



Workshop: How Electric Vehicle Flexibility Can Support Load Growth and Affordability

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Check-in: 1:30 to 2:00 PM, Workshop: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Westin DC Downtown, 999 9th Street NW

Meeting Room 12-14

Description:

Electricity demand is increasing due to growth from data centers, manufacturing, transportation electrification, and other uses. By mid-century, transportation is expected to overtake data centers as load requiring electricity. Fortunately, transportation electrification is the most flexible type of demand contributing to load growth because charging can occur at different times and locations across a wide range of vehicle types. Additionally, electric vehicle (EV) adoption is increasingly becoming more predictable. Because EV charging can be shifted to periods when the grid has spare capacity, it can improve load factors and reduce the need for the highest cost grid infrastructure investments even while other loads are growing. Tapping into vehicle charging flexibility can support affordability both in lowering overall costs required to expand and operate the grid and in reducing household expenses for customers that drive EVs.

Workshop Objectives:

- Identify opportunities and barriers to the increased use of EVs as flexible resources
- Highlight real-world examples of utilizing EVs for flexibility
- Develop key takeaways informed through participant discussions

Attendee Note:

- Please collect your name badge from the NARUC registration desk first if you are also attending the NARUC Winter Policy Summit.

Workshop Agenda:

Timing (ET)	Description
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Arrival and Check-In
2:00 – 2:20 PM	Welcome & Setting the Stage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Katherine Peretick, Michigan PSC and Chair, NARUC EV State Working Group David Porter, Vice President, Electrification & Sustainable Energy Strategy, EPRI
2:20 – 2:50 PM	Panel 1: Flexibility from Commercial Fleets Moderator: Hon. Milt Doumit, Washington UTC and Vice Chair, NARUC EV State Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachel Aland, Transportation Director, ACEEE Bryan Zulberti, Regional Interconnection Account Manager, Duke Energy Participant Q&A
2:50 – 3:15 PM	Table Discussions: Actions PUCs Can Take to Support Flexibility Facilitator: Danielle Sass Byrnett, Senior Director, NARUC Center for Partnerships & Innovation
3:15 – 3:25 PM	Break (coffee)
3:25 – 3:55 PM	Panel 2: Flexibility from Residential Vehicles Moderator: Benjamin Baker, Senior Commission Advisor, Maryland PSC and Staff Lead, NARUC EV State Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emma Rodvien, Senior Manager, U.S. Regulatory Affairs and Market Development, Kraken Rachael Nealer, Director, Atlas Participant Q&A
3:55 – 4:10 PM	Table Discussions: Actions PUCs Can Take to Support Flexibility Facilitator: Margerie Snider, Technical Specialist, NARUC Center for Partnerships & Innovation
4:10 – 4:40 PM	Panel 3: Including All Customers Moderator: Steve Olea, Special Advisor to the Commission, Arizona Corporate Commission and Staff Lead, NARUC EV State Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Allen, Executive Director, Forth Danielle Kievit, Senior Clean Energy Product Manager, Puget Sound Energy Participant Q&A
4:40 – 4:55 PM	Table Discussions: Actions PUCs Can Take to Include All Customers Facilitator: Garrett Fitzgerald, Senior Director, Research & Industry Strategy, Transportation Electrification, Smart Electric Power Alliance
4:55 – 5:00 PM	Wrap Up & Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NARUC Center for Partnerships & Innovation