

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 through the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). **CPI works across five key energy areas:**



Energy Generation	Energy Transmission	Energy Distribution	Energy Customers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Adequacy Coal and Carbon Management* Nuclear Energy* Natural Gas* Hydrogen Utility-Scale Renewables <p><i>Contact Kiera Zitelman</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulk Power System Transmission Infrastructure* Transmission-Distribution Coord. Comprehensive Electricity Planning Storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DER Integration & Compensation* Integrated Distribution Planning* Smart Grid / Grid Modernization Valuation and Ratemaking (PBR)* <p><i>Contact Jeffrey Loiter</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand Flexibility* Virtual Power Plants Microgrids* Electric Vehicles* Stakeholder Engagement Energy Justice Affordability

Critical Infrastructure Resilience, Emergency Preparedness, and Cybersecurity	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity for Utility Regulators Energy Emergency Preparedness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated System Resilience* Defense Community Partnerships Workforce Development* <p><i>Contact Lynn Costantini</i></p>

**Contact us to 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 Publications

- **[Defense Energy Resilience Engagement Framework](#)** Sept 2024
- **[Assessing Risks from Older Inverter-Based Generation](#)** July 2024
- **[NCEP Workforce Recruitment Collaboration Brief](#)** July 2024
- **[Aggregated DER Fundamentals](#)** July 2024
- **[Regulators' Financial Toolbox: Tracking Clean Energy](#)** June 2024
- **[Collaborative Enhancements to Unlock Interregional Transmission Planning](#)** June 2024
- **[Coal to Nuclear Repowering](#)** April 2024
- **[NCEP Mini Guide on Air Regulators and PUCs/SEOs](#)** March 2024
- **[Cybersecurity Baselines for Electric Distribution Systems and Distributed Energy Resources \(DER\)](#)** Feb 2024
- **[Cybersecurity Issue Brief: Volt Typhoon](#)** Feb 2024
- **[National EV Infrastructure Formula Program Brief](#)** Feb 2024
- **[Mitigating Stranded Asset Risks to Utility Customers](#)** Feb 2024
- **[Certified Natural Gas Primer](#)** Feb 2024
- **[Regulators' Financial Toolbox: BTM Storage](#)** Jan 2024
- **[Grid Data Sharing Framework & Playbook](#)** Nov 2023
- **[Nuclear Generation in Utility Resource Planning](#)** Nov 2023
- **[Guidebook for Federal Funding Opportunities](#)** Nov 2023
- **[Resource Adequacy for State Utility Regulators](#)** Nov 2023
- **[Mini Guide on Fusion Centers](#)** Oct 2023

CPI is producing Essential Resources Guides for each of our key topic areas. Explore the [natural gas](#), [coal and carbon management](#) and [electric vehicle](#) guides now!

Forthcoming Publications:

- CCUS Technology and Policy Status
- Microgrid Applications
- Long-Term Gas Planning
- Questions for PUCs on Legacy DERs
- EV Case Study Catalog
- Proactive Infrastructure Investments for EVs
- Use Cases for Advanced Nuclear
- Grid Reliability and Coal Fleet Performance

New Support Available:

DOE & NARUC Technical Assistance on Coordinated Grid Resilience Planning and Implementation. This is an opportunity for PUCs to **receive technical assistance on coordinated grid resilience system planning and hazard mitigation and adaptation strategies!**

[Learn more](#) and [apply](#).

Virtual Learning Opportunities

- **Monthly Innovation Webinars. Sept 19:** AI and Load Growth. **Oct 24:** Topic TBA. [Register and find past recordings](#). *Contact Jessica*
- **NCEP Webinar. Sept 27:** Aggregated DERs in 2024: The Fundamentals. [Register](#). *Contact Deborah*
- **Workforce Development Webinar. Sept 30:** Interagency Dialogue. [Register](#). *Contact Hyleah*
- **Regulators' Roundtable on Wildfires and Affordability: Financial, Regulatory, and Policy Issues. Oct 8:** [Register](#) for Part 3. **Nov 12:** [Register](#) for in-person workshop in Anaheim, CA. *Contact Jody*
- **On-Demand, Video-Based Learning Modules.** Dozens of training videos in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) on [distribution systems and planning](#), [smart grid and EV interoperability](#), [cybersecurity](#) and more. *Contact Jeff*
- **NARUC-hosted working groups** routinely hold webinars for members. See [CPI Events](#) for info.

Upcoming In Person Events *Travel Stipends Available*

- **Cybersecurity Training for Utility Regulators, Philadelphia, PA. Sept 24-26, 2024.** [Register](#). *Contact Jody*
- **Cybersecurity Baselines Steering Meeting. Oct 9-10, 2024.** *Contact Lynn*
- **Natural Gas Planning Task Force Workshop, Atlanta, GA. Oct 17-18, 2024.** *Contact Kiera*
- **NCEP Annual Meeting: Engaging Communities, Phoenix, AZ. Oct 29-30, 2024.** [Register](#). *Contact Deborah*