

# Documentary Grid Down, Power Up Gets May 18 Capitol Screening & Panel

*New Powerful Film shows the important of Power, and warns about the vulnerability of America's power grid and calls on officials and the public to act*

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granted the grid providing electricity to power our coffeemakers, recharge iPhones, fuel laptops, and keep movies playing on flatscreen TVs. According to David Tice, Producer and Director of the new documentary, [Grid Down, Power Up](#), that's a big mistake and the stakes are grave. With the invitation of Texas State Senator Bob Hall, Tice is presenting a free Early Capitol Screening of the film to legislators, their staff, and interested members of the public at the Texas Capitol Building Auditorium on Wednesday, May 18, at 1 PM. The presentation of the 50-minute documentary, narrated by actor Dennis Quad, will be followed by a panel of experts active in the issue.

“If you look at the pandemic, you can see that America is a society tending not to be proactive enough,” points out Tice. “It just waits for something bad to happen before acting. With the invasion of Ukraine, we can see that there are bad guys out there, and they are willing to go after civilian targets. We can't wait any longer on protecting our grid.”

Besides the power grid's vulnerability to a physical attack, other threats explored in the film include a solar (geomagnetic) storm taking it down, cyber terrorism and an electromagnetic pulse resulting from a nuclear bomb.

The film's stark warning about the power grid is centered on how essential it is in meeting Americans' basic needs. For example, without power over an extended period, municipal water supply systems would go down, and humans need water every three days to survive. Under such conditions, Tice predicts civil unrest – with the clearing out of 7-11s and your neighborhood grocery stores to follow. No trucks would arrive to replace inventory. Many people would perish.

“We will be transitioning the film into a movement,” says Tice. “We are calling on the populace to rise up and say, ‘We need to fix this!’ We need better regulation over our utilities. Higher standards for protection of the grid. And a cabinet level Federal official to be appointed with the responsibility to protect our power infrastructure.”

The afternoon’s post-screening panel of experts brings great depth of understanding to this issue. The speakers include: Texas State Senator Bob Hall (Host); Grid Down, Power Up Producer/Director David Tice; Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, Executive Director of the Task Force on National and Homeland Security and author of Blackout Warfare: Attacking the US Electric Power Grid; Frank Gaffney, Founder/President of the Center for Security Policy (CSP); Command Sergeant Major Michael Mabee (US Army Ret.), author of The Civil Defense Book; Lieutenant Colonel Eddie K. Stamper Jr. (USAF Ret.), creator of the Joint Base San Antonio Electromagnetic Defense Initiative; and Tommy Waller, Director of Infrastructure Security at the Center for Security Policy (CSP).



David Tice, Producer and Director

To RSVP for the Grid Down, Power Up Capitol Screening and Panel, email: Rebecca Willis, at [Rebecca.Willis@senate.texas.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Willis@senate.texas.gov), Office of Senator Bob Hall. The screening is scheduled for Wed., May 18th, 1 PM, in the Texas State Capitol Building Auditorium (E1.004), 1100 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701. This event is free and open to legislators, their staff and the public.

To join the effort to secure the grid, visit <https://GridDownPowerUp.com/> where you can watch the trailer, get further informed on the issue, and learn of letter-writing and other campaigns. The documentary Grid Down, Power Up will premiere at the Freedom Fest conference, on Friday, July 15, in Las Vegas as part of the Anthem Libertarian Film Festival.

“Texas State Senator Bob Hall has long been an advocate for grid protection,” notes Tice. “I am grateful for his involvement in the film, and for giving us this opportunity to spread the word about the documentary and the issue. This problem is fixable. But we need citizens to demand that we have a protected infrastructure. See the movie. Get involved.”

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