



## September Update

Friends—

We are excited to be entering a new phase of the Residential Retrofits for Energy Equity initiative's work to jumpstart energy upgrades in affordable housing. The initiative is [launching partnerships](#) with government offices and local partners in four localities across the United States to bring upgrades, such as heat pump installations and insulation, that will lower households' energy costs and reduce emissions.

As we head into fall, we are gearing up for our [Energy Efficiency as a Resource](#) conference next month in Denver. A key focus of this year's event is the role of efficiency efforts in helping utilities and policymakers meet the challenge of rapid electric load growth while maintaining power reliability and customer affordability.

We're also looking forward to [Energy Efficiency Day](#), which is on October 1. This annual public awareness event is an opportunity to spread the word that energy efficiency saves money, cuts pollution, and creates good jobs.

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

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve'.

## Efficiency Update

- The Louisiana Public Service Commission approved new [rules](#) that will increase investor-owned utilities' annual spending on efficiency programs by about 50% next year and double it within four years. The rules replace a canceled 2024 framework that had shifted the program to a third-party administrator. The new version moves program administration back to investor-owned utilities, while maintaining a 15% funding set-aside for low-income programs that was introduced last year.

- The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities recently approved a [new seasonal electric rate](#) for Eversource customers who use heat pumps. The department approved similar rates for Unitil and National Grid customers in 2024, so now customers of all three Massachusetts investor-owned electric utilities will be able to enroll in the seasonal electric rates to save money when using their heat pumps this winter.
- Residents of the Philadelphia area are facing major travel disruptions after the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority—the fifth largest transit system in the country—recently [implemented 20% cuts to bus and train services](#). The cuts follow a stalemate in the state legislature over how to fund the agency, with a plan to use sales tax revenue stalling in the Senate.

## Our Latest Research

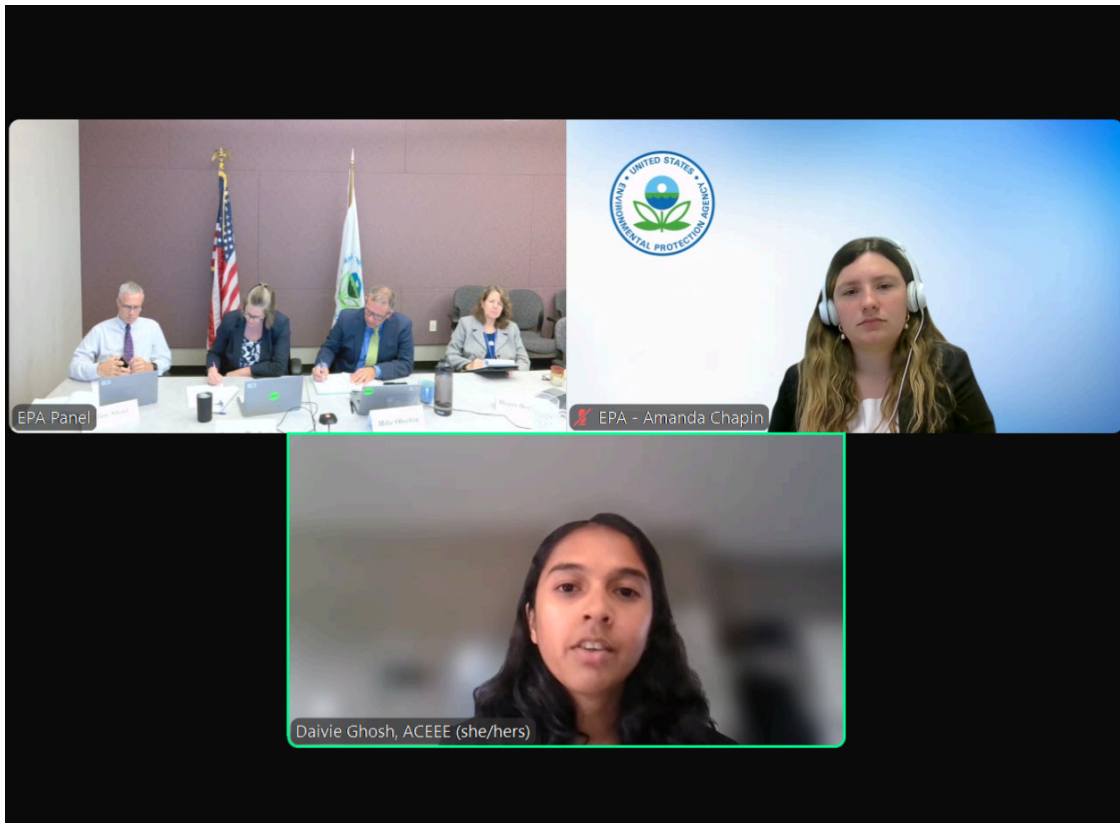


### [How to Get an Industrial Heat Pump for Your Facility: A Resource Guide](#)

This guide from the Industrial Heat Pump Alliance—a collaboration of ACEEE, the Renewable Thermal Collaborative, and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association—can help industrial managers and sustainability officers navigate installing a heat pump in their facility.

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

## ACEEE in Action



*Daivie Ghosh, senior transportation research analyst, provided testimony on the benefits of strong emissions standards for heavy-duty vehicles at a recent hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to rescind the standards.*

## What We're Reading

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

- [CBS News](#) quoted senior research associate Peter Huether in stories about the Trump administration starting the process to roll back GHG emission standards for cars and trucks.
- Philadelphia public radio station [WHYY](#)'s story on Philadelphians struggling to pay electric bills cited ACEE's energy burden statistics for the metropolitan area.
- [Grist](#) quoted senior research analyst Andrew Hoffmeister in a story about the potential of industrial heat pumps to reduce air pollution.

## Resources and Opportunities

A [webinar](#) hosted by Cascade Energy, an ACEE Ally, on September 11 will feature ACEE's director of industry Richard Hart in a panel discussion on implementing energy efficiency strategies at a plant or facility as part of a continuous improvement program that achieves persistent cost savings and emissions reductions.

## Staff Update

**ACEE on the road:** Transportation associate Caroline Daigle will present at the [Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations'](#) annual conference in Providence, Rhode Island, on

September 17 about ACEEE's [recent partnership](#) with Lima, Ohio, to help the city expand its affordable transportation options.

## Upcoming Events



October 7–9, Denver

[Learn more](#)



November 2–5, Sacramento

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