

### **ESCC: Electric Power Industry and Government Partners Coordinate Response to California Wildfires**

**WASHINGTON (January 13, 2025)** – As devastating wildfires continue to burn in California, the CEO-led Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC) stood up a call last night to ensure that electricity providers in the state have no unmet resource needs. The call brought together leaders from the highest levels of industry and government to ensure unity of effort across the electric power sector and with our federal partners.

With high winds and dry conditions still in the forecast, the ESCC is focused on supporting first responders as they continue to do their heroic work. Customers are urged to heed all evacuation warnings and to avoid returning to evacuation zones until emergency officials have indicated it is safe to do so. The security and safety of firefighters, first responders, restoration crews, and residents is the top priority, and we are grateful for everyone involved in the ongoing wildfire response.

Once the fires are fully contained, the entire electric power industry—investor-owned electric companies, public power utilities, and electric cooperatives—stands ready to support the rebuild efforts that will be essential to helping impacted communities recover.

Power restoration is a team effort, and strong industry-government coordination and cross-sector collaboration are essential. Established in 2012, the ESCC has a proven track record of working across administrations and with senior government officials to support preparation for and response to emergencies that impact the electric power sector.

Wildfires are a growing challenge across the country. Going forward, the ESCC will remain focused on mitigating wildfire threats, while working with government at all levels, landowners, and other critical sectors to develop a comprehensive national strategy that emphasizes community protection, wildfire prevention, responsible investment, and rapid recovery.

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#### **About the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council**

*The ESCC serves as the principal liaison between leadership in the federal government and in the electric power sector, with the mission of coordinating efforts to prepare for national-level incidents or threats to critical infrastructure. Protecting the energy grid from threats that could impact national security and public safety is a responsibility shared by both the government and the electric power sector. The ESCC facilitates and supports policy- and public affairs-related activities and initiatives designed to enhance the reliability and resilience of the energy grid.*

*These activities include all hazards, steady-state preparation, and emergency preparedness, response, and recovery for the nation's electricity sector.*

*More information is available at: <http://www.electricitysubsector.org/>*

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