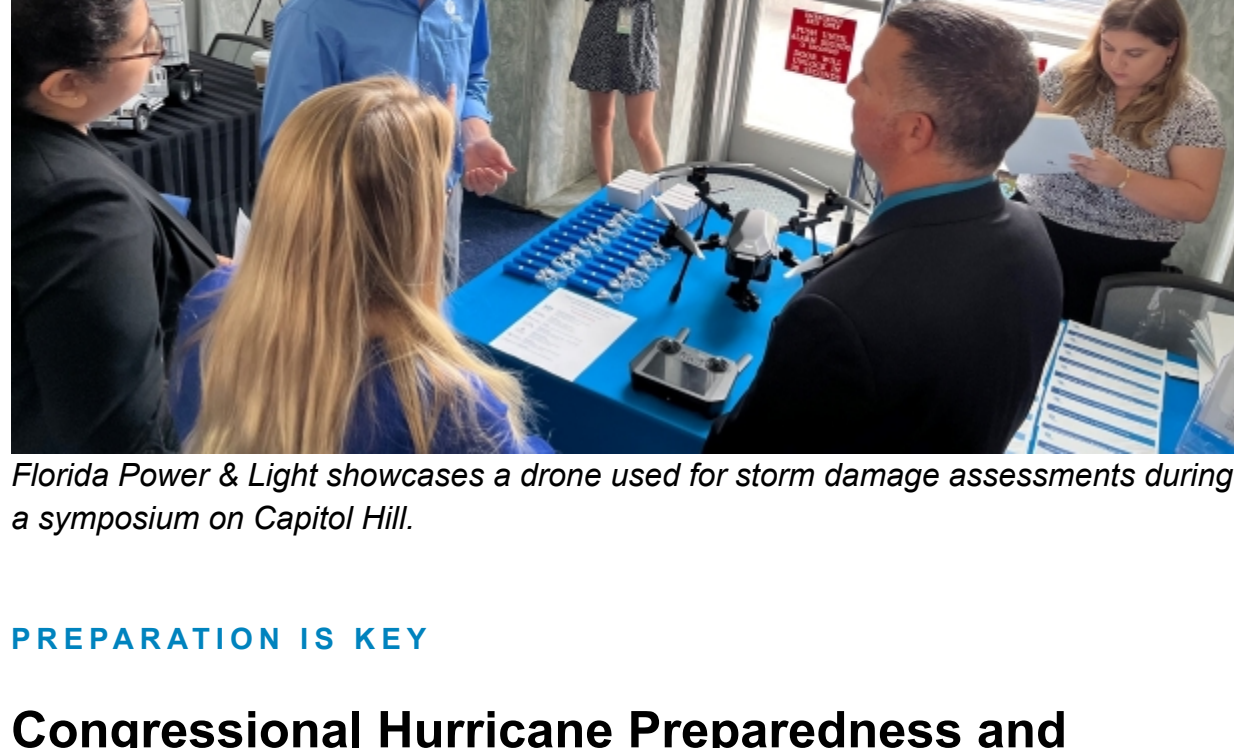
[Listen to the episode here](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.



SPONSORED CONTENT

Master Your EV Managed Charging Programs

As electric vehicle (EV) adoption continues to increase, a targeted approach to managed charging will become critical. Learn how AI applied to smart meter data allows electric companies to target, engage, and manage charging for those customers with the greatest impact on the grid, while offering the best value to the customer. [See more with Bidgely.](#)



Florida Power & Light showcases a drone used for storm damage assessments during a symposium on Capitol Hill.

PREPARATION IS KEY

Congressional Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery Symposium

In early July, EEI member companies Duke Energy, Entergy, NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light, Southern Company, and Tampa Electric held a Congressional Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery Symposium on Capitol Hill to discuss storm preparation and response with members of Congress and their staff.

Following are highlights from the member companies' participation:

- Duke Energy brought its virtual reality training program, which helps the company's lineworkers prepare for storm responses before extreme weather causes outages.
- Entergy displayed its Operation: Storm Ready program, which includes continuous planning, preparation, and training for extreme weather.
- NextEra Energy/Florida Power & Light displayed one of the drones that they utilize after storms to safely assess damage to infrastructure more quickly.
- Southern Company and its subsidiary PowerSecure showcased its PowerBlock generation systems and explained its use after storms.
- Tampa Electric highlighted how it prepares for storms through investments in electric infrastructure resilience.

EEI President and CEO Tom Kuhn delivered remarks during the event, saluting the nation's lineworkers for their dedication to customers and their commitment to restoring power safely and as quickly as possible after extreme weather events and wildfires.

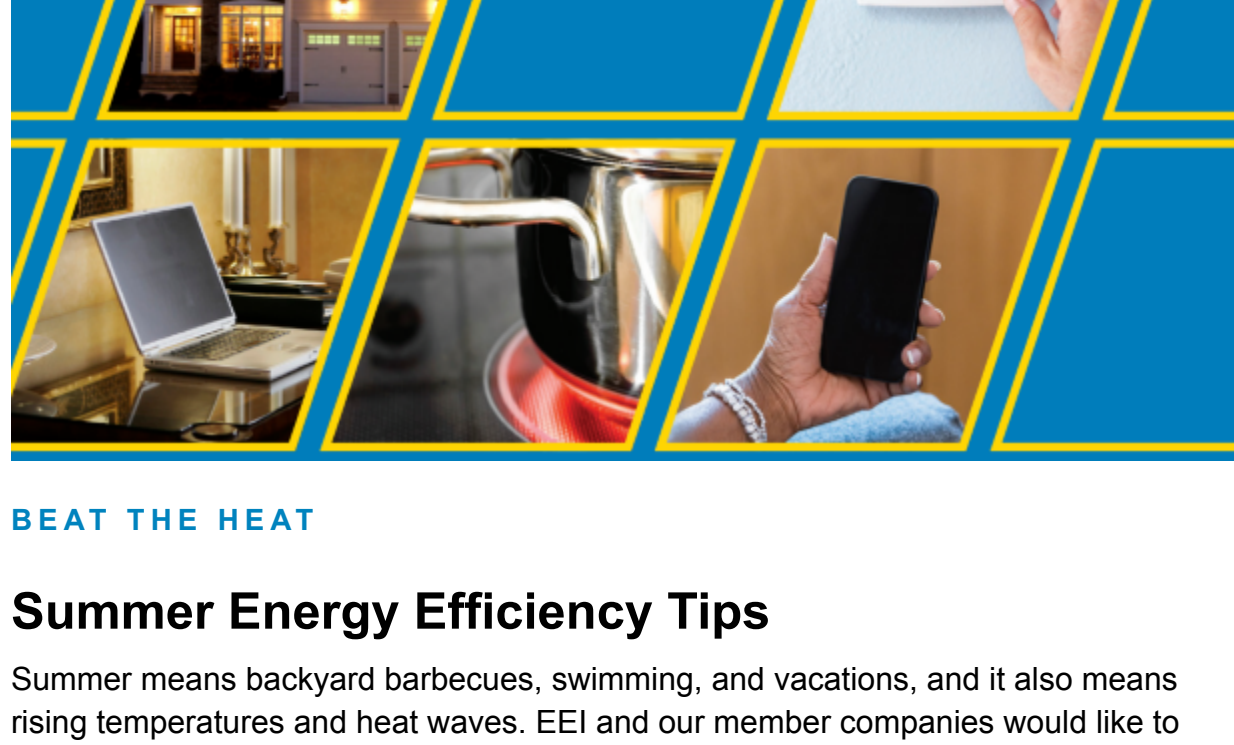


CHARTING HISTORY

Celebrating 90 Years of Power by Association

Since EEI began representing America's investor-owned electric companies 90 years ago, we have worked to highlight the game-changing, life-enhancing work of our member companies and their commitment to the customers they serve.

As EEI celebrates 90 years of Power by AssociationSM, we reflected on the rich and meaningful history of the electric power industry and the value that EEI's member companies provide around the world. Read a timeline of highlights from the electric power industry's and EEI's history in [the latest issue of Electric Perspectives](#).



BEAT THE HEAT

Summer Energy Efficiency Tips

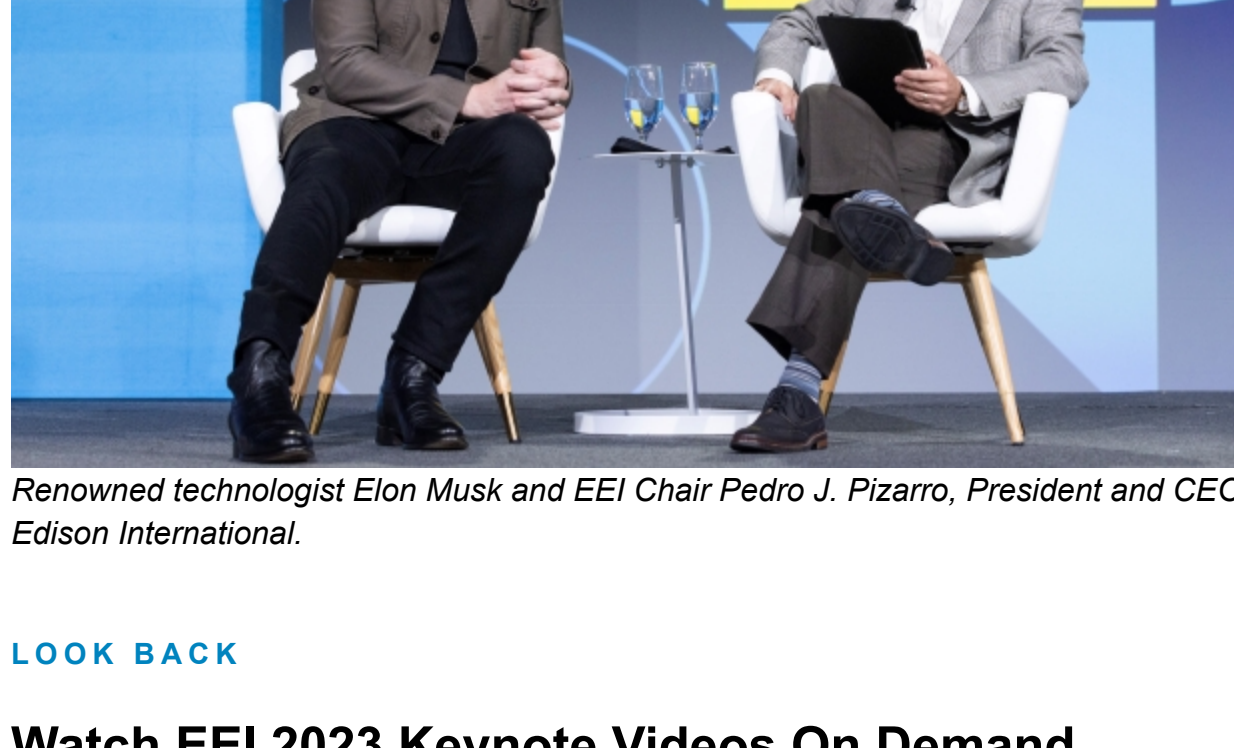
Summer means backyard barbecues, swimming, and vacations, and it also means rising temperatures and heat waves. EEI and our member companies would like to remind you that there are simple steps you can take to save energy—and money—this summer while keeping your home cool and comfortable. Follow these 7 energy efficiency tips to beat the heat while saving energy.

- **Service Your AC:** Have a certified professional check your air conditioning (AC) unit to ensure it's in good shape and ready to perform in high temperatures. To keep your AC running optimally, remember to change your filter as often as the manufacturer's instructions recommend.
- **Smart Programming:** A web-programmable "smart" thermostat can save you money—as much as 10 percent on your annual electric cooling bill.
- **Allow Air to Flow Freely:** Make sure that your furniture, plants, and other objects aren't blocking air registers and vents in your home. This will allow cooled air to circulate freely; ACs use more energy when they have to work harder. Also, remove plants, dirt, twigs, branches, and grass clippings surrounding the outdoor AC unit for uninterrupted air circulation.
- **Cover Windows:** Closing curtains, drapes, and blinds on sun-facing windows helps block rays that naturally increase indoor temperatures.
- **A Bright Idea:** Replace old incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs to save electricity all year long. During the summer, shut your lights off and take advantage of the extended period of daylight (from windows that don't directly face the sun) when possible.
- **Seal Cracks:** Did you know that air leaking through cracks and openings can account for up to 30 percent of a cooling system's energy consumption? Use caulk or weather-stripping to seal cracks and openings to prevent cooled air from escaping.
- **Cook Outside:** On warmer days, keep the heat out of your home by cooking with an outdoor grill instead of using indoor ovens. Make sure to follow all safety instructions when cooking with a grill. If you are cooking inside, use a microwave oven when possible to cook efficiently and to minimize heat buildup in the kitchen.

For more energy-saving tips, read EEI's [More Than 100 Ways to Improve Your Electric Bill](#).



Outgoing EEI Chair Warner Baxter, Executive Chairman, Ameren Corporation, and Bill Gates, Founder, Breakthrough Energy.



Renowned technologist Elon Musk and EEI Chair Pedro J. Pizarro, President and CEO, Edison International.

LOOK BACK

Watch EEI 2023 Keynote Videos On Demand

Last month, EEI 2023 in Austin, Texas, attracted more than 1,200 attendees and showcased how America's electric companies are delivering resilient clean energy across the economy. In addition to timely breakout sessions and technology-focused discussions in The Hub, we heard from a dynamic lineup of keynote speakers, including:

- Bill Gates, founder of Breakthrough Energy, who spoke about innovative clean energy technologies with outgoing EEI Chair Warner Baxter, executive chairman of Ameren Corporation.
- Renowned technologist Elon Musk, who discussed the future of electrification and electric transportation with EEI Chair Pedro J. Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International.
- U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm and White House Senior Advisor for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation John Podesta, who joined EEI Vice Chair Maria Pope, president and CEO of Portland General Electric, to discuss the industry-government partnerships underway to advance resilient clean energy.
- Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders, who shared his inspirational life story and offered a message of resilience and empowerment when speaking with Entergy Group President of Utility Operations Rod West.
- Admiral William H. McRaven, U.S. Navy Retired, who shared lessons on leadership that he learned from his decades of service to the United States when speaking with LBJ Foundation President and CEO Mark Updegrave.

Read more highlights from EEI 2023 on our [Meeting Highlights webpage](#) and watch the keynote discussions on [EEI's YouTube page](#). We already are planning for EEI 2024 in Las Vegas, from June 18-20, and we hope to see you there!

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Celebrating Industry-Labor Partnerships

As a proud former @IBEW member myself, it is my honor to file a resolution designating July 10 as Journeyman Lineworkers Recognition Day.

To those who battle the storms and natural disasters to keep our lights on and our country moving forward, we say thank you!



Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick and 4 others