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## **EEI Applauds House Passage of Energy Bill**

**WASHINGTON (December 3, 2015)** – Edison Electric Institute (EEI) President Tom Kuhn issued the following statement today on the House passage of the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act.

“EEI applauds Chairmen Upton and Whitfield for their leadership and work on passing this important piece of energy legislation that will bolster the electric power industry’s efforts to provide reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean electricity to our customers.

“This legislation will enhance the Department of Energy’s authority to respond to threats to the power grid, protect sensitive information about critical electric infrastructure, resolve environmental and grid reliability conflicts, make modest improvements to the federal permitting and licensing process for natural gas pipelines and hydroelectric facilities, and preserve all fuel options for powering federal facilities.

“We look forward to working with both the House and the Senate to develop a final bill to be sent to the President’s desk.”

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