



Issue Snapshot: Quadrennial Energy Review (QER)

Background: The United States Department of Energy's (DOE) Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) is built on the foundation provided in the President's Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future and his Climate Action Plan. The QER is intended to study the opportunities and challenges that our energy infrastructure faces as a result of transformations in energy supply, markets, and use.

The QER Task Force is co-chaired by the White House Domestic Policy Council and Office of Science and Technology Policy, and includes representation from all relevant executive departments and agencies. DOE is playing a key role in development of the QER by providing policy analysis and modeling, and coordinating stakeholder engagement. The Task Force held a series of meetings throughout 2014 to discuss and receive comments from all segments of the energy industry. The intended outcome is to provide a multiyear roadmap that outlines Federal energy policy objectives, legislative proposals to Congress, Executive Branch actions, and agenda for research, development and demonstration programs and funding, and financing and incentive programs.

The 2014 phase of the QER focused on transmission, storage and distribution infrastructure (TS&D) and the DOE is expected to release its corresponding report in late January, 2015. Future topics will include generation and consumer issues.

Company Position: Con Edison actively participated in the QER process, both testifying at a public meeting and offering suggestions of potential policy actions.