

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

Thank you for your July 29, 2025 letter regarding electricity prices. From 2021 to 2025, the CPI for electricity rose more than 30%, which contributed to President Trump's declaration that energy dominance should be a top priority for the Administration.

As you know, price is determined by both demand and supply. Demand has been surging. The North American Reliability Corporation estimates that summer peak demand will rise by roughly 1.4% annually over the next decade, while peak winter demand will rise by about 1.7% annually. By contrast, energy consumption in the United States increased by just 0.1% per year from 2005 to 2020.

However, capacity growth has significantly lagged demand, in part due to onerous regulations that slow the completion of new, reliable electricity generation. Development, permitting, engineering, and plant construction can take 60-74 months for a new coal-fueled power plant. Nuclear and natural gas lead times are about 66-84 and 40 months, respectively. The Administration's deregulatory agenda will help shorten these timelines, bring more capacity into U.S. electricity markets more quickly to meet rising demand, and thus help lower the costs of electricity for Americans.

Treasury looks forward to working with Congress to make it easier to bring reliable energy generation to U.S. markets and lower household electricity costs.

Sincerely,

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