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Presentation

“Is There a Looming Electricity Crisis? A Debate on the U.S. Department of Energy Grid Resilience Proposal”

On September 28, the U.S. Department of Energy filed a proposed rule-making with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission saying that the expected mass retirements of nuclear and coal baseload power generation presents a reliability crisis. As a remedy, the DOE proposes that those power units demonstrating a 90-day on-site fuel supply will be guaranteed to recover all of their costs and continue operating. The proposal reflects concerns about the effect of current trends on the grid’s long-term diversity and resilience. Matt Wald of the Nuclear Energy Institute and Tyson Slocum of Public Citizen will discuss whether this crisis is real, and discuss what, if any, modifications to wholesale power market rules are needed to ensure affordable and reliable energy.

Speakers

Tyson Slocum, Director, Public Citizen's Energy Program

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