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EV CHARGING INITIATIVE

WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A NATIONAL CHARGING NETWORK

DOE, DOT Deputies Appearing Together At National EV Charging Summit

Will preview joint effort to deploy \$7.5 billion toward national EV charging network

January 12, 2022 - **U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy David Turk** and **U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Polly Trottenberg** will make their first joint public appearance at the [National EV Charging Summit](#) on January 20 to discuss the Biden administration's efforts to build out a national electric vehicle charging network.

The deputy secretaries will preview their collaborative oversight of the new [Joint Office of Energy and Transportation](#), which will support the deployment of \$7.5 billion included in the bipartisan infrastructure plan President Biden signed into law in November.

"The Biden administration's investment is an historic start to building out a national charging network that will set a new market pace for electric vehicles. The transformative approach overcomes traditional inequities, brings good jobs at good wages, economic growth and climate-friendly transportation to communities across the country," said **Colleen Quinn, founder and president of eMobility Advisors and co-coordinator of the National EV Charging Initiative.**

"Bringing Deputies Turk and Trottenberg together to discuss the Joint Office underscores the summit's purpose of showcasing a broad coalition that's ready, willing and able to collaborate on our shared vision for a national charging network needed to realize a zero-emission transportation future," said **Nancy Ryan, partner at eMobility Advisors and co-coordinator of the National EV Charging Initiative.**

The discussion with Deputy Secretaries Turk and Trottenberg will be moderated by **PG&E Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Chief Sustainability Officer Carla Peterman**, who previously served a six-year term on the California Public Utilities Commission.

"The importance of this federal investment cannot be understated," said Peterman. "I look forward to learning more about the federal government's plans and participating in this important discussion."

They join a roster of other government, vehicle and utility industries, unions and outside experts at the Jan. 20 summit to showcase a new level of collaboration supporting the historic federal commitment to build out a U.S.-wide electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The virtual event, hosted by the [National EV Charging Initiative](#), will feature conversations on key challenges to ensuring development and operation of an accessible, reliable and affordable nationwide EV charging network and also spotlight government, industry and regional collaboration and corporate commitments that are helping to drive the development of that charging network.

Among the panelists and speakers:

- Jigar Shah | Director, U.S. Department of Energy Loan Programs Office
- Maria Bocanegra | Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission and Chair, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) EV Task Force

- Richard Kauffman | Chair, Generate Capital and Chairman, New York Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)
- Danielle Eckert | Director of Government Affairs, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- Britta Gross | Managing Director, Mobility, RMI
- Cathy Zoi | CEO, EVgo
- Jane Hunter | CEO, Tritium
- John Bozella | CEO, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
- Pedro Pizarro | CEO, Southern California Edison
- Andrea Marpillero-Colomina | Clean Transportation Consultant, Green Latinos

[Registration is free](#) for the media and general public for the summit, which will begin at Noon EST on Jan. 20.

The National EV Charging Initiative [launched in August](#) and includes a groundbreaking coalition of 35 regional and national partners representing tens and thousands of companies, unions, investors, EV drivers and advocates.

The initiative [released detailed guiding principles](#) this fall. The member groups wrote Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and White House Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy to offer support for their drive to install EV charging stations nationwide. The principles emphasize creating well-paid jobs and stress that low-income, rural and historically disadvantaged communities, which have historically been excluded from or harmed by transportation investments, need to benefit from the buildout of the charging network.

About National EV Charging Initiative

The National EV Charging Initiative brings together automakers, power providers, electric vehicle and charging industry leaders, labor, and public interest groups to signal they are ready, willing and able to support federal action on a national charging network for light, medium and heavy-duty vehicles. Members collaborate to accelerate shovel-ready charging infrastructure projects that will put people to work, infuse the economy with billions of dollars of investment, and increase access to clean transportation.

Learn more at evcharginginitiative.com.

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