

SCCAABE Energy Policy Newsletter – January 2022

South Carolina

South Carolina grid 'adequately prepared' for winter, but smaller utilities have work to do: report



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<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/south-carolina-grid-adequately-prepared-for-winter-but-smaller-utilities/616739/>

Overview: The report recommends South Carolina form a task force to consider "voluntary adoption" of weatherization practices similar to new requirements developed in Texas spurred by February outages during Winter Storm Uri. Utilities should also evaluate bulk power system reliability "under more extreme conditions" and strengthen their procedures for cold weather preparedness, planning and coordination.

S.C. receives record \$80.2M to address home energy costs

<https://www.counton2.com/news/south-carolina-news/s-c-receives-record-80-2-m-to-address-home-energy-costs/>

Overview: South Carolina has received a record \$80.2 million dollars in home energy assistance funding due to the passage of the Biden Administration's American Rescue Plan.

USDA to award grants for rural renewable energy projects

<https://www.wltx.com/article/news/local/usda-to-award-grants-for-rural-renewable-energy-projects-pilot-program/101-6c1dd9dc-77d9-46c6-80e0-7d8b09982464>

Overview: The Rural Energy Pilot Program will be awarding 10 million dollars in grants to rural communities, state agencies, Native American Tribes, and nonprofits that create plans to install renewable infrastructure.

National

Electric grid is 'attractive target' for domestic violent extremists in US, intel brief says



<https://www.cnn.com/2022/01/25/politics/electric-grid-attractive-target-domestic-violent-extremists/index.html>

Overview: Domestic violent extremists will "likely continue" to plot and encourage physical attacks against electrical infrastructure in the United States, according to a recent Department of Homeland Security intelligence briefing obtained by CNN.

Warren Buffett's MidAmerican Energy plans \$3.9 billion renewables project in Iowa

<https://www.cnbc.com/2022/01/21/buffetts-midamerican-energy-plans-3point9-billion-wind-solar-project.html>

Overview: A subsidiary of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Energy has released details of plans to develop a \$3.9 billion project in Iowa that would incorporate both wind and solar power.

Solar window start-up aims to turn skyscrapers into vertical solar farms with investment from major window manufacturer

<https://www.cnbc.com/2022/01/12/ubiquitous-energy-aims-to-turn-skyscrapers-into-vertical-solar-farms.html>

Overview: Ubiquitous Energy, a material science start-up, closed a \$30 million funding round to get ready to manufacture its solar windows. It aims to produce at scale by early 2024.

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Click the link below to watch the webinar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPSXkjkOxBg>

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

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