



## **Black Sky Subcommittee Meeting Minutes February 26, 2021**

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

Chair Dutrieuille introduced Jonathon Monken, Principal – Converge Strategies LLC to the Black Sky Subcommittee. Converge Strategies, LLC (Converge) is subcontracted under NARUC to develop a content outline of the Black Sky Technical Playbook on behalf of the Black Sky Subcommittee, EPRR Task Force, National Governor’s Association (NGA) and National Association of State Energy Officials. Mr. Monken introduced members of the Converge team including Wilson Rickerson, Principal at Converge Strategies and Brigadier General John Heltzel, Director of Resilience Planning at the Electric Infrastructure Security Council (EIS Council).

The group discussed Converge Strategies’ approach to completing work outlined in the Black Sky Subcommittee’s work plan (see PPT). The Converge team responded to questions about the proposed approach and timeline for completing work outlined in the Black Sky Subcommittee’s work plan. Members reiterated that the playbook should be adaptable and adoptable rather than prescriptive “one-size-fits-all” and that the focus should be on usability by PUCs and other state energy officials. Members also suggested that Converge address the economic impacts from Black Sky events and include details in the playbooks on practicing for Black Sky response activities during “blue sky” days. Members also agreed to forward additional resources for Converge to include in the Black Sky literature review and to inform the development of the needs assessment.

NARUC staff noted that the Black Sky Subcommittee would meet in March, April, June, and August 2021, during which Converge will provide updates on work products and members will have the opportunity to provide feedback on work done to date. Guest speakers may be invited to address emerging Black Sky planning and response related topics. Will McCurry ([wmccurry@naruc.org](mailto:wmccurry@naruc.org)) distributed calendar invites to members for each of these planned meetings.



## **Attendance**

### **Black Sky Subcommittee Members:**

CHAIR: Gladys Brown Dutrieuille - PA Public Utility Commission

Co-Chair: Phil Moeller - EEI

Dan Scripps – Michigan Public Service Commission

Lillian Mateo-Santos – Puerto Rico Energy Bureau

Sadzi Oliva – Illinois Commerce Commission

Donald (Don) Schumacher – Connecticut Water

Alyse Taylor-Anyikire - NGA

Kenya Stump – Kentucky Office of Energy Policy

Mary Lasky – Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory

Michael E. Bryson - PJM

Richard Mroz – Resolute Strategies

Rob Thormeyer - UTC

Brandi Martin - DOE

Kristen Verclas – NASEO

Paul Stockton – Paul N. Stockton LLC

### **Staff Support:**

Wilson Rickerson – Converge Strategies

John Heltzel – EIS Council / Converge Strategies

Johnathan Monken – Converge Strategies

David Alexander – PA PUC

Ghana Redman – PA PUC

John Van Zant – PA PUC

Scott Aaronson - EEI

Ivy Lynn - EEI

Danielle Sass Bryant – NARUC

Lynn P. Costantini - NARUC

William McCurry - NARUC