# Grid Resilience and Technology Solutions to Ease Transmission Constraints and Solve Distribution Conundrums

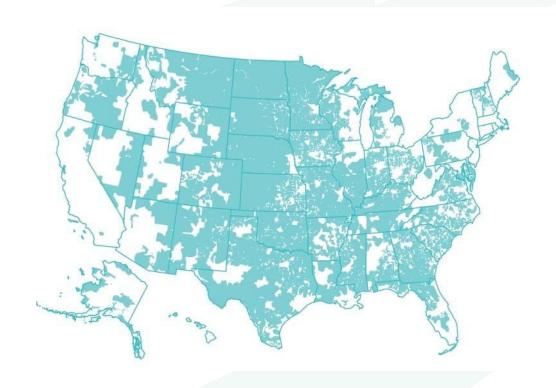
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# **America's Electric Cooperatives**



#### 900 Electric cooperatives

- Serve 42 million people or 1 in 8 US residents in 48 states.
- Power 56% of America's land mass.
- Provide electricity in 92% of America's persistent poverty counties.
- Are not-for-profit, democratically run by our consumer members who own us.



# **Transitioning to Newer Technologies**





- USDA's \$9.7 Billion New Era Program
- 157 Applications received for 750 projects
- Applications represent \$93 billion in investment
- Solar, batter storage, wind, nuclear, microgrid, CCS



#### But... obstacles remain



#### Supply Chain Challenges

- Distribution Transformers
- Large Power Transformers
- Aluminum conductor steelreinforced cable, electrical conduit, underground cable
- Metering equipment



### Distribution Transformer Constraints



Labor



 Grain Oriented Electrical Steel (GOES)



Transformer components



# Mixed Signals from the US Government



 DOE Proposes increased efficiency standards for distribution transformers

 An already fragile market becomes more unsettled.



# **Further Challenge**



- Domestic content required in <u>all</u> infrastructure projects receiving federal financial assistance
- Implementation at the Agency level
- Waivers



# Thank you!

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