The Advanced Power Alliance (APA) supports an “All of the Above” approach to energy policy. This means utilizing all Texas’ home-grown energy resources – such as abundant renewables like the sun and the wind, and clean-burning natural gas – to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to our state’s consumers and industries. Valuing the complementary nature of these resources, and advocating in favor of policies that treat them equitably, will benefit consumers by providing them the lowest-cost, highest-value energy market in the country.

**ERCOT Market Design**

APA supports efforts to develop non-discriminatory, market-based solutions to ensure reliability and affordability in ERCOT. If implemented in a clear and transparent fashion, we believe these solutions will ensure greater reliability, encourage new investment, and promote resource competition to protect consumers from unnecessary costs. To achieve these goals, we ask that policymakers:

- clearly define the problem they’re seeking to solve;
- maximize the use of all existing resources;
- prioritize consumer affordability alongside reliability needs; and
- treat all resources in a non-discriminatory manner.

**Transmission**

Robust and well-functioning infrastructure is essential to optimizing markets, and APA supports efforts by the Legislature to increase reliability within ERCOT by evaluating proposed transmission projects through a refocused lens, which highlights a project’s many economic benefits to consumers. This would increase the likelihood that new transmission lines are constructed, therefore reducing congestion and energy curtailment efforts which cost Texas consumers well over $2 billion in 2022 alone. Specifically, we are hopeful that policymakers will:

- place greater emphasis on a proposed project’s systemwide cost savings and benefits;
- measure those cost savings and benefits over a longer time horizon, consistent with other Regional Transmission Organizations, thus realizing the full economic benefit to consumers; and
- remove overburdensome regulatory barriers in the project’s planning, design, and construction phases.

**Economic Development**

APA supports the creation of a new school district property value limitation program to spur economic development, provided that any new program is technology agnostic, based on overall economic impact to the partnering community, and free of any unnecessary government mandates on program participants. A program that veers from these principles will:

- jeopardize the ability of rural Texas to attract new large-scale capital investment;
- ignore the needs of communities who seek opportunities for passive income to support their existing population and infrastructure without adding new residents to meet employment goals; and
- create the unintended consequence of increasing costs for Texas energy consumers.