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## **ELCON Thanks Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee's Bipartisan Vote on Energy Permitting Reform**

**Washington D.C.** – ELCON commends the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee's bipartisan vote on the *Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024* that streamlines and modernizes the energy project permitting process in a time of unprecedented energy load growth and demand. This reform is a critical step forward in ensuring the United States meets its energy needs, strengthens national security, ensures lower costs for consumers, and facilitates a more resilient energy future.

Appearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee earlier this year, ELCON encouraged passage of electric transmission and energy project permitting reform and we are pleased to see the action taken by the Committee to date. The Act is expected to facilitate the development of a wide range of energy projects, including renewable energy installations, transmission lines, and critical fossil fuel infrastructure, all of which are essential to maintaining a reliable energy grid.

"As one of the key drivers of anticipated load growth, large industrial consumers support solutions that enhance the reliability and affordability of the nation's electric grid. By reducing permitting bottlenecks, the United States is poised to re-energize domestic manufacturing, lead the energy transition, and create economic opportunities in the energy and manufacturing sectors," said Karen Onaran, ELCON's President and Chief Executive Officer. "This legislation not only accelerates the deployment of renewable energy but also ensures that all energy projects – whether thermal, wind, solar, natural gas, or nuclear – can move forward with greater certainty and speed."

### **About ELCON:**

Founded in 1976, ELCON is the national association of large industrial consumers of electricity – ELCON promotes affordable, reliable, abundant, and sustainable electricity for American industry.