

2025 Summer Policy Summit

Session Key

CLOSED — Closed to non-members (Commission members only)

OPEN — Open to all registrants

Saturday, July 26

Site Tour of Microgrid, Data Center, Storage, and Resilience Labs

Saturday, July 26

1:00pm – 5:00pm

CLOSED

Join NARUC for a tour of Schneider Electric's Andover R&D Center in Andover, Massachusetts. The Andover Innovation Hub site showcases cutting-edge technologies across building automation, data centers, and energy management. During the tour, attendees will take a closer look at customer facing labs, including the EcoStructure Energy Wall, Data Center Lab, Battery Backup Storage System, and the Microgrids Lab. The visit will also include a presentation and Q&A session conducted by subject matter experts. NARUC will provide transportation to and from the hotel.

Participation is open to all commissioners and commission staff. Registration is free, but advance registration is required.

Executive Committee

Saturday, July 26

4:30pm – 6:00pm

Room: **Audition**

CLOSED

Executive Committee

Sunday, July 27

Sunday, July 27

8:30am – 9:30am

Room: **Audition**

CLOSED

Washington Action Program

Resilience in Practice: From Framework to Forward Motion

Sunday, July 27

9:00am – 12:00pm

Room: **Marquee**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Electric Reliability and Resilience

Growing demand for and dependence on electricity, coupled with increases in the frequency and severity of extreme weather events, is challenging the reliability of the grid. And while grid resilience is a newer concern, reliability and resilience are interconnected. Resilience investments often enhance reliability, as the same system hardening or modernization efforts that improve recovery capabilities also reduce the frequency of interruptions.

During this hands-on workshop, participants will be introduced to NARUC's Resilience Framework and its value as a resilience planning resource.

- **EXPLORE** NARUC's Resilience Framework and understand its value as a foundational resource for resilience planning.
- **APPLY** the Framework to your state and agency's unique needs by working alongside its authors and other subject matter experts.
- **ENGAGE** in facilitated reflection, discussion, and

insight sharing with your peers to deepen understanding and spark new ideas.

- **ARTICULATE** resilience goals and objectives for your jurisdiction and conceptualize initial steps towards achieving them.

Registration is free, but advance **registration** is required. **View agenda.**

Federal-State Current Issues Collaborative

Sunday, July 27

9:30am – 12:00pm

Room: **Ensemble AB**

OPEN

More information

Bean Town Brew

Sunday, July 27

9:30am – 11:15am

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

OPEN

Sunday, July 27

10:00am – 11:00am

Room: **Ensemble C**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications

Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 27

10:00am – 11:00am

Room: **Abstract**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Consumers and the Public Interest

In person meeting for the staff subcommittee on consumers and the public interest. Come to meet up with fellow members in the committee or if you are a commission staffer interested in getting plugged in. Content will be led by what committee members would like to discuss.

What Can Rate Design Do For You (and Your Grid Edge Resources)?

Sunday, July 27

10:00am – 11:00am

Room: **Ensemble FG**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Energy Resources and the Environment

Staff Subcommittee on Rate Design

This session will explore the critical role that rate design plays in the coordination and incentivization of grid edge resources. Knowing how and when these grid edge resources will “show up” has historically proven difficult for grid managers and regulators alike. Attendees will hear about innovative rate approaches for effectively and fairly incentivizing grid edge resources to provide grid benefits. Attendees will take away an understanding of the system-wide impact of rate design approaches, regulatory implications of rate design options, and ideas for innovation.

SPEAKERS:

Jamie Barber

Director, Energy
Efficiency/Renewable
Energy Unit

(MODERATOR)

Georgia Public Service
Commission

Karen Olesky

Economist

(MODERATOR)

Public Utilities
Commission of Nevada

Claire Coleman

Consumer Counsel
Connecticut Office of
Consumer Counsel

Lee Evans

Director of Pricing and
Rates

Georgia Power

Sarah Russell-Smith

Head of Flexibility

Octopus Energy

Jessica Shipley

Principal Researcher
Pacific Northwest National
Laboratory

From Pilot to Progress: Unlocking the Full Potential of Utility Innovation

Sunday, July 27

11:15am – 12:15pm

Room: **Ensemble FG**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Electricity

Breakthrough technologies—from flexible grid solutions to new sources of baseload power to smart energy tools—are rapidly transforming the energy landscape. But while utilities and regulators rely on pilot programs to explore these innovations, many pilots stall before they scale, leaving potential benefits unrealized. Why do so many promising ideas get stuck in the pilot phase? This panel will dive into the common pitfalls of utility pilot programs and explore strategies to overcome them. Experts will further discuss how structured evaluation frameworks and smarter regulatory support can help promising technologies move from small-scale experiments to wide-scale deployment. Join us to discover how to turn pilot programs into powerful engines of lasting innovation.

SPEAKERS:

Sarah Fitzpatrick

Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst

(MODERATOR)

North Carolina Utilities Commission

Madeline Murray-Clasen

Project Manager

Green Mountain Power

Grace Relf

Policy Researcher

Berkeley Lab

Get to know The Nuclear Company

Sunday, July 27

11:15am – 12:15pm

Room: **Abstract**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Nuclear Energy

The Nuclear Company, launched one year ago, aims to use licensed nuclear technology and a design-once, build-many approach to lower costs and minimize delays. Jhansi Kandasamy, Vice President of Regulatory and External Affairs, will join commissioners and commission staff to talk about what makes The Nuclear Company unique and what she has learned about success in the nuclear field from her previous roles at Idaho National Laboratory, GE Hitachi, PSEG, Exelon, and Bechtel.

SPEAKERS:

Steve Roetger

Analyst

(MODERATOR)

Georgia Public Service Commission

Jhansi Kandasamy

Vice President, Regulatory and External Affairs

The Nuclear Company

Navigating Rate Center Consolidation: Regulator and Industry Perspectives

Sunday, July 27

11:15am – 12:15pm

Room: **Ensemble C**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications

Rate center consolidation (RCC) involves combining two or more rate centers into a single rate center so that telecommunications service providers can use a single telephone numbering resource inventory to serve any customer in the larger area. RCC expands the area in which service providers can offer service and conserves telephone numbers. In Maine, Consolidated Communications is undertaking a large RCC project in conjunction with the Maine Public Utilities Commission. This panel will explore the Maine RCC with perspectives from the Maine PUC and Consolidated as well as the entities that administer numbering databases that must work with the Maine PUC, Consolidated, and other service providers to ensure a seamless transition.

SPEAKERS:

Lara Walt

Attorney Advisor

(MODERATOR)

District of Columbia Public Service
Commission

Sarah Davis

Vice President, Market Development
Consolidated Communications

Tara Farquhar

Manager, Industry Relations and
Customer Education
NANPA

Connie Hartman

Director Product Management

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Michael Johnson

Staff

Maine PUC

Workforce Development: Building the Talent Pipeline for a Modern Utility Sector

Sunday, July 27

11:15am – 12:15pm

Room: **Abstract**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity

As utilities modernize, they require a new generation of professionals with specialized skills. This panel will examine how companies are developing the next generation of water utility workers, including workforce recruiting and development programs and non-traditional roles such as drone pilots for infrastructure monitoring, AI specialists, and data visualization experts. The discussion will also address the challenges of attracting and retaining these highly skilled professionals in a competitive labor market.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Kathryn Zerfuss

(MODERATOR)

Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission

Paul Douglas

President
The JPI Group

Dan Rhoton

CEO
Hopeworks

Lori Sutton

Chief Human Resources
Officer
American Water

CCIF Lunch and Report Release: Demand Growth & Risk Management: Investing in Energy Infrastructure to Meet Customer Needs

Sunday, July 27

12:15pm – 1:15pm

Room: **Ensemble D**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Consumers and the Public Interest

Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure

Staff Subcommittee on Electric Reliability and Resilience

Staff Subcommittee on Electricity

Staff Subcommittee on Energy Resources and the Environment

Staff Subcommittee on Rate Design

Following months of collaboration, the Critical Consumer Issues Forum (CCIF) is pleased to feature state commissioners, consumer advocates, and electric company representatives to highlight CCIF's new report, consensus principles, and other takeaways. Separate registration required (no fee): [REGISTER HERE](#)
Buffet Lunch Available by 12:15 pm (sponsored by Edison Electric Institute)
Program 12:30 – 1:00 pm (in collaboration with 6 NARUC Staff Subcommittees)

Lunch on Your Own

Sunday, July 27

12:15pm – 1:30pm

OPEN

Demand Roundtable

Sunday, July 27

1:15pm – 3:45pm

Room: **Ensemble AB**

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The NARUC Demand Roundtable is a one-year open communication forum that will convene at each of the three NARUC nationwide conferences in 2025. The goal of the Demand Roundtable series is to help State Commissioners better understand the large-scale projected energy load requests coming into their states to serve data centers, new manufacturing, and other sources of new energy demand.

Each meeting will be an open discussion led by a facilitator asking questions to evoke conversation and will build on previous Roundtable discussions.

Interested in submitting a question for the Demand Roundtable? Please respond to this form by July 3rd: [question submissions](#)

SPEAKERS:

Lisa Perry

Director, Utility Partnerships

(MODERATOR)

Walmart

Hon. Tricia Pridemore

NARUC President

(MODERATOR)

Georgia Public Service Commission

Elizabeth Adams

Sr. Vice President & Chief Customer Officer

Entergy

Christopher Ayers

Executive Director

North Carolina Utilities Commission

Public

Liam Baker

Senior Vice President

Alpha Generation

Kaley Bangston

Director, Regulatory and Political Affairs

NextEra Energy

Philip Bartlett II

Chair

Maine PUC

Jeff Bladen

Head of Energy

Verrus

Chad Burnett

VP Regulatory & Finance

AEP Texas

Hon. Zenon Christodoulou

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Dennis Deters

Commissioner

PUC Ohio

Anne George

Vice President, Chief External Affairs &
Communications Officer

ISO New England

Brian George

Global Energy Market Development and
Policy, US Federal Lead

Google

Natasha Henderson

Senior Director Grid Asset Utilization

Southwest Power Pool

Courtney Hjaltman

Commissioner

PUC Texas

Bobby Hollis

Vice President of Energy

Microsoft

Kevin Hughes

Sr. Vice President, Public Affairs

STACK Infrastructure

Dr. Aravind Kailas

Advanced Technology Policy Director

Volvo Group North America

Christine Martin

President

PPL Electric Utilities

Hon. Jeremy Oden

Alabama Public Service Commission

Brian Rybarik

Chair

Washington UTC

Mary Sprayregen

Global Head of Regulatory Affairs &

Market Development

Oracle

Craig Sundstrom

Senior Manager, Energy and

Environment Public Policy

Amazon Web Services

Hon. Kathryn Zerfuss

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Decoding DERMS: Options for the Future of DER Management

Sunday, July 27

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Room: **Marquee**

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Staff Subcommittee on Electric Reliability and Resilience

Distributed energy resource management systems (DERMS) and changes to grid planning and operations can allow utilities to meet future needs at lower costs with greater speed and optionality. With DERMS, utilities can build VPPs that reliably shift and shape load. Attendees will learn how DERMS can support long-term utility objectives, the importance of incremental DERMS adoption, and why regulatory evolution is needed to incentivize VPPs more favorably compared with traditional capital infrastructure projects. The session will provide a "trifecta" of perspective: a state utility regulator, vendor, and utility to showcase the benefits of DERMS for customers and utilities and the opportunity for frameworks that reward cost-effective alternatives to conventional infrastructure, even if the costs have a SaaS structure.

SPEAKERS:

Lakin Garth

Director, Emerging
Technologies

(MODERATOR)

Smart Electric Power Alliance
(SEPA)

Paul Hines

Vice President, Power Systems
EnergyHub

Zach Pollock

Director of Grid Strategy and
Emerging Technology
Xcel Energy

Hon. Jamie Van Nostrand

Chairman
Massachusetts Department of
Public Utilities

Enhancing Natural Gas Safety: Gas Alarm Technology

Sunday, July 27

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Room: **Ensemble FG**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Gas

Ensuring safe, reliable natural gas delivery is paramount for state utility regulators and the public. This session examines how advanced gas alarm technology can complement current regulatory frameworks by adding safeguards against leaks. Emerging tech —such as UL 1484-compliant in-home methane detectors per NFPA 715 guidelines—offers proactive risk mitigation for both residential and commercial settings. Global examples, from Japan’s regulatory framework to Con Edison’s deployment in New York, underscore the benefits of integrating gas alarms into utility safety programs via regulatory incentives, pilot programs, and industry collaboration to boost consumer safety and operational reliability.

SPEAKERS:

Stephanie Wimer

Counsel to Chairman DeFrank

(MODERATOR)

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Dennis Jarnecke

Senior Director, Research

GTI Energy

Kevin Speicher

Chief - Pipeline Safety

New York State Department of Public Service

Richard Trieste, Jr.

Department Manager - Research, Development, and Demonstration

Consolidated Edison Company of New
York

Bob Wilson

Vice President, Special Projects

Northeast Gas Association

Subcommittee on Education & Research (Open Session)

Sunday, July 27

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Room: **Audition**

OPEN

Subcommittee on Education and Research

Welcome & Roll Call

Approval of Feb. 23, 2025 Minutes

Educational Partner Updates (5 min each)

- Center for Public Utilities, New Mexico State University
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum
- Financial Research Institute, University of Missouri
- Public Utilities Research Center (PURC), University of Florida
- Wisconsin Public Utility Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Updates

- **Center for Partnerships & Innovation Update**
- **NARUC Rate School**
- **NARUC New Commissioner Regulatory Orientation (NCRO)**
- **Fall 2025 Commission Staff Scholarships**

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Lea Marquez Peterson

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

Arizona Corporation Commission

Donn English

Co-Chair, Staff Subcommittee on Education and Research

Manager, Accounting & Finance, Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Hon. Andrew Fay

Commissioner

Florida PSC

Erin Hammel

Senior Director, Professional

Development

NARUC

Danielle Sass Byrnett

Senior Director, Ctr for Partnerships &

Innovation

NARUC

The Workforce Equity Imperative: A Regulatory Call to Action

Sunday, July 27

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Room: **Ensemble E**

OPEN

Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity

As the energy sector transforms to meet the demands of a cleaner, more resilient grid, the need for a skilled, inclusive, and future-ready workforce has never been more urgent. But without intentional and policy-driven equity strategies, efforts to modernize the workforce risk leaving behind the very communities most impacted by climate and economic transition.

The Workforce Equity Imperative: A Regulatory Call to Action is an **interactive fireside chat** featuring **Cornell Johnson**, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the **Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD)**. With expertise at the intersection of equity, policy, and workforce development, Johnson will explore how state regulators can embed equity accountability into energy workforce strategy—not as a symbolic gesture, but as a regulatory imperative.

This session will actively engage attendees through **live polling**, audience reflection, and **real-world regulatory case challenges** submitted for response and insight. Key themes will include:

- The risks of inaction: workforce shortages, regional inequities, and public trust gaps;
- Regulatory tools to embed equity
- Shifting from workforce entry to long-term advancement and accountability.

This session is designed for commissioners, staff, and energy leaders committed to operationalizing workforce equity as part of a resilient and just energy future.

SPEAKERS:

Constance Thompson

Transformative Equity Strategist

(MODERATOR)

Cornell Johnson

Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Center for Energy Workforce Development

Seaport Sips and Connections

Sunday, July 27

2:30pm – 2:45pm

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

OPEN

**Hit Me With Your Best Bot ~ or ~ The Fast and the Curious:
Artificial Intelligence put to the Test!**

Sunday, July 27

2:45pm – 3:45pm

Room: **Ensemble FG**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure

This fast paced and informative program is designed to provide a dive into a foundational understanding of artificial intelligence (AI) and its transformative applications in the utility sector. First, a panel of subject matter expert will discuss how they are incorporating AI technologies, with practical use cases in utilities (e.g., grid optimization, demand forecasting, and regulatory compliance). We will also touch on the ethical and regulatory challenges these technologies pose. In the second half of the programming, we'll put our bots to the test with an interactive and dynamic "Battle of the AIs", where the AI models will be our panelists and respond to targeted questions from our moderator and the audience. highlighting similarities and differences in their reasoning, accuracy, and utility. This comparative exercise illuminates AI's potential to support decision-making while exposing its limitations, biases, and transparency issues, enabling regulators to craft informed policies for AI adoption in the energy sector.
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SPEAKERS:

Hon. Andrew Fay

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

Florida PSC

David Batz

Managing Director, Cyber &
Infrastructure Security
Edison Electric Institute

Kelly Monaghan

Deputy Executive Director
Pa PUC

Subcommittee on Education and Research

Sunday, July 27

2:45pm – 3:45pm

Room: **Audition**

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Subcommittee on Education and Research

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Lea Marquez Peterson

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

Arizona Corporation Commission

Women Leading in the Nuclear Sector

Sunday, July 27

2:45pm – 3:45pm

Room: **Ensemble E**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Nuclear Energy

Subcommittee on Nuclear Energy

In this Session, Illinois Commissioner Stacey Paradis will emcee an all-female panel of nuclear specialists. Illinois has the largest number of nuclear power reactors in operation in the U.S. with 11 nuclear reactors located in six different nuclear power plants. Commissioner Paradis will lead a discussion on the state of nuclear as of July 27 and where it might go in the future. Her panelists have vast experience in the industry and are on the cutting edge of new projects for the future.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Stacey Paradis

(MODERATOR)

Illinois Commerce Commission

Kristy Hartman

Director, Stakeholder Strategy and Engagement

Nuclear Energy Institute

Jhansi Kandasamy

Vice President, Regulatory and External Affairs

The Nuclear Company

Julie Kozeracki

Director of Strategy, Loan Programs Office

U.S. Department of Energy

Part 1: Looking Back on the 2018 Merrimack Incident - Lessons Learned from a Complex Gas Distribution System Rebuild; Part 2: Gas Distribution Utility Public Awareness Efforts

Sunday, July 27

2:45pm – 4:00pm

Room: **Ensemble C**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety

Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety

In September of 2018, excessive pressure in Columbia Gas of Massachusetts natural gas distribution lines caused explosions and fires in the Merrimack Valley region north of Boston. One person was killed and thousands had to evacuate their homes. Columbia Gas, later acquired by Eversource, managed a complicated emergency response and reconstruction process involving multiple contractors to restore gas service to affected homes and businesses. Since the incident, a round of comprehensive leak surveys and a gas distribution integrity management program (DIMP) have been completed, offering valuable insights into system performance. This session will discuss how the incident unfolded, the immediate and longer-term response, and recommendations for state regulators in overseeing a successful gas distribution system rebuild.

Part 2: Gas Distribution Utility Public Awareness Efforts

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Eric Skrmetta

(MODERATOR)

Louisiana Public Service Commission

Seth Krueger

Vice President, Gas Engineering

Eversource

Donnie Krumsiek

Supervisor-Regulatory Compliance-
Pipeline Safety
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Seaport Sips and Connections

Sunday, July 27

3:45pm – 4:00pm

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

OPEN

Sunday, July 27

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Room: **Abstract**

OPEN

Staff Subcommittee on Administrative Law Judges

Staff Subcommittee on Executive Management

Staff Subcommittee on Law

Hit Me With Your Best Bot ~ or ~ The Fast and the Curious: Artificial Intelligence put to the Test!

Sunday, July 27

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Room: **Ensemble FG**

OPEN

Committee on Critical Infrastructure

Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure

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SPEAKERS:

Hon. Andrew Fay

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

Florida PSC

Meeting People Where They Are: Making Customer Education and Outreach More Effective

Sunday, July 27

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Room: **Ensemble AB**

OPEN

Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest

Have you ever been confused about the items on your energy bill? Have you ever had trouble finding information about the customer programs and incentives available to you when looking to replace an appliance or find ways to save money? We might be energy nerds here at NARUC, but we're also energy customers – and from that perspective, it's not always easy to find the information we're looking for. In a period of growing cost pressures and increasing residential electric rates, it's more important than ever for customers to understand what's going into their bills and what actions they can take to save money. This panel will explore ways that public utility commissions, utilities, industry, and community partners are working to increase public information-sharing with innovative technologies, public events, and through social media.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Floyd McKissick Jr.

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

North Carolina Utilities Commission

Conitsha Barnes

Director, Gas Rates and Regulatory Strategy

Piedmont Natural Gas

Erica Borggren

Vice President of Customer Strategy
Exelon

Rachel Bryant

Senior Director of Regulatory &
Policy Business Development
GridX

Nils Hagen-Frederiksen

Press Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utilities
Commission

Part 1: Charging Ahead in London with Electrification; Part 2: CAMPUT Conference Recap; Part 3: ERRRA Conference Recap; Part 4: Atmospheric Phenomenon: What do we know about the Iberian Power Disruptions?

Sunday, July 27

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Room: **Ensemble E**

OPEN

Committee on International Relations

Charging Ahead in London with Electrification

In May 2025, several utility commissioners joined other stakeholders in a week-long visit to the United Kingdom to continue discussions around the CHARGED Initiative. The CHARGED Initiative was formed in 2024 to support states as they electrify their transportation and building sectors, ensuring that the electricity distribution system is ready for this new era. Stakeholders included GridLAB, RMI, and Advanced Energy United. Michigan PSC Chair Daniel Scripps, and Jay Griffin, former Chair of the Hawaii PUC, will share takeaways from their experience abroad and lessons for US regulators.

CAMPUT Conference Recap

The 2025 Canadian Association of Utility Commissioners (“CAMPUT”) Conference was May 4 – 7, 2025 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with the Theme: *Adjusting the Sails of the Energy Sector*. NARUC Second Vice-President Judge Jehmal Hudson of Virginia was in attendance and will share some of his notes.

ERRA Conference Recap

The Energy Regulators Regional Association (“ERRA”) Conference was May 6 – 7, 2025 in Muscat, Oman, with the Key Theme: *Progressing Energy Transition via Effective Policies and*

Regulation. NARUC First Vice-President Commissioner Ann Rendahl of Washington was in attendance and will share some of her notes.

Atmospheric Phenomenon: What do we know about the Iberian Power Disruptions?

On April 28, 2025, Spain lost 15 gigawatts of electricity in just five seconds. There were reports of voltage fluctuations and grid instability that resulted in the interruption of power, but the root cause is still under investigation. Michael Hogan, Senior Advisor with the Regulatory Assistance Project, will share what they have learned from publicly available information in Europe.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Tammy Cordova

(MODERATOR)

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada

Jay Griffin

GridLab Expert and Former Chair of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission

Mike Hogan

Senior Advisor to the Regulatory Assistance Project

Hon. Jehmal Hudson

Chair

Virginia State Corporation Commission

Ann Rendahl

Commissioner

Washington Utilities and Transportation

Commission
Hon. Daniel Scripps
Michigan Public Service Commission

Sunday, July 27

4:15pm – 5:00pm

Room: **Ensemble C**

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Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety

Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety

SPEAKERS:

Linda Daugherty

Acting Associate Administrator for
Pipeline Safety
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
Administration

CHEERS to Boston Welcome Reception

Sunday, July 27

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

OPEN

Just like the iconic Boston-themed TV show, this is the place where everyone knows your name. [The name badges help!] Meet old friends and make new connections. This prelude to three days of thoughtful discussions, probing questions, and a range of perspectives across the utilities spectrum is the place to be.

Monday, July 28

Commission Chairs Council Breakfast

Monday, July 28

8:00am – 9:15am

Room: **Surrealism**

CLOSED

(Commission Chairs Only)

Bean Town Brew

Monday, July 28

8:45am – 9:45am

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

OPEN

Opening General Session

Monday, July 28

9:30am – 10:45am

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

Welcome Remarks

Hon. Jamie Van Nostrand

Chairman

Massachusetts Department of Public
Utilities

Perspectives from the Deputy Secretary of Energy

Hon. James Danly

Deputy Secretary

U.S. Department of Energy

National Energy Dominance in the Spotlight

Peter Lake

Senior Director of Power

National Energy Dominance Council

The White House

Insights on Progressive Policy Institute's Energy Affordability Report

As part of the Opening General Session, former U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and Neel Brown will engage in a discussion centered on the Progressive Policy Institute's Energy Affordability Report.

Hon. Mary Landrieu

Senior Policy Advisor

Van Ness Feldman LLP

Co-Chair, Natural Allies for Clean

Energy

Neel Brown

Managing Director
Progressive Policy Institute

**Fireside Chat with Hon.
Mark Christie, Chairman,
Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

Hon. Tricia Pridemore

NARUC President

(MODERATOR)

Georgia

Hon. Mark Christie

Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Tricia Pridemore

NARUC President

(MODERATOR)

Georgia Public Service Commission

Neel Brown

Managing Director
Progressive Policy Institute

Hon. Mark Christie

Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Hon. James Danly

Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy

Peter Lake

Senior Director of Power

National Energy Dominance Council,
The White House

Hon. Mary Landrieu

Senior Policy Advisor

Van Ness Feldman LLP

Hon. Jamie Van Nostrand

Chairman

Massachusetts Department of Public
Utilities

Seaport Sips and Connections

Monday, July 28

10:45am – 11:15am

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

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Monday, July 28

11:15am – 12:15pm

Room: **Surrealism**

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Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety

Emerging Practices for Designing Tariffs for New Large Load Customers

Monday, July 28

11:15am – 12:15pm

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest

Committee on Electricity

As demand from data centers and other large load customers increases, states are working to balance reliability and affordability. Utilities, regulators, consumer advocates, and large load customers are exploring new rate structures and tariff designs to address cost allocation, risk mitigation, and resource procurement. States like Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, and Nevada have recently approved tariffs for new large load customers. This panel will explore the state objectives regulators consider when evaluating tariffs and what tariff design elements support those goals. How have existing large load tariffs addressed costs, risks, and resource procurement, and what changes are needed? What actions can increase transparency and customer protections with rapid load growth? How can regulators meet the needs of new large load customers, including sustainability and clean energy goals?

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Kelsey Bagot

(MODERATOR)

Virginia State Corporation
Commission

Hon. Floyd McKissick Jr.

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

North Carolina Utilities Commission

Jeff Bladen

Head of Energy

Verrus

Ann Collier

Senior Manager, Emerging
Technology

Smart Electric Power Alliance

Natalie Mims Frick

Deputy Department Leader, Energy
Markets and Policy

Lawrence Berkeley National
Laboratory

Angela Navarro

President

ALN Policy and Law, LLC

**Interconnected Futures: Building Energy Resilience Through
Gas-Electric Coordination**

Monday, July 28

11:15am – 12:15pm

Room: **Ensemble FG**

OPEN

Committee on Gas

Reliance on natural gas as a fuel source for electric generation continues to grow. Expectations for the new Trump administration are that federal policies will favor natural gas production and energy usage. NERC continues to develop new reliability standards that address interdependencies between the gas and electric sectors, including cold weather preparedness standards and a new energy assurance standard for energy constrained generators. Is it time to establish reliability rules for natural gas infrastructure that acknowledge the reality of the co-dependence between the natural gas system and bulk power system? What opportunities exist to better coordinate between these two sectors? And how might state regulators play a critical role in ensuring ongoing fuel supply as part of their state energy security plans and prevent major grid outages?

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Lawrence Friedeman

(MODERATOR)

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Joseph Accardo

Sr. Vice President - State Regulatory Affairs and Centralized Services
PSEG

Matt Agen

Chief Regulatory Counsel, Energy
American Gas Association

Corey Hessen

Chief Executive Officer
Homer City Redevelopment LLC
Hon. Lindsay See
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Camilo Serna
Senior VP of Strategy & Engagement
North American Electric Reliability
Corporation

Joint Business Meeting

Monday, July 28
11:15am – 12:15pm

Room: **Ensemble E**

OPEN

Committee on Water

Staff Subcommittee on Water

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Michael Bange

(MODERATOR)

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Robert Powelson

President and CEO

National Association of Water
Companies

Making Ends Meet: Customer Affordability Challenges and Solutions

Monday, July 28

11:15am – 12:15pm

Room: **Ensemble AB**

OPEN

Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

Since 2023, residential electricity rate increases have outpaced inflation, leaving many Americans struggling to afford utility bills. In the past year, one third of American households reported foregoing other necessary expenditures in order to pay their energy bills. This panel will address a number of facets of affordability. First, how can regulators and utilities ensure they are leveraging low-cost resources and optimizing past investments to minimize rate increases? How can regulators promote efficient utility spending and reduce customer exposure to fuel price volatility? Second, how can regulators manage cost increases driven by actions needed to meet state and regional energy goals and policies? Third, how can regulators expand access to solutions that help customers save money and ensure that they can consistently pay for utility service? What role do energy efficiency programs, discounted rates, percentage of income payment plans, and associated customer safeguards play in affordability, and what are the challenges related to customer outreach and enrollment?

Fourth, what are the unique affordability challenges in rural service territories and how can regulators and utilities ensure that rural customers do not bear a disproportionate burden from the changing energy landscape.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Angie Hatton

Chair

(MODERATOR)

Kentucky Public Service
Commission

Ingo Bensch

Senior Principal, Advisory
Services

Resource Innovations

Rachel Bryant

Senior Director of Regulatory &
Policy Business Development
GridX

John Howat

Senior Policy Analyst
National Consumer Law Center

Hon. Kristy Nieto

Wisconsin

USF in the 21st Century: Where Do We Go From Here?

Monday, July 28

11:15am – 12:15pm

Room: **Ensemble C**

OPEN

Committee on Telecommunications

SCOTUS will have ruled on the Consumers Research petition on USF. This panel will discuss that decision and where telecom will go from here. It will review the current structure of the fund, review the impact of BEAD on the high cost fund, and propose ways to bring the contribution factor under control.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Tim Schram

(MODERATOR)

Nebraska

Brian Ford

Vice President - Federal Regulatory
NTCA-The Rural Broadband
Association

Stephanie Joyce

Chief of Staff and Senior Vice President
CCIA

Professor Daniel Lyons

Professor of Law and Dean's
Distinguished Scholar
Boston College Law School

Hon. Chris Nelson

South Dakota Public Utilities
Commission

Lunch on Your Own

Monday, July 28

12:15pm – 1:30pm

OPEN

Actionable Insights and Informed Decisions

Monday, July 28

1:45pm – 2:45pm

Room: **Ensemble AB**

OPEN

Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

Resource adequacy planning has become increasingly complex. Growing uncertainty in load forecasts, continued cost reductions in alternative generation technologies, and state and federal energy policy objectives present moving targets. Energy planning studies used to guide decisions about generation mix to balance various policy goals reflect this dynamic environment. This panel will review analytical methods used to value the various grid attributes that different resources can provide and compare them to regulators' decision-making requirements. To what extent are long-standing metrics like Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) and Planning Reserve Margin (PRM) still useful, and how might newer, more holistic approaches facilitate the exploration of various investments while considering factors like reliability, cost, risk, and emissions? The session will present one or more case-studies and provide attendees with ample opportunity to ask questions of practitioners.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Pat O'Connell

(MODERATOR)

New Mexico Public Regulation
Commission

Juan Pablo Carvalho

Research Scientist in the Energy
Markets and Policy department
Lawrence Berkeley National
Laboratory

Karl Hausker, Ph.D.

Senior Fellow, WRI Polsky Center
for the Global Energy Transition
World Resources Institute

James Okullo

Director of System Planning
Energy Systems Integration
Group (ESIG)

Hon. Katherine Peretick

Michigan Public Service
Commission

Electricity Committee Business Meeting

Monday, July 28

1:45pm – 2:45pm

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

Committee on Electricity

1. FERC Update, Hon. Judy Chang, FERC
2. Update from Rod West, Algonquin
3. NARUC Center for Partnerships and Innovation (CPI) update, Kathryn Kline
4. Vote on Resolutions

SPEAKERS:

Hon. John Hammond

(MODERATOR)

Idaho

Hon. Judy Chang

Commissioner

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Rod West

CEO

Algonquin

Harnessing Energy Efficiency and Demand Response for Grid Resilience

Monday, July 28

1:45pm – 2:45pm

Room: **Ensemble FG**

OPEN

Committee on Gas

Energy efficiency (EE) and demand response (DR) provide critical, cost-effective, and fuel-neutral strategies to address growing peak demand, reliability challenges, and economic pressures facing state energy systems. This session will examine how regulatory commissions can effectively integrate EE and DR across electricity and natural gas systems, enhancing grid resilience and reducing overall system costs. Panelists will offer concrete examples from states, utilities, and federal initiatives that successfully break down barriers between electric and gas efficiency programs, modernize demand-side management approaches, and utilize flexible load strategies to deliver direct benefits to consumers. Participants will leave with practical policy frameworks to better coordinate programs, boost customer engagement, and strengthen resilience across all energy systems.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Stephen DeFrank

(MODERATOR)

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Paula Glover

President

Alliance to Save Energy

David Malone

Chief Operating Officer

Gas South

Geoff Marke

Chief Economist
Missouri Office of the Public Counsel
Anne-Marie Peracchio
Managing Director of Marketing and
Energy Efficiency
New Jersey Natural Gas

Telecommunications Committee Business Meeting

Monday, July 28

1:45pm – 2:45pm

Room: **Ensemble C**

OPEN

Committee on Telecommunications

Presentation on Charter-Cox Merger
Review/approval of Resolutions

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Tim Schram

(MODERATOR)

Nebraska

Adam Falk

Senior Vice President - State
Government Affairs.

Charter Communications

The PFAS Solution

Monday, July 28

1:45pm – 2:45pm

Room: **Ensemble E**

OPEN

Committee on Water

Safe drinking water is essential to protect public health, and in this role, water utilities are working diligently to comply with federal PFAS regulations before the deadline. As utilities design and install PFAS remediation technology, operators have encountered challenges and barriers, which have resulted in innovative solutions and lessons learned. This session will present the challenges, successes, and best practices learned from water utilities with experience designing and implementing full-scale PFAS treatment facilities. Panelists will also discuss the legal challenges to the federal PFAS drinking water regulations and what that means for the future, as well as litigation by water utilities against the polluters of these chemicals.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Michael Bange

(MODERATOR)

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Natalie Chesko

President

Aqua New Jersey

Daniel Konstanski

Vice President of Engineering

Artesian Water Company

Alan Weland

Regional President

New Jersey Utility Operations at Veolia
North America

Mike Wolan

Director of Engineering
New Jersey American Water

Seaport Sips and Connections

Monday, July 28

2:45pm – 3:15pm

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

OPEN

GENERAL SESSION Power Struggles: Unpacking the Challenges Facing the Regional Transmission Organizations

Monday, July 28

3:15pm – 4:30pm

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

In many parts of the country, Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) play a critical role in electric delivery, reliability, resource adequacy, and generation investment. But challenges loom. NERC's 2025-2029 Risk Assessment places six of the seven RTO/ISO regions in either the "high" or "elevated" risk categories. In addition, with both power demands and costs rising, RTOs find themselves under increasing political and public pressure from elected officials, advocacy groups, and regional stakeholders. This panel will explore the landscape surrounding RTOs and the competing policy demands thrust upon them. Our expert panel will discuss the forces at play and what it means for the nation's RTOs.

SPEAKERS:

Kim Duffley

Senior Director of Policy & Legal Counsel

(MODERATOR)

NARUC

Charles Dickerson

President & CEO

Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc.

Vincent Duane

Principal

Copper Monarch, LLC

Joseph Purington

CEO

Avangrid Networks

Glen Thomas

President

GT Power Group

Hon. Emile Thompson

District of Columbia

Gordon van Welie

President and CEO

ISO New England

Commissioner Emeritus Reception

Monday, July 28

4:45pm – 5:30pm

Room: **Modern**

CLOSED

(Commissioner Emeritus Only)

MACRUC

Monday, July 28

4:45pm – 5:30pm

Room: **Nouveau**

CLOSED

(Invitees Only)

MARC

Monday, July 28

4:45pm – 5:30pm

Room: **Abstract**

CLOSED

(Invitees Only)

NECPUC

Monday, July 28

4:45pm – 5:30pm

Room: **Impressionism**

CLOSED

(Invitees Only)

SEARUC

Monday, July 28

4:45pm – 5:30pm

Room: **Deco**

CLOSED

(Invitees Only)

Western

Monday, July 28

4:45pm – 5:30pm

Room: **Surrealism**

CLOSED

(Invitees Only)

Tuesday, July 29

Commissioner-Only Breakfast

Tuesday, July 29

7:45am – 9:15am

Room: **Ensemble D**

CLOSED

(Commissioners Only)

Bean Town Brew

Tuesday, July 29

9:00am – 9:30am

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

OPEN

Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 29

9:30am – 10:30am

Room: **Ensemble AB**

OPEN

Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

FERC Update - Hon. David Rosner, FERC

DOE Update - Angelos Kokkinos, Senior Advisor for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Past ERE Resolution Update - Hon. Stacey Paradis, Illinois

Resolution Voting

NARUC Center For Partnerships and Innovations (CPI) Update

SPEAKERS:

Angelos Kokkinos

Senior Advisor

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), U.S. DOE

Hon. David Rosner

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Navigating Long-Term Resource Planning in a Dynamic

Regulatory Climate

Tuesday, July 29

9:30am – 10:30am

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

Committee on Electricity

Subcommittee on Coal and Carbon Innovation

Changes in federal energy policy and regulation are creating a complex environment for long-term resource planning by utilities, energy stakeholders, and public utility commissions. During this session, Nick Elliot, Director of the Grid Deployment Office at the U.S. Department of Energy will provide opening remarks followed by a panel discussion that will explore multiple viewpoints on the evolving regulatory framework, its potential trajectory, implications for the broader energy market, and strategies utilities are employing to manage planning risks and uncertainties.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. John Hammond

(MODERATOR)

Idaho

Hon. Mary Throne

Chair

(MODERATOR)

Wyoming Public Service Commission

Paul Chodak

EVP and COO

Eversource

Nick Elliot

Director, Grid Deployment Office

U.S. Department of Energy

Phillip Graeter

Director, Energy & Environmental Markets

Energy Ventures Analysis

Michael Nasi

Partner, Environmental & Legislative
Practice
Jackson Walker

Pole Attachments: How Do We Improve the Process?

Tuesday, July 29

9:30am – 10:30am

Room: **Ensemble C**

OPEN

Committee on Telecommunications

As BEAD projects move forward, the requirement for pole attachments becomes an important important milestone and potential roadblock. How are states and companies addressing this issue?

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Mary Pat Regan

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

Kentucky PUC

Brian O'Hara

NRECA

Michael Stull

Senior Corporate Counsel

Cox Communications

Jake Varn

Associate Manager, Broadband Access
Initiative

Pew Charitable Trusts

Mike Watson

Vice President & Deputy General
Counsel

Extenet

Ratemaking at its Best: Innovative Ratemaking Approaches to Prepare for the Future

Tuesday, July 29

9:30am – 10:30am

Room: **Ensemble E**

OPEN

Committee on Water

Rate of return ratemaking, or “traditional ratemaking,” has been a mainstay of state public utility regulation for at least a half a century. It has allowed utilities to remain financially healthy and invest in needed capital, while at the same time ensuring safe drinking water at reasonable rates for customers. Yet, over the decades, the water sector has experienced new challenges and innovations that have required the traditional ratemaking model to evolve. This panel will discuss innovative approaches to ratemaking from across the country that have proven successful to address challenges, like PFAS, cybersecurity, extreme weather, and infrastructure investment, in a way that will help prepare utilities and support customers for the future.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. De'keither Stamps

(MODERATOR)

Mississippi Public Service Commission

Shannon Becker

President

Aqua North Carolina

Jay Kooper

VP, General Counsel and Secretary

Middlesex Water Company

John Tang

Vice President Regulatory Affairs and
Government Relations

San Jose Water Company

Reliable and Sustainable Distribution Pipeline Systems

Tuesday, July 29

9:30am – 10:30am

Room: **Ensemble FG**

OPEN

Committee on Gas

In 2023, natural gas represented 36% of primary energy consumption in the US and fueled 43% of our nation's electricity production. The natural gas system of pipelines and storage can provide approximately 8 weeks of natural gas energy use in the U.S. Today many policy makers are beginning to understand the critical nature of natural gas as an energy source and the importance of the infrastructure that delivers it. This session will help uncover the key issues/processes and technologies surrounding ensuring that natural gas continues to be a cost effective and reliable energy source well into the future and discuss critical infrastructure and resiliency needs.

Read the Consumer Energy Alliance report (PDF): The Importance of Natural Gas to Illinois

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Kristie Fiegen

(MODERATOR)

South Dakota Public Utilities
Commission

Maria Bocanegra

President
Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas,
Illinois Commerce Commission

Marc Brown

Vice President, State Affairs
Consumer Energy Alliance

Richard Meyer

Vice President of Energy Markets,
Analysis and Standards
American Gas Association
Ron Snedic
Senior VP of Corporate Development
GTI Energy

Seaport Sips and Connections

Tuesday, July 29

10:30am – 11:00am

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

OPEN

Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 29

11:00am – 12:00pm

Room: **Ensemble FG**

OPEN

Committee on Gas

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Stephen DeFrank

(MODERATOR)

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Ben Kochman

Acting Administrator

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
Administration

Andreas Thanos

Policy Specialist, Gas Division

Massachusetts Department of Public
Utilities

Delete, Delete, Delete or Going, Going, Gone

Tuesday, July 29

11:00am – 12:00pm

Room: **Ensemble C**

OPEN

Committee on Telecommunications

What rules have been proposed for elimination? How will these rule changes impact the states? Will states take the initiative to ensure that the deleted rules don't impact consumers? What rules should remain in effect? Are new rules needed as we move to a fully IP world?

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Karen Charles

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

Massachusetts Department of
Telecommunications and Cable

Hon. Sarah Freeman

Commissioner

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Russ Hanser

Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

NCTA

Matt Wood

Vice President of Policy and General
Counsel

Free Press

Infrastructure Investment: Challenges and Solutions

Tuesday, July 29

11:00am – 12:00pm

Room: **Ensemble E**

OPEN

Committee on Water

Safe and reliable water service cannot exist without well-maintained infrastructure. Often out of sight and out of mind, the plants that treat and the pipes that deliver our drinking water are the unsung heroes of the water sector. However, investing in this essential infrastructure is expensive and many small water utilities struggle to make the needed investments in their systems. This panel will discuss the importance of continuing to update and repair water infrastructure, particularly in today's world where distrust in tap water is at its highest. Speakers will share success stories from remediating struggling systems, as well as best practices that help utilities prepare for the future and have the resources to ensure their systems continue to be safe and reliable.

SPEAKERS:

Ann Rendahl

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

Washington Utilities and Transportation
Commission

Robert DiPrimio

President and COO

San Gabriel Valley Water Company

Deborah Franco

President

Liberty Utilities-NY

Marc Lucca

President

Aqua Pennsylvania

Ryan Silvey

Director of National Regulatory Affairs
Central States Water Resources

Making Sense of the Surge: Regulatory Tools for Smarter Transmission Spending

Tuesday, July 29

11:00am – 12:00pm

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

Committee on Electricity

Transmission investment is accelerating across the U.S., driven by aging infrastructure, rising electricity demand, and the need to connect new generation resources. As billions of dollars flow into the grid, it is critical to ensure every transmission dollar is spent prudently. Yet the tools proposed to achieve this — from Grid-Enhancing Technologies (GETs) to enhanced transmission planning oversight, transmission incentives, and Order No. 1920 planning processes — each introduce their own complexities, trade-offs, and cost implications.

How can state regulators navigate this evolving landscape to ensure that transmission investments deliver maximum benefits at the lowest possible cost? This session will explore practical steps that state, regional, and federal entities can take to strengthen regulatory oversight, promote efficient planning, and build a more affordable and reliable grid.

SPEAKERS:

Staci Rubin

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

Massachusetts DPU

Madeleine Balchan

Manager, Regional Transmission
Planning and Strategy

Xcel Energy

Nick Elliot

Director, Grid Deployment Office
U.S. Department of Energy

Mel Mackin

Director, State Policy
Ceres

Kaitlin Savage

Energy Market Development
Google

Managing the Resilience Bill: Planning to Balance Resilience with Affordability

Tuesday, July 29

11:00am – 12:00pm

Room: **Ensemble AB**

OPEN

Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

As the frequency and intensity of extreme weather increases, the costs of maintaining reliable utility infrastructure also increase. Regulators are tasked with ensuring that the distribution grid withstands natural disasters and man-made disruptions and determining the balance between cost and the diminishing returns to reliability investments. This panel will explore how integrated resilience planning identifies the proactive actions utilities can take to increase resilience, along with their expected results and costs, and then focus on two specific factors that resilience plans might include: demand-side management (DSM) and inverter-based resources (IBR). First, this panel will explore how energy efficiency programs—across both electric and gas systems—can be better integrated with system planning to reduce total system costs, enable flexible load, enhance grid resilience, and avoid overbuilding infrastructure. Second, this panel will discuss the ongoing integration of inverter-based resources (IBRs) on both the transmission and distribution systems. Recent FERC Orders

and NERC activities that address the increasing diversity of supply resources on transmission, particularly with respect to system reliability and resilience, will be presented. On distribution, state policies to advance the continued adoption of solar and storage will be discussed, with policy changes that can assist customers in choosing affordable and resilient solar and storage systems.

SPEAKERS:

Philip Bartlett II

Chair

(MODERATOR)

Maine PUC

Aaron Breidenbaugh

Senior Director, Regulatory and Government Affairs

CPower

Tom Content

Executive Director

CUB of Wisconsin

Sean Gallagher

Senior Vice President, Policy

Solar Energy Industries

Association (SEIA)

Lunch on Your Own

Tuesday, July 29

12:00pm – 1:15pm

OPEN

GENERAL SESSION Made in America: Products Shaping Our Future

Tuesday, July 29

1:30pm – 2:45pm

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

With a national emphasis on energy abundance and dominance, American companies are global leaders in energy innovation. From generation technology that enables energy independence to transmission infrastructure providing safer and more efficient delivery, American companies are at the forefront of building and delivering essential services that increase reliability and affordability, create American jobs and enable American supply chain success.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Tricia Pridemore

NARUC President

(MODERATOR)

Georgia Public Service Commission

Chris Cumiskey

Chairman & CEO

Southern Power Company

Corey Hessen

Chief Executive Officer

Homer City Redevelopment LLC

Pablo Koziner

Chief Commercial & Operations Officer

GE Vernova

Bryan Sullivan

Vice President, Steel Wire Solutions,

North America

Bekaert Corporation

Steve Tompkins

Chief Revenue Officer

Osmose Utilities Service, Inc.

Seaport Sips and Connections

Tuesday, July 29

2:45pm – 3:15pm

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

OPEN

GENERAL SESSION Reflections and Insights: Lessons Learned by Former Utility Regulators

Tuesday, July 29

3:15pm – 4:30pm

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

This session brings together former utility regulators to reflect on their experiences, sharing invaluable lessons learned throughout their careers. The discussion will explore key insights that could have shaped their approach if they had known them earlier, offering guidance to those currently navigating the complexities of regulatory roles. Panelists will delve into the challenges and rewards of transitioning from private to public sector work, shedding light on the differences in decision-making processes, stakeholder engagement, and the balance between public interest and business needs. The role of ethics in regulatory decision-making will also be a central theme, with panelists examining how personal values, transparency, and integrity influenced their work. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of dilemmas faced by regulators, the importance of accountability, and how their decisions shape the future of public services and the communities they serve. This session aims to provide both practical advice and thought-provoking reflections for anyone involved in the regulatory or public sector space.

SPEAKERS:

Tony Clark

NARUC Executive Director

(MODERATOR)

North Dakota Public Service
Commission

Maria Bocanegra

President

Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas,
Illinois Commerce Commission

Julie Brown

Vice Chairman

Florida Gaming Control Commission,
Florida Public Service Commission

Lori Cobos

President

Cobos Strategies, Public Utility
Commission of Texas

Jim Kerr

Chairman, President, and Chief
Executive Officer

Southern Company Gas, North Carolina
Utilities Commission

Paul Kjellander

CEO

KJEL LLC, Idaho Public Utilities
Commission

Talina Mathews

CFO

Big Rivers Electric Corporation,
Kentucky Public Service Commission

Bob Rowe

Principal

RCR LLC, Montana Public Service
Commission

Nick Wagner

VP Regulatory

Black Hills Corporation, Iowa Utilities
Commission

Stan Wise

Consultant

Pendleton Group, Georgia Public
Service Commission

Carrie Zalewski

Vice President, Markets & Transmission
American Clean Power, Illinois
Commerce Commission

Substation Site Visit

Tuesday, July 29

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Room: **Off Site Tour**

CLOSED

Committee on Critical Infrastructure

Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure

Staff Subcommittee on Energy Resources and the Environment

Join the Critical Infrastructure and Energy Resources & the Environment Committees and Staff Subcommittees on an excursion to see an updated, hardened, raised substation while in Boston! The substation is located less than a mile from the hotel via a short walk through the exciting Seaport District.

Because of the new station's proximity to the Boston Harbor, a first-of-its-kind design feature was incorporated to protect against an increasing risk of coastal storm surges. The station equipment is situated on a 15-ft-high, 25,000-sq-ft (4.6-m-high, 2323-sq-m) elevated platform, with room for vehicle access below at ground level.

This excursion will include a walk to the substation and should last approximately 90 minutes. Near the substation are many restaurants and pubs, which you are

welcome to experience on your own after the tour.

Open to members of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure, Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure, Committee on ERE, and Staff Subcommittee on ERE.

Advance **registration** is required.

Wednesday, July 30

Bean Town Brew

Wednesday, July 30

8:30am – 10:15am

Room: **Ensemble Foyer**

OPEN

GENERAL SESSION Discussion with Calvin Butler

Wednesday, July 30

9:00am – 9:30am

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Tricia Pridemore

NARUC President

(MODERATOR)

Georgia Public Service Commission

Calvin Butler

President and CEO

Exelon

GENERAL SESSION Q and A with EPA Administrator Zeldin

Wednesday, July 30

9:30am – 10:00am

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Tricia Pridemore

NARUC President

(MODERATOR)

Georgia Public Service Commission

Lee Zeldin

Administrator

Environmental Protection Agency

GENERAL SESSION Inside the Beltway: The Mid-Year Check-in

Wednesday, July 30

10:00am – 11:00am

Room: **Momentum AD**

OPEN

Join us for an engaging and insightful panel discussion featuring a group of experts who are navigating the fast-paced, ever-evolving policy landscape in Washington, D.C. With the Administration and the 119th Congress now at the half-year mark, our panelists – executives from some of the nation’s leading trade associations – will share their views on the national policy and regulatory landscape as it stands just prior to the August recess. As the nation’s capital continues to be a hotbed of Congressional, legal, and regulatory activity, this panel will dive deep into the latest developments and pressing issues that matter most to NARUC members.

SPEAKERS:

Hon Michael Caron

Commissioner

(MODERATOR)

Connecticut PURA

Amy Andryszak

President & CEO

INGAA

Sheri Givens

President & CEO

Smart Electric Power Alliance

Drew Maloney

President & CEO

EEI

Ajit Pai

CEO

CTIA

Jonathan Spalter

CEO

USTelecom

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, July 30

11:15am – 1:15pm

Room: **Marquee**

OPEN

Task Force on Natural Gas Resource Planning: Roadmap Refinement Workshop

Wednesday, July 30

1:00pm – 5:00pm

CLOSED

Members of the **NARUC Task Force on Natural Gas Resource Planning** will share draft roadmaps outlining potential planning processes for natural gas distribution utilities from the perspective of state utility commissions. All commissioners and commission staff are invited to join and offer feedback about possible improvements and share their own examples. Registration is free, but advance **registration** is required.