

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"> Resource Adequacy Coal* Nuclear Energy* Natural Gas* Hydrogen Renewables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulk Power System Transmission Infrastructure* Comprehensive Electricity Planning* Storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed Energy Resources* Integrated Distribution System Planning* Grid Modernization Virtual Power Plants Ratemaking / PBR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

- **Cybersecurity Baselines: Version 2 and Final Implementation Guidance**, Feb 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
- **Tech Brief: Microgrids as Resilience Investments**, Aug 2025
- **NARUC Resilience Framework in Action: Regional Coordination during Extreme Heat**, Aug 2025

Web Resources

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

Multimedia

- **Day in the Life Video 1: 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:

- Large Load Tariffs and Load Forecasting Uncertainty
- Microgrids for Water and Wastewater Treatment
- Interconnecting Microgrids to the Distribution Grid
- Carbon Capture Technology and Policy Status Update
- Public and Private Funding for Advanced Nuclear Energy
- Mini Guide on Energy and Economic Development
- Energizing Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Loads

Support Available:

DOE National Labs offer **technical assistance** for PUCs on demand, 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.** **Mar 19:** Virtual Power Plants Framework, **Apr 16:** Resilience, **May 21:** Long-Duration Energy Storage. **Register and find recordings** from dozens of topics. *Contact Jessica*
- **Virtual Roundtable Series for Regulators on Load Growth and Large Loads.** **Feb 19, Mar 9.** **Learn more and register.** *Contact Jeff*
- **Bulk Power System Virtual Training Series.** **Apr 2:** Advancements in resource adequacy assessments, **Apr 16:** Forecasting for large loads to inform resource and transmission planning, **Apr 30:** Processing large load interconnection requests. **Register now.** *Contact Kiera*
- **On-Demand Learning Modules.** Dozens of training videos on **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. Save the date: **Sept 15-17, Austin, TX.** *Contact Jody*