

# Washington Update

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# 114th Congress

## 2014 Mid-term Elections

- 54 Republican – 46 Democrat (incl. 2 Independents)
- 246 Republican – 188 Democrat (one vacancy)
- *Largest Republican Congressional majority since 1929*

### ▪ Energy

#### ✓ Keystone Pipeline

- Portman-Shaheen

### ▪ Tax

#### ✓ Energy Tax Credits

- ✓ **Bipartisan Finance Committee Working Groups:** Individual; Business; Savings & Investment; International; Community Development & Infrastructure



## POLICY

President Obama has pledged to focus on “nation-building here at home.”  
What could Washington be doing to fulfill that pledge—but is not?

TOP ANSWERS:

**INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING**  
**EDUCATION REFORM IMMIGRATION**  
**REFORM ENERGY INVESTMENT LESS**  
**REGULATION HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE JOB CREATION**  
**R&D INVESTMENT REDUCE INCOME INEQUALITY**

# Quadrennial Energy Review

## Quadrennial Energy Review: Notice of Deadline for Public Comments

A Notice by the Energy Department on 08/25/2014



This document has a comment period that ends in 4 days (10/10/2014)

**ACTION** Notice Of Deadline For Public Comments.

**SUMMARY**  At the direction of the President, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or Department), as the Secretariat for the Quadrennial Energy Review Task Force (QER) Task Force has convened public meetings to discuss and receive comments on issues related to the Quadrennial Energy Review this year. The DOE has also been taking written comments on the QER by email and postal mail. In order to allow enough time to consider public comments for the QER Report, the deadline for written public comments for the QER Report is October 10, 2014.

# Climate Action Plan



## THE PRESIDENT'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Executive Office of the President

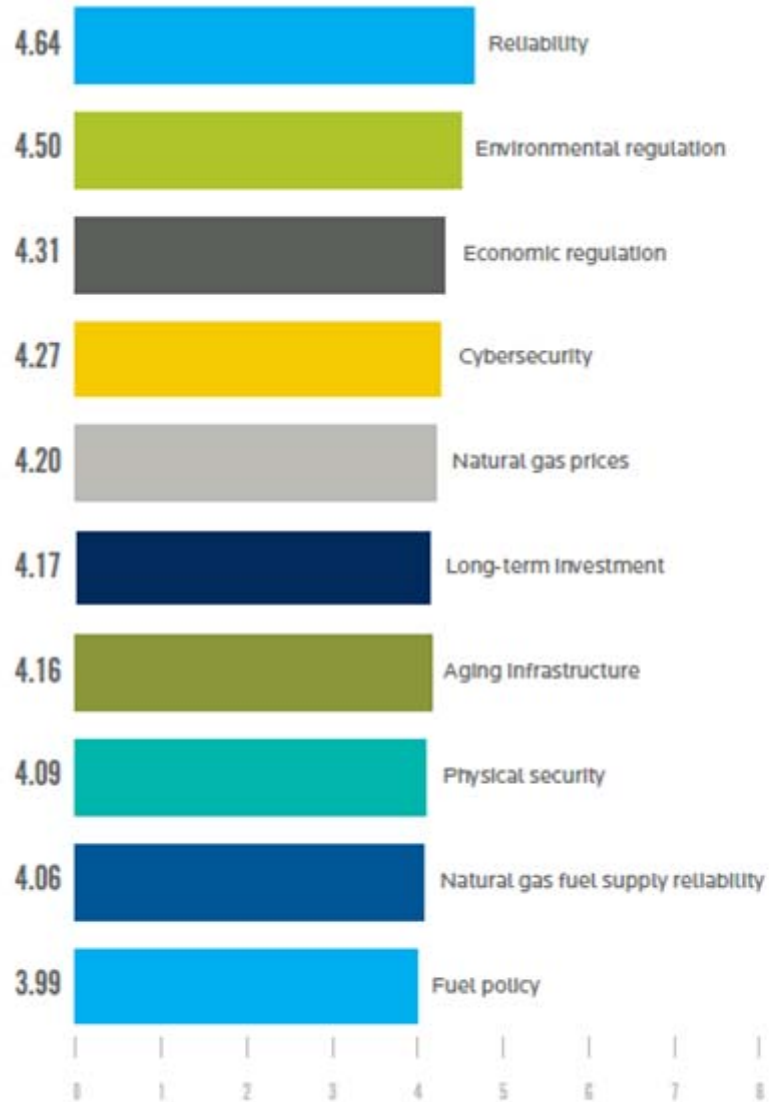
June 2013



# UN Climate Summit – Sept. 23, 2014



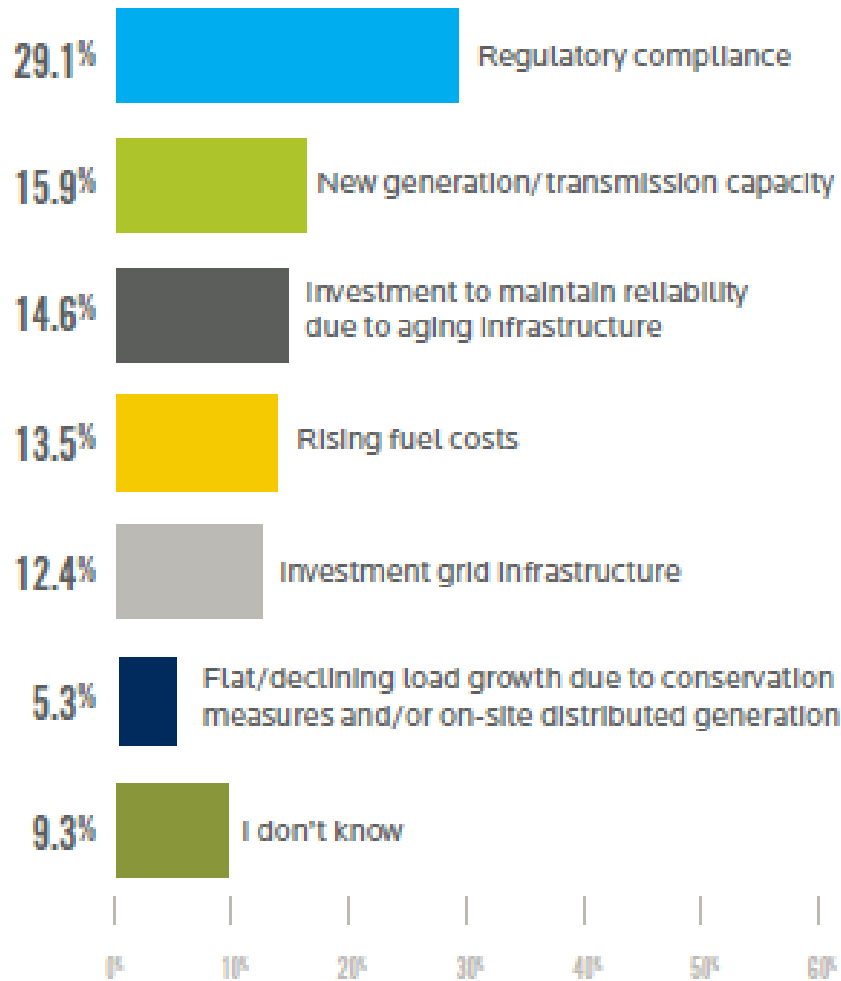
# Top 10 Industry



Source: Black & Veatch

Respondents were asked to rate on a scale of 1 to 5 (where 1 indicates "Very Unimportant" and 5 indicates "Very Important") the importance of a variety of issues to the electric industry. This chart represents the mean rating for each issue among utility respondents.

# Rate Increase Drivers: 5-year outlook



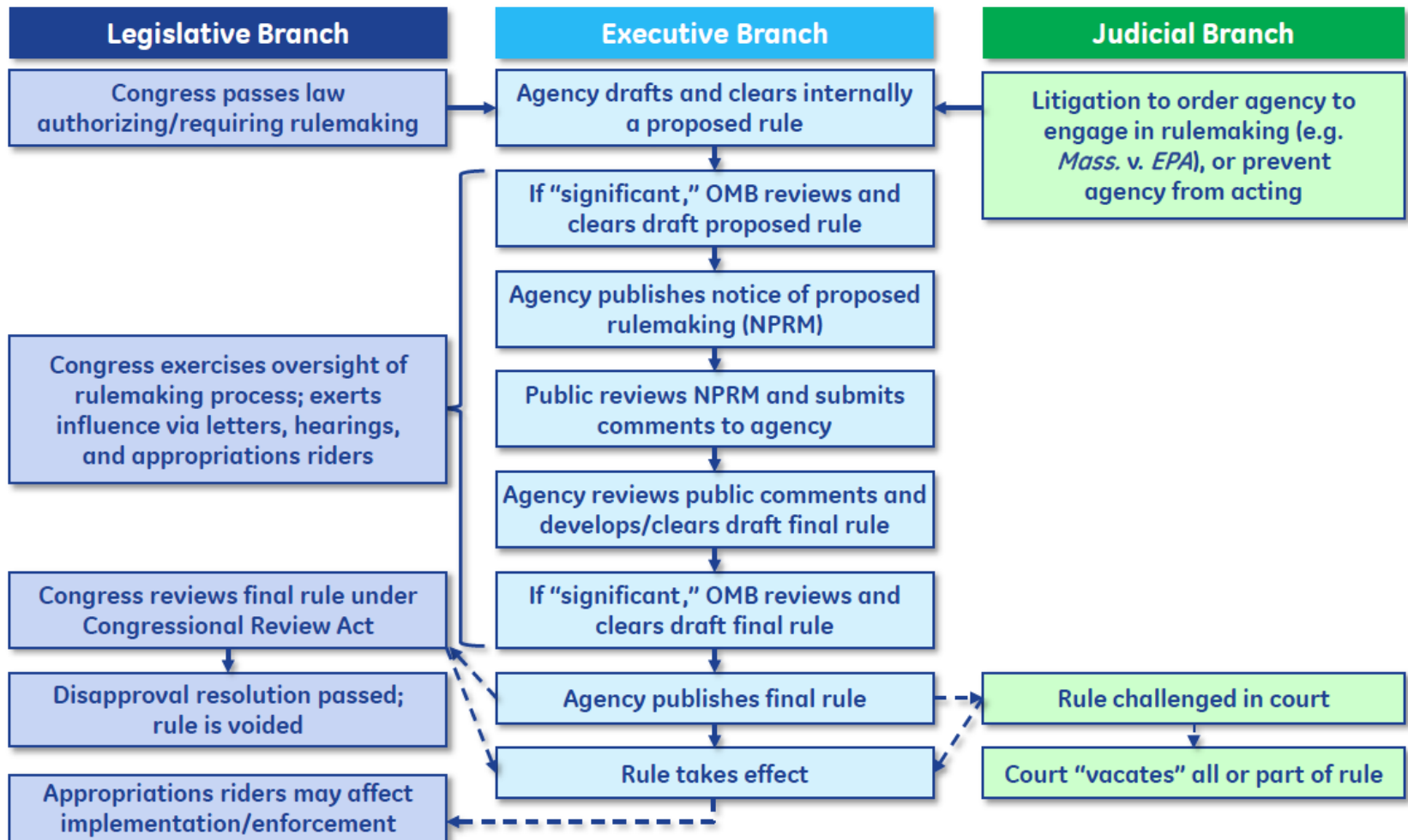
Source: Black & Veatch

Utility respondents were asked what would be the primary driver for any new customer rate increases during the next five years.



# Federal Government Interaction

## Informal rulemaking process



# FERC Technical Conferences

20150106-3027 FERC PDF (Unofficial) 01/06/2015

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

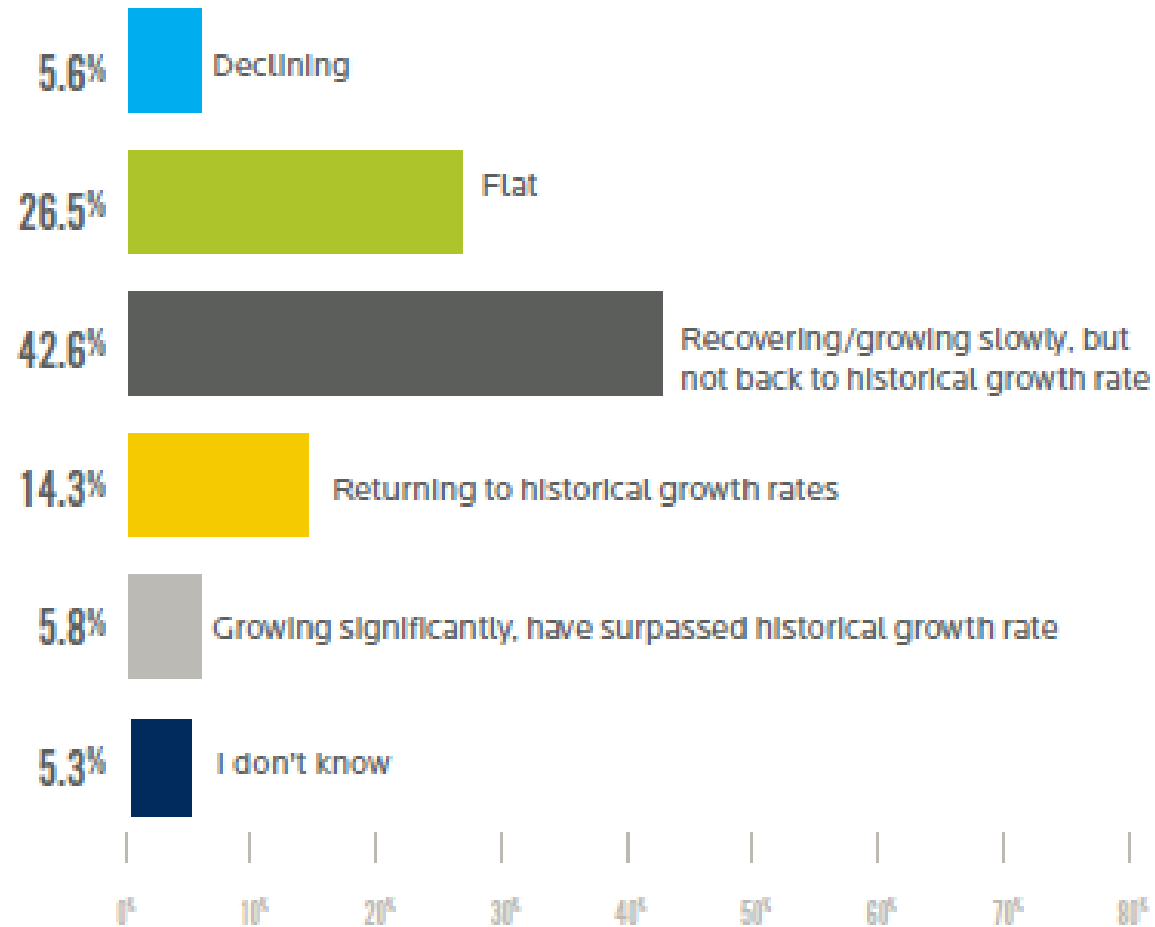
Technical Conference on Environmental Regulations and Electric Reliability, Wholesale Electricity Markets, and Energy Infrastructure      Docket No. AD15-4-000

### SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCES

(January 6, 2015)

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conferences issued on December 9, 2014,<sup>1</sup> the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a series of technical conferences to discuss implications of compliance approaches to the Clean Power Plan proposed rule, issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 2, 2014.<sup>2</sup>

# Current Growth Rate for Utility



Source: Black & Veatch

Utility respondents were asked to describe the current load growth rate for their utilities.



# Integrated Grid - 2015 Outreach

NATIONAL: State of the Energy Industry Forum, NASEO, APPA, Center for Public Utilities Conference, Energy Council, Advanced Energy

NARUC: Electricity and Energy Resources/Environment Committees

INTERNATIONAL:

CAMPUT, World Forum on Energy Regulation,  
Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership



# Integrated Grid Success

*Wide Coordination is Crucial*





# Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity