

AABE Energy Delivery Principles

The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) recognizes the need for increased participation in the discussion on energy delivery systems policy by historically underserved communities. To that end, AABE supports the following energy delivery principles¹:

- Policies that include and stress the education of communities about key regulatory and legislative initiatives concerning the energy delivery system, which impact minority communities.
- Policies and programs that prepare minority communities – business owners and individuals - for direct and indirect economic and job opportunities that arise from investment in energy delivery infrastructure.
- Policies that recognize and address the disproportionate impact of rate increases on low-income communities, particularly in minority communities, as a result of key legislative and regulatory decisions affecting the energy delivery system.
- AABE believes that energy delivery systems deployment can potentially spur economic growth and job creation in underserved communities. Where practical, procurement of energy delivery products and services from minority business enterprises is encouraged.
- AABE supports modernization of the electric delivery system through the use of new technologies to enhance the integration of renewable distributed energy resources, demand response, and related technologies to give customers greater options to meet their electricity needs.
- AABE views that modernization of the electric delivery system includes providing customers greater control over their energy usage through smart technologies such as smart meters.
- AABE supports investments to harden the electric system against major storms, cyber-disruptions, and other significant events which can cause catastrophic economic losses to society, and particularly to underserved communities which are highly dependent on safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.
- AABE believes that the resiliency of the energy delivery system is essential to support economic growth and development of all consumers, especially those in underserved communities.

¹ Adopted by the AABE Board of Directors (April 2013)