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# Congress Passes Final Six FY24 Appropriations Bills

- Saturday 3/23/2024 by a vote of 74-24, the U.S. Senate passed the second six-bill Fiscal Year (FY24) Completing FY24 Appropriations Process.
- This \$1.2 trillion appropriations minibus includes \$825 billion for the U.S. Department of Defense, \$62 billion for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and funds several key agencies and programs pertaining to financial services, labor, health and human services, and education.

# FERC Nominees Face Senate ENR Committee

- 3 Biden Nominees to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) appeared at a Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) hearing last week.
- Part of the process for their Senate Appointment
- FERC currently only has 3 of 5 seats filled, with one leaving
- FERC Quorum is 3/5
- Civilized tone of hearing could predict a smooth path to confirmation

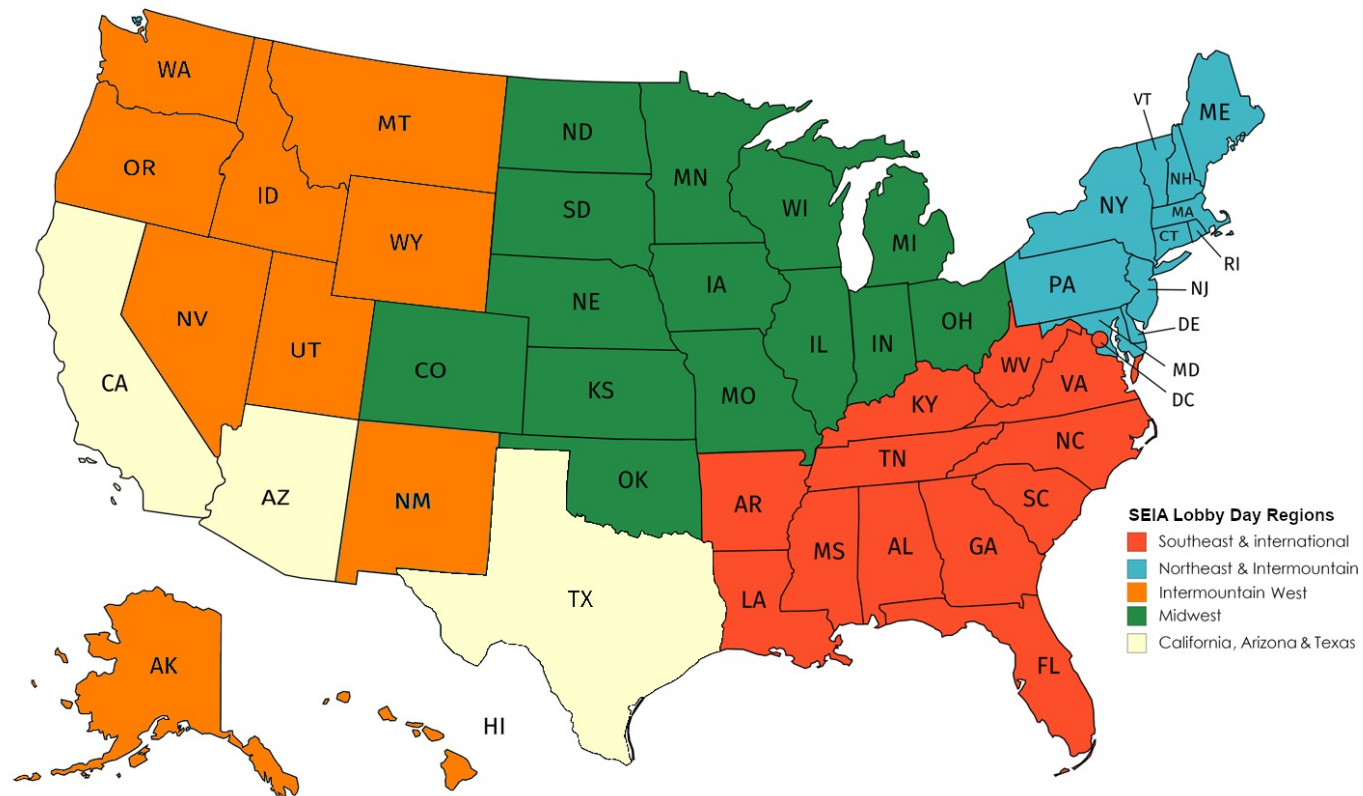


# FERC



# www.LobbyDays.SEIA.org

- Open to all SEIA members
- Regionally focused
- Training provided





# Consumer Protection



**Consumer Guide  
to Home Solar**



**SEIA Solar  
Business Code**



**Smart Solar  
Guide**



**Recursos en  
Español**



**Consumer Guide  
to the Solar ITC**

[www.seia.org/initiatives/consumer-protection](http://www.seia.org/initiatives/consumer-protection)

# Consumer Protection – Resources for Customers

**Consumer Guide to Home Solar**  
June 2023

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**Guía para el usuario residencial de energía solar**  
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**The Smart Solar Guide**  
All the Resources You Need to Go Solar

Getting Started  
Smart Solar Tips  
Consumer Guide to Home Solar  
Resource Lists

**Getting Started**

Over 4 million Americans across all 50 states have added solar to their homes and are now saving thousands of dollars on their electricity bills every year.

However, going solar is a major purchase and you should have a clear understanding of all the solar options available to you before you make a decision for you and your family.

Use this guide to get started on your path to going solar.

**Do Your Homework**

**Understand your electricity needs and costs.**

- Take a look at your utility bills. You should understand how much you typically pay per month and what you pay per kilowatt or kilowatt-hour. You should also consider your future electricity needs.

**Determine if you have a suitable home for solar.**

- The amount of solar your roof can produce depends on your location, orientation towards the sun, and shading from trees or neighboring buildings.

**Estimate potential cost savings.**

- To see your potential savings, use an online savings calculator. Check out Google Project Sunroof to get a personalized estimate or comparison shop with an online marketplace.

**Did You Know?**

An estimated **3 million** American homes will have solar power installed by 2025.

**Determine Your Solar Options**

If you want to put solar panels on your home.

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# Consumer Protection – Resources for Businesses

**Consumer Protection Primer**  
v1.0

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# Siting, Permitting, and Transmission

POLITICO<sup>PRO</sup>

## Manchin, Barrasso still see chance for election-year ‘grand bargain’ on energy permitting

By Josh Siegel

01/23/2024 05:00 AM EST

“It would have to be a grand bargain,” said Sen. [John Hickenlooper](#) (D-Colo.), an Energy Committee member who is also talking to Manchin and Barrasso. “There would have to be something in it for Republicans and Democrats, and it would probably have to be something encompassing a lot of different aspects of permitting. That’s an example of something you can get done in an election year.”

# State of Play



“Sen. Joe Manchin has more time on his hands now that he is not running for president. He says he will spend it on what could be the capstone to his congressional career: energy permitting overhaul.”

-Kelsey Brugger, Politico Pro 2/28/2024

- Manchin/Barrasso have been working together to craft bipartisan siting, permitting, & transmission bill
- Text not yet public
- Election year dynamics





# State of Play

- Casten / Levin & SEEC Caucus introduced Clean Energy Transmission Acceleration Act (CETA)

The bill is a mix of older ideas and new proposals for speeding up permitting for renewable energy projects. It would rely heavily on giving new authorities to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, prioritizing emission-reducing initiatives, mandating input from front-line communities and creating new offices to streamline the greenlighting of projects.

-Emma Dumain, E&E Daily





# Siting, Permitting, and Transmission

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### Sign the Letter: Siting, Permitting, and Transmission

Please note that we are collecting signatures on behalf of your company. Signing below will include your company name on letters to the appropriate federal Representative(s) and Senators based on your company location. If you have any questions about the letter, please reach out to Charles Bolden at [cbolden@seia.org](mailto:cbolden@seia.org)

Dear [Recipient's Name],

We are writing on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association to express our strong support for policies that promote and facilitate the growth of solar + storage industry in our country. SEIA is the national trade association for the U.S. solar + storage industry, which values sustainability, and economic growth. We believe that addressing the challenges related to permitting, siting, transmission, and public land access for solar + storage projects is of paramount importance.

