Lobbying and political activities

Political process commitments & contributions

AES’s purpose is to accelerate the future of energy. In support of that purpose, AES engages in the political process and believes good-government policy benefits all AES’s stakeholders including customers, employees and shareholders. We participate in the public policy process in the United States in a variety of ways including corporate-government-affairs programs designed to educate and influence elected officials on key public policy issues related to the company’s business. AES’s direct lobbying activities support our business objectives and corporate sustainability targets, and are consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

We provide an annual voluntary political contribution and expenditure report for the United States which can be found here:

- 2020 Political Contributions Report
- 2019 Political Contributions Report
- 2018 Political Contributions Report
- 2017 Political Contributions Report

Trade association memberships

AES maintains memberships in trade and other associations which help advance our business-objectives. These associations provide a forum for members to share ideas and develop new ways to improve the industry and provides benefits to all of AES’s various stakeholders. Our membership in any payments to specific trade associations or other organizations does not mean that we endorse every position or issue that the organization may support. AES maintains an active role in the trade associations in which we belong so that we may address any significant conflict between our values and the perspectives of the trade associations. This includes a review of these trade associations and engagement with them to ensure alignment with the goals of the Paris Agreement, to the extent this is not already the case.

Principal memberships in trade and other associations that receive more than $25,000 from AES, or in an AES subsidiary, annually are listed below:

- Edison Electric Institute
- Business Roundtable
- American Clean Power Association
- Solar Energy Industry Association
- Energy Storage Association

Corporate political contributions

We’ve chosen not to engage directly in independent expenditures to advocate for or against federal candidates, do not participate in 527(c)(4) organizations that engage in political activity, and do not engage in grassroots lobbying. If in the future AES chooses to engage through these channels, we would report any future spending of these types on our website.

Public policy engagement

We regularly communicate with government policymakers, public officials and regulators at the federal, state and local levels in order to protect and advance the long-term goals and interests of all AES stakeholders. In addition to our voluntary Political Contribution Reports, AES files quarterly lobbying activity reports with the U.S. House of Representatives and the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury. These publicly available reports include our expenses incurred in connection with lobbying activities, including all support for independent expenditures, outside spending or through trade association membership. Lobbying contributions, including those made through the AES Political Action Committee, can also be found in the report listed above.

Governance around political and charitable activities

AES maintains a Charitable Contribution and Political Donations Policy to ensure all charitable contributions and political donations made by AES or its subsidiaries, as set out in this document, are consistent with our values, the AES Ethics and Compliance Program, and the laws and regulations that govern such practices in the United States and internationally. Political contributions must be approved by the AES Ethics and Compliance Officer or the General Counsel’s Office under the direction of the General Counsel. Annually, the Governance Committee of the Board of Directors reviews the charitable contributions and political donations made by AES and its subsidiaries. Similarly, our Lobbying Policy requires approval by the AES Ethics and Compliance Officer prior to engaging any individual and entities to provide lobbying services on behalf of AES.