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Reinventing the Right of Way

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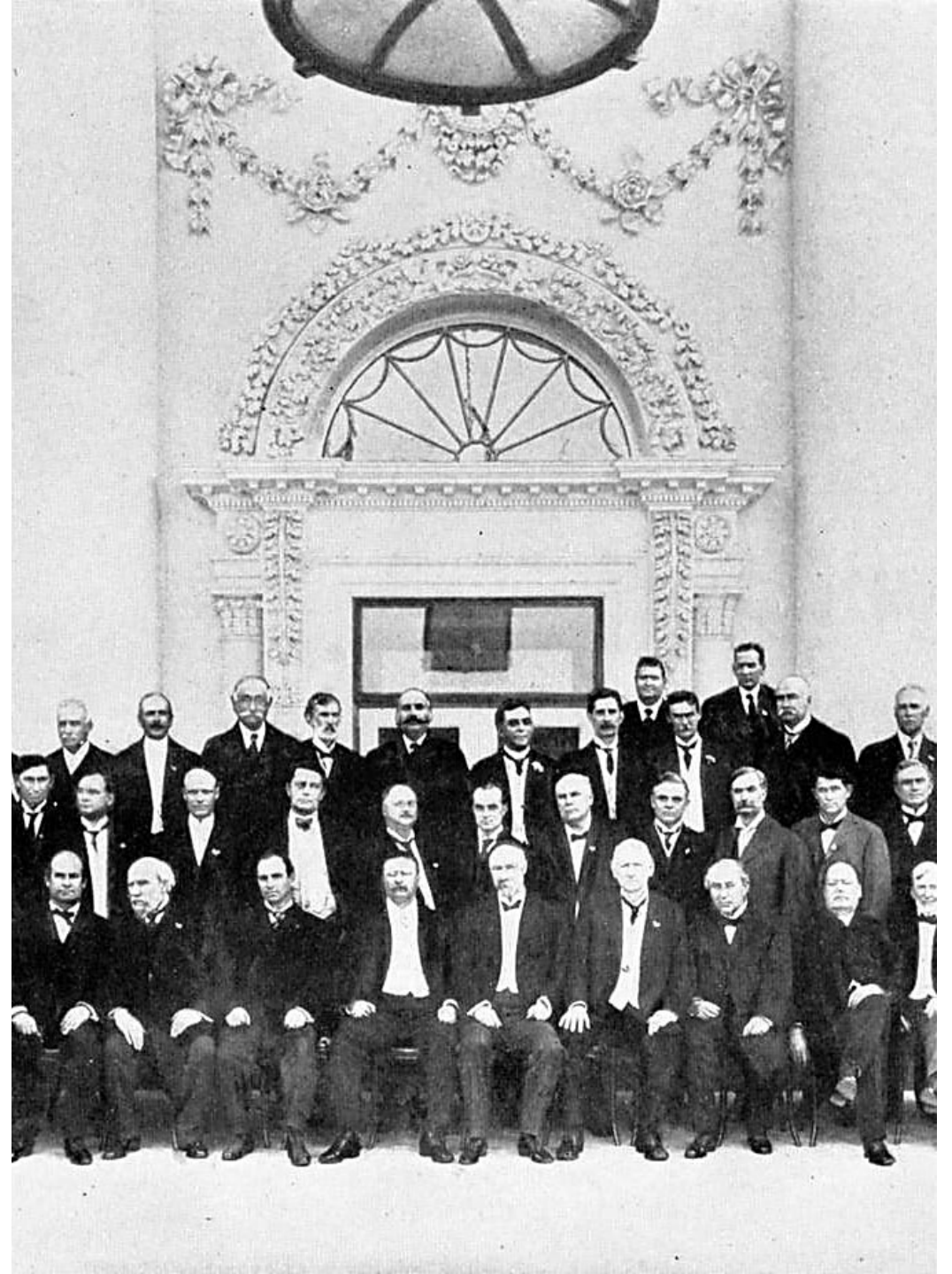


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Who is NGA?

Founded in 1908, the National Governors Association is the nonpartisan organization of the nation's 55 governors. Through NGA, governors share best practices, address issues of national and state interest and share innovative solutions that improve state government and support the principles of federalism.



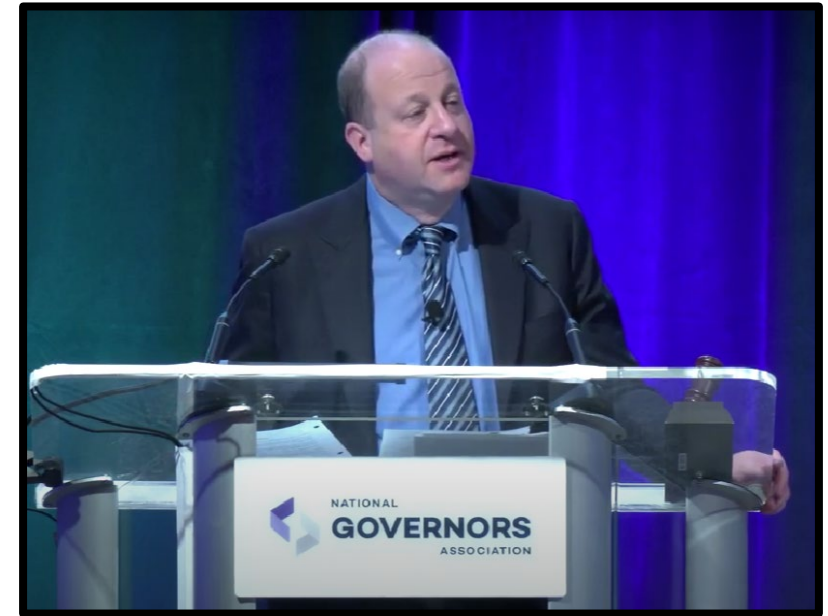
NGA Center for Best Practices

The NGA Center develops solutions to today's most pressing public policy challenges. The Center is the only research and development firm directly serving the nation's Governors.



Program areas:

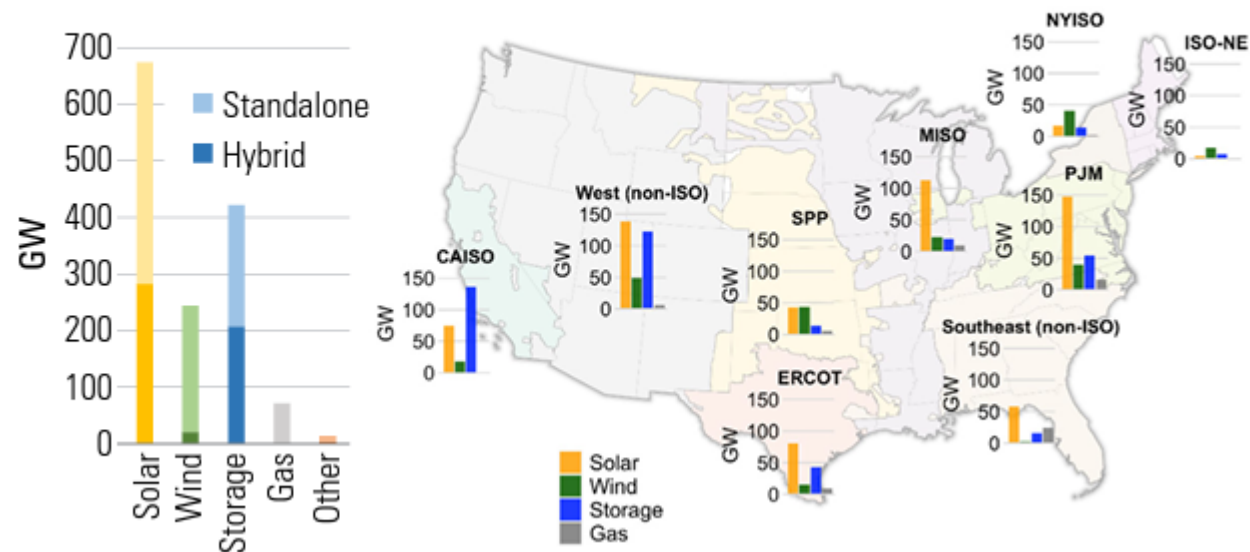
- Cybersecurity
- Energy
- Environment
- Children and Families
- Healthcare Delivery
- Homeland Security
- Infrastructure
- K-12 Education
- Land Management, Agriculture, and Wildlife
- Postsecondary Education
- Public Health
- Public Safety and Legal Counsel
- Workforce Development and Economic Policy





Everyone Agrees We Need More Transmission Capacity

Figure 1. Power Plants Seeking Transmission Connection by Type (left) and Mapped to Region (right)



FEWER NEW MILES

The US Transmission
Grid in the 2020s

Nathan Shreve, Zachary Zimmerman, and Rob Gramlich
Grid Strategies

With support from Americans for a Clean Energy Grid

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Governor's Role in Transmission

- **Non-regulatory**
- **Non-technical/policy focus**
- **Highly Visible Public Figure**





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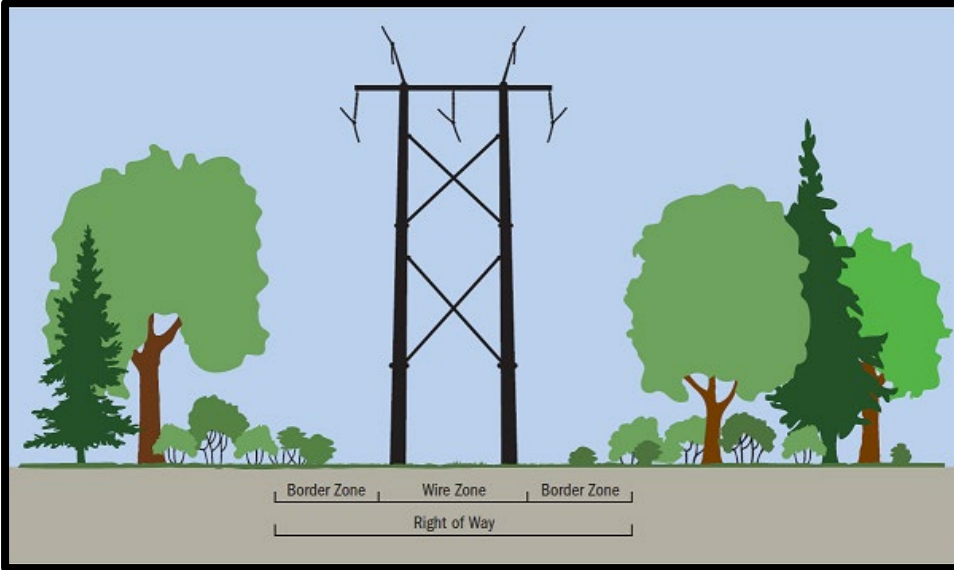
Governors' Toolkit

- Convening Power
- Advocacy and Awareness
- Regional Coordination
- Personnel Appointments and Resources





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Strengths

- Allows for Economic Development
- Speeds Up Project Delivery
- Flexible Approach

Potential Issues

- Costs on Buried vs Overhead
- State Harmony
- Safety and Emergency Response





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Governors Working Group on Permitting Energy Infrastructure 2025



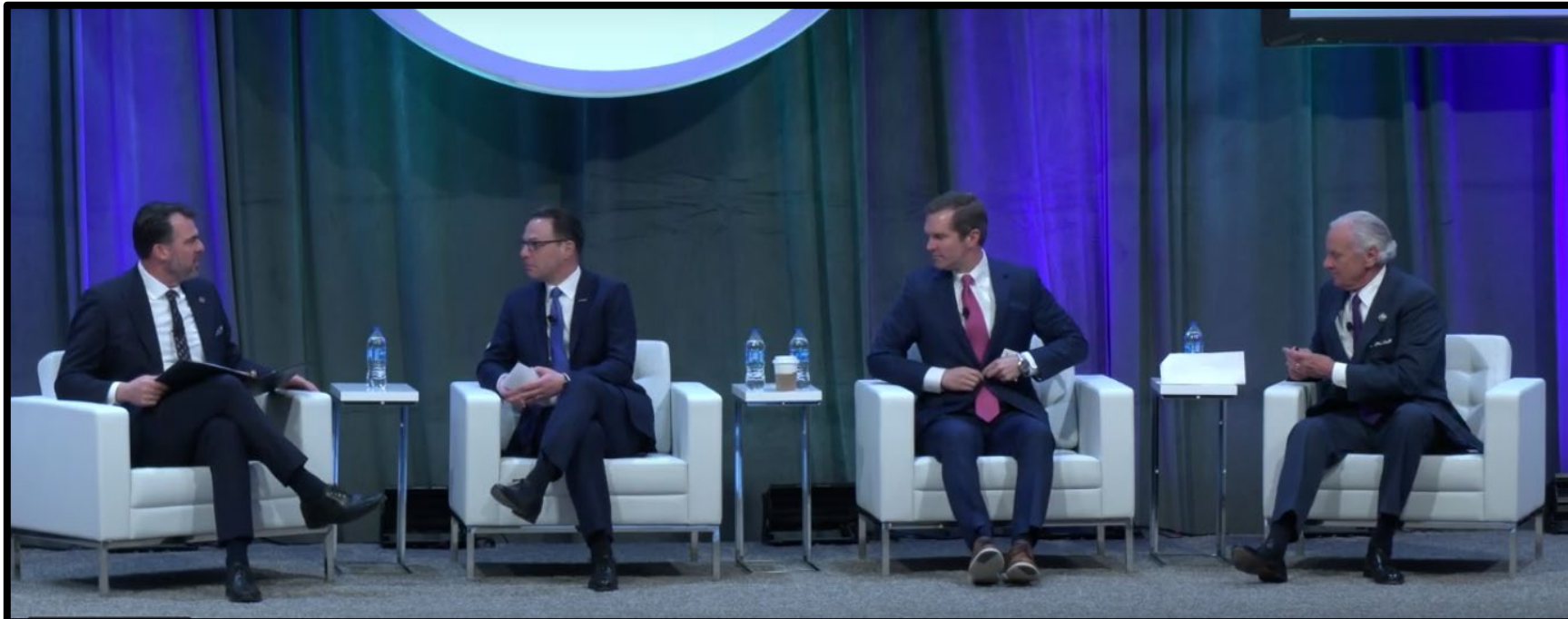
Oklahoma

Gov. Kevin Stitt



Pennsylvania

Gov. Josh Shapiro





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- Each transmission project is bespoke
- Unique challenges call for unique solutions
- Federalism is flexible

WE ♥ STATE SOLUTIONS





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