



# Federal Energy Policy: Legislation and Regulation Outlook

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**No major initiatives prior to November 2**

- Senate may debate OCS or mini-energy bill – but only for optics



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## No major initiatives in Lame Duck session

- Although Sen. Reid has pledged an “attempt” at bringing major legislation to the floor, he has acknowledged that economy-wide cap and trade is dead



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## Three Possible Election Outcomes

- Democrats hold smaller majorities in both House and Senate
- Republicans take both House and Senate
- Republicans take House, Democrats hold smaller majority in Senate



# Democrats Hold Slimmer Majorities in both House and Senate

- **House**
  - Same Agenda as 111<sup>th</sup> Congress
- **Senate**
  - Gridlock on all Major Initiatives
- **Administration – Major Push on Regulatory Initiatives**
  - GHG Emissions
  - Offshore Drilling Regulations



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# Implications for Ports to Plains Alliance

- **Partisan Gridlock**
  - Administration Oversight
  - No Major Energy Policy Legislation
- **Administration**
  - War with House
  - Major Push on Regulatory Initiatives
- **Policy Fights in Unexpected Places**
  - GHG Regulations – NEPA, ESA & CWA
  - Policy Provisions of Highway Bill and other vehicles



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