

NOTICE OF TOWN HALL AND COMMENT PERIOD

On July 21, 2016, the draft of the NARUC Distributed Energy Resources Compensation Manual was released and posted on the NARUC website. Development of the document began in late 2015 and the final Manual is projected to be completed in early November 2016. There will be two opportunities for public feedback on the draft Manual: at a July 23 Town Hall held in conjunction with the NARUC Summer Committee Meetings in Nashville, Tennessee, as well as through the submission of written comments.

Please find the draft here: www.naruc.org/ratedesign

Oral Comment Period

NARUC has announced the holding of a Town Hall at the Summer Meeting to act as a public forum for high-level comments on the draft DER Compensation Manual. The Town Hall will be held on Saturday, July 23, from 2 PM until 5 PM Central in the Broadway F Meeting Room at the Omni Nashville Hotel (250 Fifth Avenue South) in Nashville, Tennessee. The agenda is as follows:

2:00 PM Central	Welcome – <i>NARUC President Travis Kavulla</i> Introduction and Agenda Overview – <i>Chris Villarreal</i>
2:30 PM Central	Overview of Chapter 2 “What is the Rate Design Process” and Chapter 3 “What is DER?” – <i>Chris Villarreal</i>
2:45 PM Central	Overview, Comment, and Q&A on Chapter 4 “Rate Design and Compensation Considerations, Questions, and Challenges” – <i>Chris Villarreal</i>
3:05 PM Central	Overview, Comment, and Q&A on Chapter 5 “Compensation Methodologies” – <i>Chris Villarreal</i>
3:30 PM Central	Break
3:45 PM Central	Overview, Comment, and Q&A on Chapter 6 “Technology, Services, and the Evolving Marketplace” – <i>Chris Villarreal</i>
4:15 PM Central	Comment and Q&A on overview, conclusion, and other remaining comments – <i>Chris Villarreal</i>

To facilitate the discussion, NARUC requests that speakers sign up in advance to speak on specific chapters; there will be an opportunity to discuss the document as a whole at the end of the session. A sign-up sheet will be available near the entrance of the room. During the Comment and Q&A portion of each chapter, the moderator will call the names of those

who have signed up. When the name is called, the individual will approach one of the standing microphones, and, depending on the number of interested speakers, there may be a time limit. Please keep in mind that the drafters are seeking feedback on the chapters and request that oral comments during the chapter Comment and Q&A be limited to responding to the specific chapters. Please hold high-level, overview, conclusion, or other remaining comments until the last session (at 4:15 PM).

Written Comments

In addition to the Town Hall, written comments on the draft Manual will be accepted until close of business on Friday, September 2. Submissions will only be accepted and considered if submitted to responses@naruc.org. Please refrain from sending comments to the Staff Subcommittee, the Chair, or other NARUC members and staff. Writers are specifically interested in feedback on the questions listed below; however, written comments need not be limited to these questions.

Questions

1. Has the draft Manual addressed the issue in a comprehensive and useful manner?
2. Are there any other considerations not included in the draft Manual that impact Distributed Energy Resources?
3. Are there other compensation options not included in the draft Manual?
4. How could the Manual be written in a way that is more useful to regulators?
5. Should the draft Manual include a discussion of distribution system planning or distribution system operators?
6. Does the draft Manual provide sufficient discussion on considerations of equitable treatment between customers in the context of ratemaking?
7. Since the initial survey and request for information was released in March 2016, have there been any new developments that the Staff Subcommittee should take into account in this draft Manual?
8. Is the draft Manual missing any key technologies that should be included?