



Black Sky Subcommittee Kick-off Meeting October 21, 2020

Meeting Notes

Chair Gladys Brown Dutrieuille convened the first meeting of the Black Sky Subcommittee, followed by self-introductions. The meeting agenda and presentation materials are attached for reference.

During the meeting, members discussed success factors for the Black Sky Subcommittee as it works to develop a Black Sky Playbook. Key themes arose:

- Develop a flexible “how-to” playbook that outlines best practices for preparing for a Black Sky event.
- Ensure the playbook is practical to implement and relevant to ‘real-world’ scenarios. Balance the need for thoroughness with easily deployed.
- Adopt a collaborative approach to ensure inclusiveness and integration of topical work done to date by key stakeholder groups including state emergency management offices, state energy offices, federal agencies, and the private sector.
- Follow through with exercises designed to test Black Sky response capabilities as outlined in the playbook.

NARUC staff outlined the timetable for developing the Black Sky playbook and interim deliverables; which will be prepared by a consultant hired to support this initiative. Subcommittee members will review and critique draft work products and support Subcommittee-sponsored events such as webinars and virtual learning engagements.

Members also discussed expanding the Subcommittee roster to promote a holistic, collaborative approach. Suggestions included Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); North American Transmission Forum (NATF); National Emergency Management Association (NEMA); and the Electricity Infrastructure Security Council. Members should submit additional suggestions to NARUC’s Will McCurry (wmccurry@naruc.org).

Subcommittee leadership will work with NARUC staff to schedule regular meetings of the Subcommittee. The schedule will be available in the near future. Meanwhile, Chair Dutrieuille will provide an activity report to the Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resiliency Task Force (EPRR Task Force) during its meeting on November 6, 2020 at 11:00 AM ET. Subcommittee members may attend; contact Will McCurry for details.

Finally, NARUC staff requested that members visit the Subcommittee’s website (<https://www.naruc.org/emergency-preparedness-recovery-and-resiliency-task-force/>) Members should submit missing or updated biographies and/or photos to Will McCurry as soon as possible.