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Introduction

The resolutions presented in this booklet were voted on and adopted by the Southern States Energy Board's members during its 66th Annual Meeting, hosted by Governor Tate Reeves in Biloxi, Mississippi. These resolutions reflect the Board's shared priorities for advancing energy and environmental policies that support economic development and enhance the quality of life across the region.



MISSION STATEMENT

THE SOUTHERN STATES ENERGY BOARD ENHANCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE SOUTH THROUGH INNOVATIONS IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND TECHNOLOGIES.



Adopted Policy Resolution 01.2026

Supporting Grid Modernization Through the Evaluation and Deployment of Innovative Transmission Technologies

Sponsor

Delegate Lorig Charkoudian, Maryland

WHEREAS, the electric transmission system is critical to maintaining reliable, affordable, secure, and resilient electric service throughout the Southern States Energy Board region; and

WHEREAS, continued growth in advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, data centers, and other emerging industries is driving unprecedented demand for reliable electricity, underscoring the need to meet that demand without shifting new costs onto ratepayers and to make the most efficient use of existing transmission assets; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a modern, resilient electric grid is essential to supporting economic competitiveness, energy security, national security, and continued prosperity of the Southern region; and

WHEREAS, state policymakers, public utility commissions, utilities, regional transmission organizations, system operators, research institutions, national laboratories, and other stakeholders each play an important role in ensuring that electric transmission infrastructure continues to meet the evolving needs of consumers and the economy; and

WHEREAS, Alternative Transmission Technologies (ATTs), including grid enhancing technologies¹ and advanced conductors, have demonstrated the potential to improve the capacity, flexibility, reliability, resilience, and operational efficiency of existing transmission facilities; and

WHEREAS, consideration of ATTs alongside traditional transmission solutions may help maximize the performance of existing infrastructure, improve value for ratepayers, and meet growing electricity demand through more efficient use of existing transmission assets; and

WHEREAS, ATTs are intended to complement, rather than replace, investments in new transmission infrastructure where additional capacity is necessary to maintain long-term electric reliability and support continued economic growth; and

¹ Examples of grid enhancing technologies include dynamic line ratings, advanced power flow control devices, topology optimization software, and transmission switching.

WHEREAS, the appropriate evaluation and deployment of ATTs can improve situational awareness for system operators, strengthen electric system resilience against extreme weather, physical attacks, and cyberattacks, optimize the use of existing transmission infrastructure, reduce congestion where appropriate, and complement future transmission investments when supported by sound engineering and economic analysis; and

WHEREAS, continued innovation in electric transmission technologies can strengthen the nation's electric infrastructure while preserving reliability, affordability, cybersecurity, and operational integrity, and supporting global economic competitiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern States Energy Board encourages the continued evaluation and deployment of ATTs and other innovative technologies where they can improve electric system reliability, resilience, operational efficiency, and cost-effectiveness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board supports continued research, demonstration projects, technical validation, and information sharing among states, utilities, regional transmission organizations, system operators, industry, national laboratories, universities, and federal partners to advance the understanding and appropriate application of ATTs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board encourages policies that foster innovation, facilitate prudent investment in electric transmission infrastructure, promote consideration of innovative transmission technologies as part of comprehensive transmission planning, and preserve reliability, affordability, cybersecurity, and state authority over energy policy and resource planning decisions, in a manner that avoids unnecessary costs to ratepayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, appropriate federal agencies, the leadership of the United States Congress, the Governors and state energy offices of the Southern States Energy Board member states and territories, state public utility commissions, regional transmission organizations, and other interested parties.



Adopted Policy Resolution 02.2026

Supporting Legal and Regulatory Certainty for Lawful Energy Production and Related Activities

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WHEREAS, the members of the Southern States Energy Board ("SSEB") play a critical role in producing, transporting, refining, and delivering the affordable and reliable energy resources that power the nation's economy and support American energy security; and

WHEREAS, growing electricity demand driven by data centers, manufacturing reshoring, and electrification requires continued investment in reliable baseload energy generation; and

WHEREAS, affordable and dependable energy supplies are essential to economic growth, manufacturing competitiveness, job creation, national security, and the quality of life of citizens throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, energy producers, manufacturers, agricultural enterprises, transportation providers, and other industrial sectors operate within extensive federal and state regulatory frameworks governing environmental protection, workplace safety, and operational compliance; and

WHEREAS, climate-related civil liability actions have been brought by states, cities, and counties (local governments), and other parties against energy producers and other industries seeking damages or other remedies for alleged injuries, property damage, economic losses, deception, or environmental harms arising from global climate change or greenhouse gas emissions, as well as to punish and chill disfavored speech on issues of public importance, bypassing legislators and forcing energy policy through state courts; and

WHEREAS, such litigation seeks to address complex global phenomena through state court actions against individual entities whose activities are otherwise lawful and heavily regulated; and

WHEREAS, the causes, impacts, and responses to global climate change involve complex questions of energy, environmental, economic, and public policy that are best addressed through federal and state legislative and regulatory processes informed by robust public debate rather than through the imposition of civil liability for regulated activities, which may have negative implications for the development and implementation of those policies; and

WHEREAS, uncertainty regarding potential climate-related civil liability may affect investment decisions, capital formation, domestic energy development, infrastructure development, employment and costs ultimately borne by consumers and ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, clear and predictable legal and regulatory frameworks provide greater certainty for businesses, consumers, investors, and policymakers while maintaining accountability and enforcement parameters for violations of applicable laws, regulations, and permits; and

WHEREAS, the Southern States Energy Board recognizes the importance of preserving the authority of states to establish energy and environmental policy through their respective legislative and regulatory processes and of maintaining appropriate causes of action for conduct that violates applicable laws, regulations, and permits; and

WHEREAS, policies that provide legal and regulatory certainty for energy production and related activities can support interstate commerce, domestic energy development, investment, economic growth, energy security, and reliable and affordable energy supplies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern States Energy Board supports policies providing that civil liability for alleged harms arising from or relating to global climate change or greenhouse gas emissions should not be imposed on persons or entities solely on the basis of their production, manufacture, transportation, storage, processing, refining, or sale of fossil fuels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SSEB supports preserving appropriate causes of action for unlawful conduct, including violations of applicable laws, regulations, and permits; property rights, or other conduct for which liability is already or currently established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SSEB supports clear and predictable legal and regulatory frameworks that provide certainty for energy producers, consumers, investors, and other stakeholders; preserve state authority over energy and environmental policy; support reliable and affordable energy supplies; and promote continued investment in domestic energy production, manufacturing, and critical infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SSEB encourages all members to consider these principles in the development and evaluation of laws, regulations, permits and policies to limit climate-related civil liability and encourage energy production, consistent with each jurisdiction's respective laws, regulatory structures, and policy priorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governors, legislative leadership, attorneys general, and appropriate energy and environmental officials of the Southern States Energy Board member states and territories, and other interested parties.



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