

# 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource Adequacy</li> <li>• Coal*</li> <li>• Nuclear Energy*</li> <li>• Natural Gas*</li> <li>• Hydrogen</li> <li>• Renewables</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulk Power System</li> <li>• Transmission Infrastructure*</li> <li>• Comprehensive Electricity Planning*</li> <li>• Storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distributed Energy Resources*</li> <li>• Integrated Distribution System Planning*</li> <li>• Grid Modernization</li> <li>• Virtual Power Plants</li> <li>• Ratemaking / PBR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demand Flexibility</li> <li>• Microgrids*</li> <li>• Electric Vehicles*</li> <li>• Data Centers</li> <li>• Stakeholder Engagement</li> <li>• Affordability</li> </ul>
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## Critical Infrastructure Resilience, Emergency Preparedness, and Cybersecurity

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Infrastructure</li> <li>• Cybersecurity for Utility Regulators*</li> <li>• Artificial Intelligence</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated System Resilience*</li> <li>• Defense Community Partnerships</li> <li>• Energy Emergency Preparedness / Wildfires</li> </ul> |
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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

- **NCEP Mini Guide: PUCs and Consumer Advocates: Protecting the Public Interest, 2nd ed.**, April 2026
- **Large Load Tariffs and Load Forecasting: Reducing Uncertainty in an Era of Load Growth**, April 2026
- **NCEP Mini Guide: Customer Energy Bill Assistance**, Feb 2026
- **Proactive Investment Strategies for EVs**, Feb 2026
- **Mini Guide: Building a Workforce for Resilience**, Feb 2026
- **Wildfire Workbook for Utility Regulators**, Dec 2025
- **Task Force on Gas Resource Planning Roadmaps**, Dec 2025
- **Compendium of Standards and Requirements for Utility Customer Data Access** and **Data Access FAQs**, Sept 2025
- **NARUC Resilience Framework in Action**, Aug 2025

### Web Resources

- **Critical Infrastructure Resource Repository**
- **Adv Nuclear State Actions Map** and **Resource Repository**

### Multimedia

- **Day in the Life Videos: Behind the Scenes at State PUCs**
- **Short spotlight videos on 2025 resilience** and **coal resources**

Review “**Essential Resources Guides**” for a snapshot of relevant NARUC resources, webinar recordings, and links organized by topic: **data sharing**, **resilience**, **nuclear**, **cybersecurity**, **cost recovery**, **microgrids**, **natural gas**, **coal**, and **electric vehicles**.

### Forthcoming Publications:

- Comprehensive Electricity Planning Roadmaps
- Cybersecurity Baselines V2
- Microgrids for Water and Wastewater Treatment
- Interconnecting Microgrids
- Public and Private Funding for Advanced Nuclear Energy
- Leveraging Demand-Side Solutions for Load Growth
- Energizing Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Loads
- Transmission Funding & Financing Strategies

### 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 filings (transmission), integrated grid planning, grid resilience, regulatory sandboxes, interconnection process improvements, and more.

## Virtual Learning Opportunities

- **Monthly Innovation Webinars.** **May 28:** Bridging Data and Decisions for Resilience, **Jun 18:** Space Weather’s Impact on the Grid. Register and find recordings from dozens of topics. *Contact Jessica*
- **Distribution System Planning Peer Webinar Series.** **May 14:** Integrating Resilience Planning, **Jun 22:** Considering Advanced Building Technologies, **Aug 13:** Stakeholder Engagement Practices. Learn more and register. *Contact Jeff*
- **Distributed Energy Projects Interconnection Cohort Webinar Series.** **May 27, Jun 23, Jul 29, Aug 26, Sept 23.** Learn more and register. *Contact Jeff*
- **On-Demand Learning Modules.** Dozens of training videos on the bulk power system, resource adequacy and load forecasting, distribution systems and planning, distributed energy resources, smart grid and EVs, cybersecurity, customer data access, and more. *Contact Jeff*
- **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*

- **NCEP Annual Meeting: Framework for Successful State Agency Collaboration on Load Growth.** Open to the public. **May 5-6, Charleston, SC.** Register now. *Contact Deborah*
- **Cybersecurity Training for Utility Regulators.** Open to public utility commissioners and commission staff. Registration opens in May: **Sept 15-17, Austin, TX.** *Contact Jody*