

Look Ahead: Committee Announces Hearing Schedule for the Week of November 30

November 25, 2015

Disrupter Series to Examine Mobile Payments; Committee Will also Spotlight FERC Oversight, Nuclear Waste Fund, and Broadcasting Ownership

WASHINGTON, DC – The House Committee on Energy and Commerce today announced its hearing schedule for the week of November 30.

On Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Energy and Power** will hold a hearing entitled, “Oversight of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.” Established in 1920 as the Federal Power Commission, FERC is tasked with regulating the transmission, reliability, and wholesale sale of electricity in interstate commerce. The four current sitting FERC Commissioners are scheduled to appear before the subcommittee to discuss several issues related to the significant shifts taking place in the energy sector. Among the topics for discussion include EPA’s cap and trade rules that threaten ratepayers and grid reliability around the country, grid security challenges, and natural gas pipeline permitting. The Majority Memorandum and witness list can be found online [here](#). Witness testimony will be posted at the same link as it is available.

Also on Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade** will continue its Disrupter Series with a review of mobile payment technologies. Consumers today have the ability to approve a purchase at the push of a finger or by waving their phone across a reader. With these advancements, there is still tremendous room for growth for consumer convenience and security. As the holiday shopping season begins in earnest this week, the subcommittee will discuss how this innovative technology works, the security tools it uses to protect consumers, and how it is disrupting traditional payment options for small and large businesses across the country. The Majority Memorandum and a witness list are available [here](#). The Majority Memorandum and witness testimony will be available at the same link as they are posted.

On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy** will hold a hearing entitled, “The Nuclear Waste Fund: Budgetary, Funding, and Scoring Issues.” Members will examine historical changes to the budget process and the impact those changes have had on how the Nuclear Waste Fund is managed and how used fuel activities are supported in the appropriations process. The subcommittee will also review ways to improve the life cycle funding of used fuel management system. The Majority Memorandum, a witness list, and witness testimony will be available [here](#) as they are posted.

Also on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Communications and Technology** will reconvene its hearing on “Broadcasting Ownership in the 21st Century.” The hearing is a part of the subcommittee’s work to ensure that the regulatory framework for our communications marketplace appropriately matches the evolving realities of the 21st century. Members will continue their discussion of the state of today’s media marketplace, existing rules that limit ownership of broadcast and newspaper outlets, and barriers to entry for businesses owned by women and minorities. The Majority Memorandum, a witness list, and witness testimony are available [here](#).

[Hearing Details](#)

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

10:00 AM

2123 Rayburn HOB

Subcommittee on Energy and Power

Hearing on “Oversight of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission”

10:15 AM

2322 Rayburn HOB

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

Hearing on “The Disrupter Series: Mobile Payments”

Thursday, December 3, 2015

10:00 AM

1100 Longworth HOB

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

Hearing on “The Nuclear Waste Fund: Budgetary, Funding, and Scoring Issues”

10:15 AM

2322 Rayburn HOB

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Hearing on "Broadcasting Ownership in the 21st Century"

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