

The U.S. Undertakes the First Quadrennial Energy Review (QER)

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In addition to a U.S. DoD-conducted Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) issued every four years, the U.S. will undertake, for the first time, a Quadrennial Energy Review (QER). The first QER will focus on transmission and distribution infrastructure. Per the White House press release from January 2014: “This first QER will focus on the development of a comprehensive strategy for the infrastructure involved in transporting, transmitting, and delivering energy. The QER will be developed through robust interagency dialogue and engagement of external stakeholders and will help to build on the Nation’s progress toward greater energy and climate security. Building on the foundation provided in the President’s Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future and his Climate Action Plan, this QER will study the opportunities and challenges that our energy infrastructure faces as a result of transformations in energy supply, markets, and use; issues of aging and capacity; impacts of climate change; and cyber and physical threats. The QER will provide rigorous analysis in a focused, actionable document for policymakers across all sectors.” [Read more](#) about the QER.