# EnergyTag's "Electron Accelerator" Policy Featured in SEEC Institute's Thriving Economy Project

### Market-based feebate mechanism aims to turn data center growth into a driver of affordable, clean grid expansion

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15, 2026. — EnergyTag's Electron Accelerator, a policy proposal designed to align hyperscale data center growth with grid affordability and reliability, is being spotlighted in the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) Institute's Thriving Economy Project, released today.

The inclusion comes as rising electricity prices turn energy affordability into a kitchen-table issue nationwide. Electricity prices are projected to rise 4-5% next year in many states, and by as much as 79% in Texas, as surging demand from data centers and equipment shortages push costs onto ratepayers.

The Electron Accelerator is a market-driven feebate targeting hyperscale data centers. Under the proposal, data centers would pay a fee on their grid electricity consumption. Those funds would then be reinvested into an auction for around-the-clock clean energy contracts serving the same facilities. Buyers bid their highest willingness to pay for continuous clean power, and suppliers offer their lowest price to deliver it, with the Accelerator's funds covering the gap. Backers say the model requires no taxpayer funding and can unlock private investment in flexible, dispatchable clean power, including distributed flexibility from residential and commercial buildings.

The approach echoes early private-sector moves already underway. Google and Xcel Energy are deploying a 30 gigawatt-hour Form Energy grid battery in Minnesota, described as the world's largest, to help lower future costs for the technology. Crusoe has since committed to 12 gigawatt-hours of the same battery technology.

"The Electron Accelerator is an innovative, ambitious, and timely policy to put responsible clean energy guardrails on data center development," said Alex Piper, Head of US Markets at EnergyTag. "It will help drive clean, affordable energy onto the grid for everyone, while making sure the wealthiest companies pay for their own energy needs."

Jigar Shah, writing on LinkedIn about the policy mechanism, said: "The Electron Accelerator gives data centers a path toward social license by responsibly investing in hardware for

communities. Through an accountability-based system that channels their own fees back into growth, the industry can help build a reliable, affordable, clean grid while better protecting ratepayers."

EnergyTag said it welcomes the proposal's inclusion in the Thriving Economy Project as a key idea for supporting sustainable economic growth while protecting ratepayers and vulnerable communities, and as the latest sign of the concept's growing policy traction. The Electron Accelerator already underpins pending legislation in Illinois, is under discussion in state houses in Virginia and Colorado, and is reflected at the federal level in Senator Sheldon Whitehouse's Clean Cloud Act, which would similarly pair emissions standards for large data centers with fee revenue for clean energy investment.

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