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Air Force, Edison Electric Institute Sign MOU to Collaborate on Resilience

WASHINGTON (March 7, 2024) – The Department of the Air Force (DAF) and the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) today announced the signing of a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) to facilitate exploration of best practices for joint energy resilience planning between DAF installations and EEI member companies.

The MOU, signed by Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Energy, Installations, and Environment), Dr. Ravi Chaudhary, and EEI President and CEO Dan Brouillette, establishes a framework for the two organizations to identify opportunities to align the common energy goals of the DAF, its servicing electric companies, and nearby communities.

EEI’s member electric companies and the DAF have a long history of working together to advance energy resilience, efficiency, and sustainability goals. The MOU will leverage these partnerships to facilitate cooperative conversations around energy resilience, emergency operations, and electric infrastructure improvements.

“Ensuring our installations have resilient, reliable access to electricity is critical to the DAF’s ability to remain combat ready in Great Power Competition, and mark my words, we will be ready.” explained Dr. Chaudhary “But this is an all-hands on deck endeavor for the nation, and it takes a village—partnerships like these help us mitigate threats both within and outside the fence line to retain our competitive edge, and I am excited for the opportunity to collaborate on innovative solutions that benefit our bases and surrounding communities alike.”

“The U.S. military is one of the largest electricity customers in the nation. Our partnership with the Department of the Air Force is vital to strengthening energy security and grid resilience and lays the foundation for joint energy resilience planning,” said Brouillette.

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The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations, and Environment (SAF/IE) is a civilian office in the United States Department of the Air Force. The office has overall responsibility for installations strategy and strategic basing processes; built and natural infrastructure; facility, process and operational energy; environment, safety and occupational health; and to ensure the sustainability and operational readiness of the Department of the Air Force.

EEI is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. Our members provide electricity for nearly 250 million Americans, and operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The electric power industry supports more than 7 million jobs in communities across the United States. In addition to our U.S. members, EEI has more than 70 international electric companies, with operations in more than 90 countries, as International Members, and hundreds of industry suppliers and related organizations as Associate Members.

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