NARUC Center for Partnerships & Innovation

Identifying emerging challenges and connecting state commissions with expertise and strategies to navigate their complex decision making

The NARUC Center for Partnerships & Innovation (CPI) builds relationships, develops resources, and delivers training to assist state commissions contending with complex current and emerging issues. CPI is funded by cooperative agreements with offices throughout the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and DOE National Laboratories.

CPI works across five key energy areas:

Energy Generation	Energy Transmission	Energy Distribution	Energy Customers
• Resource Adequacy • Coal • Nuclear Energy* • Natural Gas • Renewables	• Bulk Power System • Transmission Infrastructure* • Comprehensive Electricity Planning* • Storage	• Distributed Energy Resources* • Integrated Distribution System Planning* • Grid Modernization • Virtual Power Plants • Ratemaking / PBR	• Demand Flexibility • Microgrids* • Electric Vehicles* • Data Centers • Stakeholder Engagement • Affordability
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Critical Infrastructure Resilience, Emergency Preparedness, and Cybersecurity

- Critical Infrastructure
- Cybersecurity for Utility Regulators
- Artificial Intelligence
- Integrated System Resilience*
- Defense Community Partnerships
- Energy Emergency Preparedness / Wildfires

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**Join a members-only group on this topic for regular learning and peer exchange opportunities.*

Sign up for the **CPI Newsletter** for twice-monthly updates about new resources and forthcoming events.

The NARUC CPI team looks forward to engaging with NARUC's members throughout the year—your needs drive our priorities and activities. Reach out at any time!

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Recent Resources

Publications

- **Comprehensive Electricity Planning Roadmaps**, July
- **NCEP Framework for Collaboration on Load Growth**, July
- **Energy Storage Primer**, July
- **Microgrids Interconnection Brief**, July
- **Transmission Cost Allocation State Agreement Process**, June
- **Summaries from Virtual Roundtables on Large Loads**, June
- **Large Load Tariffs and Load Forecasting**, Apr.
- **NCEP Mini Guide: PUCs and Consumer Advocates**, Apr.
- **NCEP Mini Guide: Customer Energy Bill Assistance**, Feb.
- **Mini Guide: Building a Workforce for Resilience**, Feb.
- **Proactive Investment Strategies for EVs**, Feb.
- **Wildfire Workbook for Utility Regulators**, Dec. (2025)

Multimedia and Web-based Resources

- **Day in the Life Videos: Behind the Scenes at State PUCs**
- **Load Growth Resources Webpage**
- **NCEP Library**: **Transmission Resources for States**
- **Critical Infrastructure Resource Repository**
- **Advanced Nuclear State Actions Map** & **Resource Repository**
- **Performance-Based Regulation State Tracking Map**
- **Electric Vehicle Case Study Catalog**

Review "**Essential Resources Guides,**" your starting point for finding existing resources on key topics at-a-glance: **load growth**, **EVs**, **data sharing**, **resilience**, **cybersecurity**, **nuclear energy**, **coal**, **natural gas**, **microgrids**, and **cost recovery**.

Forthcoming Publications:

- Data Center Siting Primer
- Cybersecurity Baselines v2
- Microgrids for Water and Wastewater Facilities
- Funding for Advanced Nuclear
- Energy Storage in Practice
- Leveraging Demand-Side Solutions for Load Growth
- Energizing Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Loads
- Transmission Funding & Financing Strategies
- Energy & Economic Development Mini Guide

Support Available:
DOE National Labs offer technical assistance for PUCs upon request, from quick questions to entire projects. Topics include load forecasting, data centers, FERC Order 1920 (transmission), grid resilience, integrated planning, interconnection processes, regulatory sandboxes, and more.

Virtual Learning Opportunities

- **Distributed Energy Projects Interconnection Cohort Webinar Series. July 29:** DSP and Capacity Expansion Modeling, **Aug. 26:** Model Guidelines and Flexible Interconnection, **Sept. 23:** Peer & Expert Coaching on Participant Questions. Register and find recordings. *Contact Jeff*
- **National Council on Electricity Policy (NCEP) Framework for State Agency Collaboration on Load Growth Webinar. Aug. 12.** Register now. *Contact Deborah*
- **Distribution System Planning Peer Webinar Series. Aug. 13:** Stakeholder Engagement Practices**.** Register and find recordings. *Contact Margerie*
- **Innovation Webinars. Aug. 27**, **Sept. 10**, and **Oct. 15.** Register and find recordings. *Contact Jessica*
- **Comprehensive Electricity Planning Roadmaps Webinar. Aug. 31.** *Contact Danielle*
- **Load Growth Resources Webinar. Sept. 9.** Register now. *Contact Jeff*
- **On-Demand Learning Modules.** Dozens of videos on bulk power system, resource adequacy and load forecasting, smart grid and EVs, cybersecurity, data access, and more. *Contact Danielle*
- **Tech Talk for Regulators Podcast Series.** Ep 1: AI and Cybersecurity, Ep 2: Protecting Substations, Ep 3: Wildfire Technology, Ep 4: California Wildfire Mitigation. *Contact Jody*

Upcoming In Person Events

Travel Reimbursements Available

- **Cybersecurity Training for State Utility Regulators.** New agenda & interactive exercises. Open to Commissioners and Commission Staff. **Sept. 15 to 17, Austin, Texas.** Register now. *Contact Jody*