

NARUC-NASEO-NGA-NASUCA Northeast Regional Roundtable: Equity Considerations in Beneficial Electrification Programs and Policy

December 7-8, 2023

AGENDA

NARUC, NASEO, NGA, and NASUCA welcome State Energy Offices, Public Utility Commissions, Governor's Office staff, and Consumer Advocates from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Meeting objectives include:

- Identify relevant state and regional programmatic, regulatory, and policy challenges and opportunities related to equity
- Spotlight innovative equity work being done by states
- Explore equity aspects of beneficial electrification and related policies and programs
- Network with other state professionals working on energy equity issues
- Develop a personal action plan to address equity issues related to selected electricity-focused topics

Day 1 - Thursday, December 7, 2023

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| 8:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast |
| 9:00 - 9:30 am Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair Jamie Van Nostrand, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities |
| 9:30 - 11:00 am Participant Introductions Participants introduce themselves and their role in equity related work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What question or issue do you want to address during this event? |
| 11:00 - 11:15 am Break |
| 11:15 am - 12:00 pm Foundations of Energy Equity Explore the basic concepts of energy equity and justice, including ways to think about change and evaluate progress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jennifer Yoshimura, Energy Justice and Equity Leader Advisory, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory |
| 12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Featured speaker: Colby Tucker, Environmental Protection Agency |
| 1:15- 2:30 pm State Spotlight - Massachusetts Approach to Incorporating Equity Learn about the programs and policies underway in the state from the leaders of the agencies responsible for development and implementation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maria Belen Power, Under Secretary of Environmental Justice and Equity, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs ● Elizabeth Mahony, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources ● Staci Rubin, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities |
| 2:30 - 3:45 pm Beneficial Electrification – Small Group Discussion Speakers from five states will provide a brief overview of how their state has incorporated equity into their beneficial electrification initiatives. Participants will then break into small groups, led by each of the speakers, for a deeper dive into the topic and to learn about initiatives in other states and discuss challenges and opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dan Burgess, Director, Maine Governor's Energy Office ● Marissa Gillett, Chair, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ● Greg Ohadoma, Manager, Energy Justice, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources ● Michael DiRamio, Assistant Director, Energy & Climate Equity, New York State Energy Research & Development Authority |
| 3:45 - 4:00 pm Break and Networking |

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4:00 - 4:45 pm Information Sharing and Takeaways

Participants will come back together for an overview of the small group discussions with Q&A to gather new ideas and identify potential action steps on topics of interest.

4:45- 5:00 pm Wrap Up & Preview Day 2

Day 1 sessions provide the foundation for Day 2 when attendees will engage in coordinated personal action planning.

5:00 pm Adjourn

6:00 pm Optional No Host Dinner at Nearby Restaurant

Day 2 - Friday, December 8, 2023

8:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 am Day 1 Recap, Reflections, Overview of Day 2

9:30 - 11:30 am State Action Planning

This will be an opportunity to work in [small groups](#) to define concrete action steps participants will take to further their energy equity work supported by collaboration and sharing of ideas and expertise among attendees. Potential activities/focus areas to include:

- Discussing who the relevant stakeholders are in their state/region and how to effectively engage on specific topics
- Building on strategies that have been shared or used in the past and how they can be improved going forward
- Outlining decisions that the state will be making in the near future and how to actively incorporate equity into their decision making (aligned with state-specific goals and jurisdiction)
- Creating an initial outline for one issue and describing how equity would be incorporated into the initiative

11:30 am- 12:00 noon Report Outs/Group Discussion over Lunch

12:00 noon Adjourn