

These are challenging times to work on climate and clean energy issues in the United States. Denial and outright hostility to climate action are now entrenched at the federal level. Nevertheless, states, cities, businesses, and other organizations are stepping up their efforts to confront the climate crisis and move to a clean energy future. New ideas are being put forth, shared, and discussed. Policies are being advanced and strengthened. Technological and market forces keep moving forward.

[Green Light](#) spent the year working to help non-profit organizations, philanthropies, and others advance action on and strengthen understanding of climate and energy issues. With research, analysis, writing, and strategic advisory services, [Green Light](#) worked both independently and with other consultants on a range of projects in 2017, including:

- Serving as rapporteur and **producing public reports** for five Aspen Institute dialogues: the [Energy Policy Forum](#); the [Clean Energy Innovation Forum](#); the Energy and Governance Forum; the [Forum on Global Energy, Economy and Security](#); and the [Roundtable on the Future of Nuclear Energy](#).
- Conducting an **evaluation** of the work of the Pew Charitable Trusts' Clean Energy Program.
- Co-authoring [papers](#) and otherwise helping Climate Law & Policy Project promote a policy strategy to **accelerate reductions of greenhouse gas emissions** by combining carbon pricing, subsidies for reductions, and reverse auctions.
- Researching **local deployment of distributed energy resources** for the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices.
- Developing a [white paper](#) for the Pennsylvania Environmental Council that begins to lay out **pathways for deep decarbonization in Pennsylvania**.
- Researching **managed charging of electric vehicles** for a [report](#) by the Smart Electric Power Alliance and reviewing and summarizing a series of papers on **smart grid integration**.
- Analyzing the potential for **appliance energy efficiency** campaigns targeting major retailers in the United States, India, and other countries for Climate Advisers.
- Continuing to advise the Edwards Mother Earth Foundation as it winds down its **state-level energy efficiency** granting program (with David Gardiner & Associates).

The years ahead will undoubtedly present continued challenges for those seeking to make progress on climate, clean energy, and sustainability issues. There will be a need for deep thinking, focused strategies, persuasive analysis and writing, and meaningful outreach to a range of constituencies and stakeholders. If [Green Light](#) can be of service in your efforts in any or all of these areas, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

In addition, you can always keep abreast of [Green Light](#)'s work, as well as developments on climate and energy issues, on Twitter by following [@GreenLightDaveG](#).

With best wishes for the new year,



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