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# WASHINGTON UPDATE

NEPPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

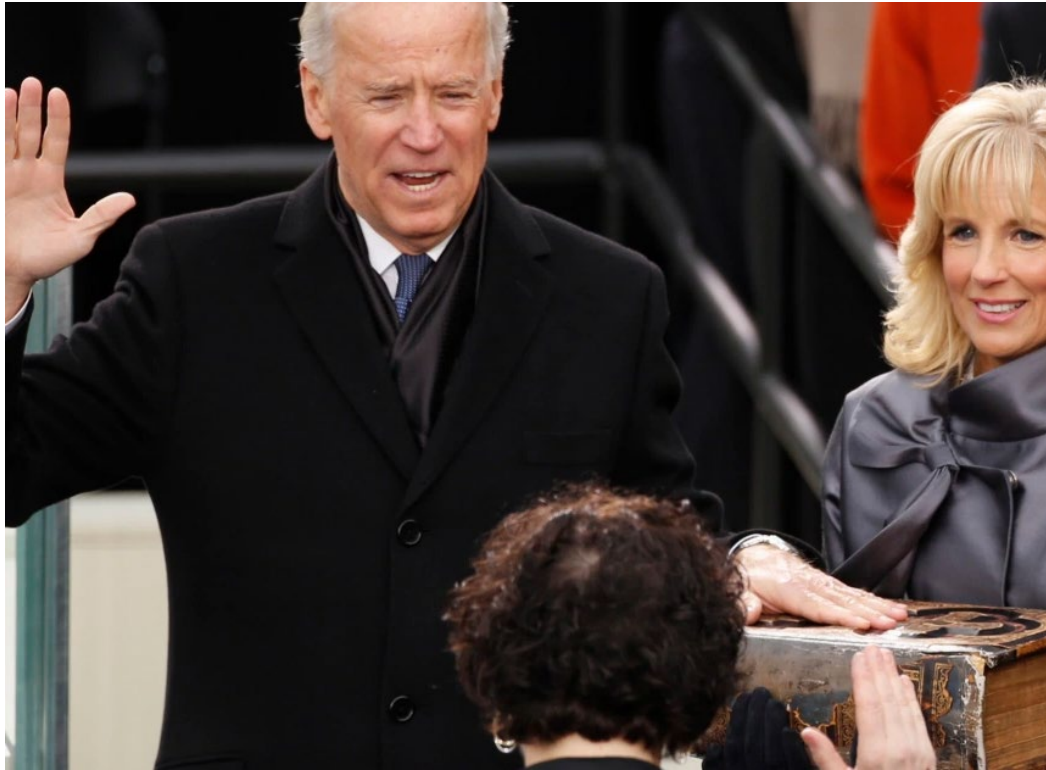


# ROADMAP

- 2020 Election Results and Impact
- Infrastructure and Reconciliation
- “Hot FERC Summer”



# ELECTION RESULTS



- Record turnout
- No “blue wave,” but enough to deliver narrow majorities in both chambers
- Virtual world + Unified Government = Radically different lawmaking environment

# 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS AGENDA

- American Rescue Plan Act - \$1.9 trillion
  - \$350 million in aid to U.S. states, cities, and tribal governments
  - Funds for renters and homeowners to pay housing bills (including utility bills)
  - \$4.3 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - NO national moratorium on utility disconnections
- American Jobs Plan
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill
  - Democrats' Reconciliation Bill



# 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS AGENDA

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill - \$550 billion
  - Roads & Bridges: EV charging grants
  - Energy title: Grants for resilience, cybersecurity; Nuclear credit program; Grid Deployment Authority; Transmission backstop siting authority
  - Broadband: middle mile, rural broadband grants
  - Direct appropriations for advanced nuclear
  - Passed Senate, “held hostage” in House



# 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS AGENDA

- Democrats' Reconciliation Bill - \$3.5 trillion (?)
  - More EV funding
  - Coop transition fund
  - Tax title
  - Clean Electricity Payments Program
  - TBD (to be drafted)



# ADMINISTRATION AGENDA



- DOE: Reorient grant opportunities
- DOT: CAFÉ standards, EVs
- EPA: New GHG rule – Clean Power Plan 2?
- FERC: Orient markets to address climate change

# “HOT FERC SUMMER”

- Technical conferences
- Bye-bye MOPR
- Transmission ANOPR
- Climate considerations
- Taking names...





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# QUESTIONS?

YOUR EYES AND EARS IN WASHINGTON



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