

USEA Energy Briefing Explores Winter Electricity Stress, Load Shedding

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-- and Texas should be prepared for winter energy shortfalls and load shedding. This is the consensus of numerous prognostications, including from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the industry's own forecaster.

In the Midwest, nuclear and coal have been retired without being replaced megawatt-for-megawatt. In the South, it may be that utilities aren't yet fully prepared for atypical cold events. And in New England, natural gas shortages,

caused by pipeline inadequacy for generation, may lead to load shedding.

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The National Weather Service and the commercial services are projecting a warmer-than-usual winter. But the joker is unpredictable severe weather: It promises to be capricious, a reflection of the new weather reality. Already we have seen severe weather across the country, and snow in Texas in November.

To assess the coming winter, the [United States Energy Association](#) -- a no-fuel-preference, non-political, and non-lobbying group -- has scheduled a virtual press briefing, another in its series, to examine what the utility industry and the public face as winter bears down.

As with previous briefings, the format is a panel of knowledgeable reporters will question a panel of experts.

The briefing will be held on Zoom on Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. Eastern Time. Llewellyn King has

organized it and will serve as moderator. [USEA](#) Acting Executive Director Sheila Hollis will give welcoming and closing remarks.

The experts:

Jim Robb, President and CEO, NERC

Robert Rowe, CEO, NorthWestern Energy

Anne George, VP External Affairs and Corporate Communications, ISO New England

Scott Aaronson, Senior VP Security and Preparedness, Edison Electric Institute

Philip Sharp, former U.S. Representative (D-IN)

The reporters:

Elizabeth Souder, Freelance

Jennifer Hiller, The Wall Street Journal

Rod Kuckro, Freelance

Ken Silverstein, Forbes

Matt Chester, Energy Central

The briefing is open to the press and the public. Following it, a recording will be available on <https://usea.org>.

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