

Permitting Reform is Urgently Needed Now

To meet America’s future energy needs, we need to build more infrastructure – from pipelines and power lines to power plants and offshore wind. Working families need energy now, yet infrastructure permitting in the U.S. entails **years** of red tape. This status quo is no longer acceptable. There is a solution, but it requires Congress to **take action**: update the federal statutes which would reform the permitting process to build essential energy infrastructure in America.

Leveraging our abundant, affordable energy resources is how America stays ahead in the global economy.

Surging Energy Demand Requires More Natural Gas Pipeline Capacity

The U.S. has an abundant supply of natural gas, but most of our existing pipelines are running at capacity to deliver reliable and affordable energy to Americans and our allies and trade partners abroad.

From 2010-2022:

45% ↑
in natural gas demand

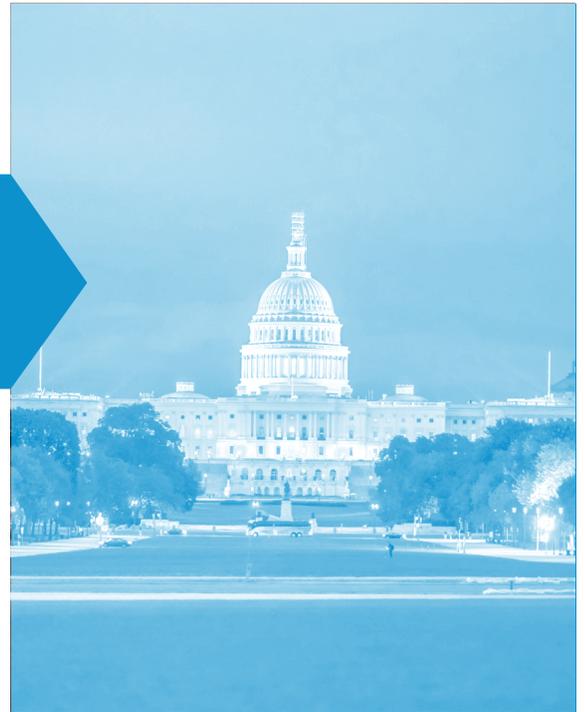
vs.

From 2010-2022:

28% ↑
in pipeline capacity expansion

Smallest added interstate pipeline capacity in recorded history between 2022 and 2023:

- ♦ **< 1 Bcf/d of 2023 interstate pipeline capacity additions**
- ♦ **89.1 Bcf/d of 2023 natural gas consumption**



“Even in the best of circumstances when a permit is speedily granted, building American energy infrastructure takes time. But the permitting process can take years, and those inefficiencies chill investment in new energy infrastructure and place us at a competitive disadvantage with other nations embracing their own clean energy futures.”

– Amy Andryszak, President & CEO of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, and Jason Grumet, CEO of the American Clean Power Association
[Op-ed | 7.18.23](#)

Projections for U.S. energy demand growth skyrockets

Projections for U.S. energy demand growth have doubled since 2023: [Washington Post](#)

After a decade of flat power growth in the U.S., electricity demand is forecast to grow as much as 20% by 2030, in part due to the increase in AI data centers: [Wells Fargo](#)

Natural gas is expected to supply 60% of the power demand growth from AI and data centers, while renewables will provide the remaining 40%: [Goldman Sachs](#)

Globally, natural gas demand is projected to grow 10-15% by 2035: [McKinsey & Company](#)



What People Are Saying About Permitting Reform

Outdated Permitting Policies Jeopardize Our Energy & Climate Goals

We cannot rely on the status quo to meet our nation's long-term energy needs. Lengthy judicial reviews and laws like the Clean Water Act and the National Environmental Policy Act need major overhauls to align with 21st century energy realities, including growing natural gas demand and the need to build new energy infrastructure to meet our climate goals.

On average, it takes **two years** to receive a certificate of public convenience and necessity from FERC.

5 projects cancelled on the east coast from 2013-2021 after receiving their FERC certificate due to permitting challenges—resulting in:

- ◆ **Loss of 5 Bcf/d of additional capacity**
- ◆ **25.5 million homes not serviced by interstate natural gas pipelines**
- ◆ **40,000+ jobs lost**



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John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation: *"We need to accelerate and improve the permitting process in order to meet our ambitious climate and clean energy goals. That's why President Biden has made permitting a top priority of senior Administration officials for the first time in history."* [White House Press Release](#) | 7.28.23

Jason Grumet, CEO, American Clean Power Association (ACP): *"Congress must redouble its effort to establish durable, predictable, and efficient permitting processes. America has the industrial capability and economic strength to power our growing economy and safeguard our environment. Clean energy innovation and investment is surging. Our public decision-making processes need to keep up."* [ACP Statement](#) | 4.30.24

Senator John Barrasso (R- WY), ranking member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: *"For far too long, Washington's disastrous permitting system has shackled American energy production and punished families in Wyoming and across our country. Congress must step in and fix this process."* [Statement](#) | 7.22.24

Jay Timmons, President and CEO, National Association of Manufacturers (NAM): *"We call on Congress to get serious by enacting significant and meaningful permitting reform this year. That is essential to ramping up the use of renewables, carbon capture, hydrogen and nuclear, for example, to meet future demand."* [NAM Statement](#) | 4.25.24

Terry O'Sullivan, General President, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA): *"Too often, projects, which LIUNA members depend on to support their families, are delayed or stalled by endless challenges during the permitting process. Congress needs to restore order and certainty by reforming the process to protect good union jobs and ensure that critical energy infrastructure projects are built."* [LIUNA Statement](#) | 3.30.23

Representative Scott Peters (D- CA): *"Our nation desperately needs legislation that will lower energy costs, enhance energy independence, transition our country to a clean energy economy, and meet our climate goals to ensure a livable planet for future generations of Americans."* [New Democratic Coalition Statement](#) | 5.20.23