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February Newsletter

Friends—

I'm pleased to announce four terrific additions to ACEEE's board of directors. Mark Chung, Quinn Parker, Colette Pichon Battle, and Lauren Westmoreland each bring expertise and leadership to help steer ACEEE in our mission to help build an equitable clean energy future.



[Mark Chung](#) is the co-founder and CEO of the technology company Verdigris.



[Quinn Parker](#) is the founder and CEO of consulting firm ENCOLOR.



[Colette Pichon Battle](#) is the co-founder and vision and initiatives partner at Taproot Earth.



[Lauren Westmoreland](#) is the vice president for energy and sustainability at Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future.

Thank you, as always, for your interest in our work.

Best,

Steven Nadel
Executive Director

Efficiency Update

- The Louisiana Public Service Commission approved the first independent statewide energy efficiency program in the Southeast. The new standard requires 25% of the residential efficiency investments to serve low-income households and renters. Louisiana's 46th place ranking in ACEEE's [State Energy Efficiency Scorecard](#) was cited frequently during the Commission's proceedings on the proposal as evidence that the state needs to do a better job of cutting energy waste and reducing utility bills for families and businesses. Now the Commission needs to find an experienced statewide administrator with proven record of delivering significant energy efficiency benefits to customers.
- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has developed the first part of a [draft definition for zero-emissions buildings](#), focused on operating emissions. "This clear market signal and consistent target, backed by measurable data, is intended to help move the building sector to zero emissions," DOE says. Comment is open through February 5.

Our Latest Research



[Affordable Housing Needs More Support to Comply with Building Performance Standards](#)

Our latest report outlines the unique challenges that affordable housing faces in complying with building performance standards.



[Digital Freight Networks Can Reduce Truck Emissions](#)

This brief explores a technology that can efficiently consolidate shipments and assign shipments to otherwise empty truck trips.



[To Grow Industrial Heat Pump Market, Consistent Refrigerant Policy Is Key](#)

This brief summarizes concerns from industrial heat pump manufacturers and calls for consistent, nationwide refrigerant policy.

See all our recent [blog posts](#) and [press releases](#).

What We're Reading

A few of our favorite media highlights from the past month:

- The [Washington Post](#), [CNN](#), and [Politico](#) quoted ASAP executive director Andrew deLaski on final federal efficiency standards for stoves.
- [Smart Cities Dive](#) featured ACEEE's report on building performance standards and affordable housing.
- [ABC13 Houston](#) interviewed senior fellow Jennifer Amann on how energy efficiency improvements would make Texas more resilient in cold weather.

News You Can Use

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program](#) is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. The application deadline is November 21, 2024.

Staff Update

Rachel Aland joins ACEEE as transportation director. Rachel was previously freight program manager at the Coalition for Reimagined Mobility, where she led efforts to reduce freight-sector emissions through digitization. Rachel has a master's degree in city planning with a focus on sustainable transportation and infrastructure planning from the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor of arts in urban studies from Brown University.



We're hiring! ACEEE seeks a [buildings director](#), an [accounting manager](#), an [IT support specialist](#), and a [research intern](#).

Upcoming Events




March 12–14, Atlanta

August 4–9, Pacific Grove, CA

To contribute community news items, please email [Mary Robert Carter](mailto:Mary.Robert.Carter).

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