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Korea-U.S. Strengthen Energy Security Cooperation

- Lee Hohyeon, Second Vice Minister, meets with U.S. Department of Energy Acting Assistant Secretary
- Discussions on energy security and cooperation ahead of G20

The Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment (MCEE, Minister Kim Sungwhan) announced that on the morning of August 31, Second Vice Minister Lee Hohyeon will meet with Acting Assistant Secretary Curt Coccodrilli of the U.S. Department of Energy at Dalgaebe in Jung-gu, Seoul, to discuss ways to strengthen energy security cooperation between South Korea and the United States.

The meeting was arranged to continue high-level energy policy consultations between the two countries amid ongoing uncertainty in international energy markets.

The two countries will share policies aimed at ensuring a stable energy supply and reliable electricity provision. They will also exchange views on key energy security issues requiring joint action, including grid expansion to meet new electricity demand, energy storage systems (ESS), improvements in energy efficiency, developments in international energy markets, and the stabilization of energy supply chains.

In addition, regarding this 2026 G20 Energy Ministers' Meeting, chaired by the United States, the two sides will review key agenda items, including energy security and responses to electricity demand, and discuss directions for bilateral cooperation to ensure the successful hosting of the meeting.

Second Vice Minister Lee Hohyeon said, “Stable energy supply and reliable electricity provision are essential foundations supporting the national economy and industrial competitiveness.” He added, “We hope this meeting will serve as an opportunity for South Korea and the United States to jointly respond to uncertainty in international energy markets and further strengthen energy security cooperation between the two countries.”