

# ELCON INFO MEMO

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**To:** Member Representatives, Technical Committee & Federal Relations Committee

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**Subject:** US Chamber forms new Committee on Emerging Technologies

Today I attended a meeting to discuss the formation of a new committee within the US Chamber of Commerce entitled the Committee on Emerging Technologies.

According to the Chamber, that “Committee is tasked with creating a positive environment for new and emerging technologies and for promoting their benefits both domestically and internationally.” Several documents and presentations indicate that technologies in the fields of energy and the environment will be priorities for this new group. Membership on the Committee will represent both technology developers and technology users. The participants at today’s meeting supported the Committee providing information as well as offering conferences and seminars. There is a possibility that this Committee might support specific technologies in the future (subject to approval by both this Committee and the Chamber Board).

Many ELCON member companies might be interested in participating in this Committee, though I recognize that it will likely be different personnel than those active in ELCON. If you believe your company might want to be part of this effort (you must be a Chamber member), the next meeting will be November 8 from 9:00 am to noon at the Chamber’s building in Washington. If you have any questions, you can contact the Chamber staff person Amy Ericksen (202-463-5783 or [aericksen@uschamber.com](mailto:aericksen@uschamber.com)) or me.

In addition a Chamber brochure on the technology and efficiency directives included in last year’s Energy Policy Act was distributed. That brochure is available at:

<http://www.uschamber.com/NR/rdonlyres/e7qwk5rwnn3jxwynwuwy5wxlp6nv2rjkxz4l35ftio3ia5x4uspl3l7z7u6g5t4x532carylplhgi74jkmcfy6jko2a>