

Improving Energy Affordability

With the demand and cost of electricity continuing to rise, the House this week gave unanimous approval to legislation that seeks to improve the efficiency and capacity of our electric distribution system.

[House Bill 2223](#) would require electric utilities to evaluate and consider the use of advanced transmission technologies (ATTs) on new and existing service lines within their transmission siting applications filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This could potentially lessen or even eliminate the need for new infrastructure in some areas, ultimately helping to lower costs for consumers. The bill is pending action in the Senate.

Energy affordability remains a top priority for House Republicans as we work to advance policies that will increase energy production, stabilize our electric grid and keep prices down for consumers. Additionally, we have proposed [House Bill 2373](#), which would suspend for six months the gross receipts tax on people's electric bills. That measure was referred to the House Finance Committee for consideration.

