

## SCCAABE Energy Policy Newsletter – March 2022

### South Carolina

South Carolina State University awarded \$1M from Dominion Energy



*Credit Dominion Energy*

<https://www.counton2.com/news/south-carolina-news/south-carolina-state-university-awarded-1m-from-dominion-energy/>

*Overview: Dominion Energy has awarded South Carolina State University with a \$1 million grant through its HBCU Promise Education Equity Initiative.*

**Duke Energy commits more than \$400,000 in monthlong focus to support sustainability and environmental efforts in South Carolina**

<https://news.duke-energy.com/releases/duke-energy-commits-more-than-400-000-in-monthlong-focus-to-support-sustainability-and-environmental-efforts-in-south-carolina>

*Overview: Duke Energy is kicking off a monthlong initiative to support organizations in South Carolina that promote sustainability and environmental efforts across the state.*

## **Dominion Energy seeks rate increase, cites \$142M fuel costs**

<https://apnews.com/article/business-south-carolina-32f471c0d12a8ee64b2f9e333c62c119>

*Overview: After its annual review of the costs Dominion incurs transporting and buying fuel, the company said it found that it was around \$142 million under-collected in fuel costs.*

## **Santee Cooper Cuts Budget Since It Can't Raise Power Rates**

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/south-carolina/articles/2022-03-28/santee-cooper-cuts-budget-since-it-cant-raise-power-rates>

*Overview: Santee Cooper leaders say increasing fuel costs have led the state-owned utility to cut \$100 million from its budget.*

## **BOEM sets May auction for offshore wind leasing in 2 areas off the Carolinas**

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/boem-sets-may-auction-for-offshore-wind-leasing-in-2-areas-off-the-carolina/621091/>

*Overview: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management completed an environmental review of federal waters off the coast of the Carolinas and will hold an auction for two leasing areas on May 11, according to the Department of the Interior.*

## National

### **Biden's proposed budget includes nearly \$45B for climate and clean energy, a 7% increase for DOE**



*Anna Moneymaker via Getty Images*

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/biden-proposed-budget-2023-climate-doe/621168/>

*Overview: President Joe Biden proposed a \$5.8 trillion budget for fiscal year 2023 that includes \$44.9 billion for clean energy, electrification, and other programs to help cut greenhouse gas emissions and prepare the U.S. for the effects of climate change.*

### **House committee investigates shut-off rates for Dominion, DTE, Duke, Exelon, NextEra and Southern**

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/house-committee-investigates-utility-shutoff-rates-dominion-dte-duke-exelon/620947/>

*Overview: The House Energy and Commerce Committee launched an investigation this week into reports of high customer shut-off rates by six utility companies during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

## **'I think we have a wake-up call right now' — FERC's Phillips touts transmission's reliability benefits**

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/i-think-we-have-a-wake-up-call-right-now-fercs-phillips-touts-transmis/621024/>

*Overview: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Commissioner Willie Phillips highlighted the reliability and resilience benefits of interregional transmission projects Thursday at the American Council on Renewable Energy's Policy Forum in his first public speaking engagement since joining the commission.*

## **Appeals court revives key climate measure rejected by Trump judge**

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/03/16/appeals-court-social-cost-carbon-biden-trump-00017986>

*Overview: The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals stayed a district judge's injunction against President Joe Biden's social cost of carbon, reinstating the metric used to measure the climate impacts of rulemakings and projects.*

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<https://www.energy.gov/listings/energy-news>

### **News Headlines from the US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

<https://www.ferc.gov/media/headlines.asp>

### **News from the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

<https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2019/>

### **Direct Current - An Energy.gov Podcast**

<https://www.energy.gov/podcasts/direct-current-energygov-podcast0>

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