



## **Public Policy & Advocacy**

Entergy Corporation's success depends on sound public policies at the national, state, and local levels. We are involved in a number of legislative and regulatory initiatives in a broad spectrum of policy areas that can have an immediate and dramatic effect on our operations. Through our participation and that of our employees, we promote legislative and regulatory actions that further our business objectives.

### **Entergy Political Contributions and Political Action Committee Activity**

- **Corporate Political Contributions**

Political contributions of all types are subject to extensive governmental regulation and public disclosure laws and reporting requirements. Entergy is fully committed to complying with all applicable campaign finance laws and has procedures in place to assure that corporate political contributions are made in compliance with applicable laws and will be timely reported.

Federal law prohibits Entergy from supporting candidates for federal office while some states permit corporate contributions to state and local candidates or ballot issue campaigns. It is the policy of Entergy and its subsidiaries that corporate contributions may not be made directly to federal, state, or local candidates. Our policy also prohibits Entergy and its subsidiaries from making direct independent expenditures. Corporate contributions to federal, state, and local political associations and organizations, including ballot measure committees, may be made by Entergy and its subsidiaries with the requisite approval. At the state level, approval of the President of the appropriate subsidiary is required, and at the federal level, approval of the Senior Vice President, Federal Policy, Regulatory and Governmental Affairs is required. All contributions are reviewed to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Entergy also places the limitations below on its political contributions:

- Political contributions shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations related to ethics in government, lobbying, and political contributions.
- Political spending will reflect Entergy's interests and not those of its individual officers or directors.
- No political contribution will be given in anticipation of, in recognition of, or in return for any official act.
- Employees will not be reimbursed for personal political contributions or expenses, either directly or through compensation increases.

- **Trade Associations**

We also participate in federal, state, and local issues through our membership in various trade organizations which we join to represent various business and industry interests. In addition, we actively promote the economic health of the jurisdictions we serve through our activities with chambers of commerce.

- Social Welfare Organizations

We also make contributions to non-profit groups that are organized and operated to promote social welfare. These groups may also engage in political activities so long as such activities do not become their primary purpose. We support these groups to further guide policies and legislation that affect our business.

- Entergy Political Action Committees

Entergy has established the Entergy Corporation Political Action Committee (“ENPAC”) to encourage its employees to participate in the political process. Entergy employees who are defined as executive, professional and administrative personnel may make voluntary contributions to ENPAC. ENPAC is independent of any political party or candidate.

ENPAC is governed and operated by eligible employees of Entergy and is comprised of four local committees representing ENPAC members in each jurisdiction. Each committee has a local board or steering committee responsible for reviewing and approving state and local political contribution requests. The federal committee reviews and recommends federal political contribution requests. ENPAC contributions go directly to support political candidates and political associations or organizations at both the state and federal levels.

## **Lobbying Activities**

Because Entergy, its customers and stakeholders are directly affected by legislation and/or regulatory policies that are advanced at all levels of government, we actively participate in the debate as laws and regulations are developed.

- Corporate Governance

We engage in lobbying activities at the federal and state level and have policies and procedures in place to ensure that we conform to any and all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to lobbying activities, as well as our commitment to act with integrity in all of our activities.

- Lobbying

We employ registered lobbyists, both federal and state, to support our legislative and regulatory activities. Our internal lobbyists are selected after thorough review and with the approval of the senior governmental affairs officer at the appropriate entity.

To assist us with our advocacy and policy analysis work, we engage external lobbyists. These lobbyists are carefully vetted and selected by the senior governmental affairs officer in the appropriate entity. As part of their contractual agreement, external lobbyists must agree to fully comply with all laws and regulations as they apply in the political jurisdiction where they are engaged.

## **Disclosure Policies**

- **Annual Publication of a Report on Political Contributions**

Entergy complies fully with all federal, state, and local laws and reporting requirements governing ENPAC and corporate political contributions. We also publish, and make available to our stakeholders, an annual report, which includes:

1. Information about Entergy's political contributions to candidates for election to political office, political parties, political committees and political entities organized under Section 527 and 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code;
2. The dollar amounts of the portion of more than de minimis annual dues or payments made by Entergy to trade associations that are not deductible under Section 162(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
3. Disclosure of Entergy's sponsorship of ENPAC and the purpose, governance mechanisms and that information about ENPAC's activities can be found on the Federal Elections Commission website.

- **Federal and State Lobbying Activity**

Entergy, its subsidiaries and lobbyists are required to file lobbying reports with the Congress and appropriate state agencies. These reports include information about the issues lobbied, agencies contacted and expenditures incurred. At the federal level lobby reports can be reviewed at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) for the US House of Representatives, and at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) for the US Senate. State reports are available on the appropriate state agency website.

## **Board Oversight**

Entergy's Board of Directors plays an important role in our public policy engagement and political participation. The Corporate Governance Committee of the Board is apprised of public policy issues that may potentially affect the reputation of Entergy and the utility industry and is responsible for ensuring alignment of the company's policy advocacy efforts with Entergy's policies and values. At least annually, our Corporate Governance Committee reviews the report on our political contributions before it is published and receives an update on our lobbying activities.