



The Palmetto Industrial Energy Association Announces New Executive Director, Mr. Michael Wright

Columbia, SC; October 6, 2025 – The Palmetto Industrial Energy Association (PIEA) is pleased to announce a new Executive Director for the organization: Mr. Michael Wright, of Copper Dome Strategies. Mr. Wright is a seasoned government affairs professional, with two decades of experience in the legislative and policy advocacy space here in South Carolina.

“Given my decades of experience, I am honored to join the Palmetto Industrial Energy Association as Executive Director and am excited to advance pro-industry energy options and policy opportunities for South Carolina– including Limited Retail Choice,” remarked Mr. Wright. “PIEA’s mission is one I am proud to be a part of. South Carolina’s energy market should promote manufacturing growth, not hinder it.”

“We are thrilled to have Michael join us as Executive Director. As PIEA continues to promote energy reform in South Carolina, Michael will bring his impressive experience advocating for the SC Farm Bureau and Clemson University to our organization,” said Mr. Scott Elliott, PIEA’s Legal Counsel. “With Mr. Wright’s skillset, we can foster an energy environment that allows industrial users to access energy freely and fairly in our state.”

Mr. Wright joins PIEA in advance of South Carolina’s 2026 legislative session. PIEA will continue to advocate for common sense energy solutions in South Carolina that reduce costs for large industrial customers and all ratepayers.

About [PIEA](#):

The Palmetto Industrial Energy Association (PIEA) is a watchdog organization whose membership consists solely of, and is dedicated to, industrial users of energy. There is no potential conflict of interest as utilities are not permitted to be members. The Palmetto Industrial Energy Association represents large manufacturers who employ thousands of workers across South Carolina. The PIEA knows that a strong industrial economy will not raise rates on residential and commercial customers, it leads to reduced costs for customers and is a major positive.