

## NARUC Center for Partnerships & Innovation

*Identifying emerging challenges and connecting state commissions with expertise and strategies to navigate complex decision-making*



The NARUC Center for Partnerships & Innovation (CPI) builds relationships, develops resources, and delivers training that provides answers to state commissioners' questions. CPI is funded by cooperative agreements with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and charitable sources.

CPI works across four key topical areas:

<p><b>Energy Infrastructure &amp; Technology Modernization</b> <i>Advancing understanding of innovative technology possibilities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage</li><li>• Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization</li><li>• Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings</li><li>• Smart Grid</li><li>• Electric Vehicles</li></ul>	<p><b>Electricity System Transition</b> <i>Addressing evolving grid planning challenges and opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distribution Systems and Planning</li><li>• Comprehensive Electricity Planning</li><li>• Performance-Based Regulation</li><li>• Valuation Frameworks and Approaches</li><li>• National Council on Electricity Policy (NCEP)</li></ul>
<p><b>Critical Infrastructure, Cybersecurity, Resilience</b> <i>Ensuring the energy system is safe, secure, and resilient</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical Infrastructure</li><li>• Cybersecurity for Utility Regulators</li><li>• Energy Emergency Preparedness</li><li>• Resilient Distributed Energy Resources</li><li>• Microgrids</li></ul>	<p><b>Emerging Issues</b> <i>Enabling commissions to explore new topics as they arise</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission Staff Surge Calls</li><li>• Innovation Webinar Series (open to all)</li><li>• Connections to Technical Assistance from National Laboratories and Other Experts</li></ul>

We look forward to engaging with NARUC's members throughout the year—your needs drive our priorities and activities!

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# NARUC Center for Partnerships & Innovation

## Current Activities

### Recently Released Publications

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- **Advancing Electric System Resilience with Distributed Energy Resources:** [Key Questions and Resources](#) (Apr. 2020); [A Review of State Policies](#) (Apr. 2020)
- **Smart Grid Interoperability:** [Prompts for State Regulators to Engage Utilities](#) (Apr. 2020)
- **Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Replacement and Modernization** (Feb. 2020)
- **Coal Ash Law and Commercialization** (Feb. 2020)
- **Recent Changes to U.S. Coal Plant Operations and Current Compensation Practices** (Jan. 2020)
- **NCEP Transmission and Distribution System Coordination Resource Catalog** (Jan. 2020)
- **NARUC-NASEO Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity Planning: Resource Library** (Jan. 2020)

### Forthcoming Resources

- Analysis of Battery Energy Storage Technology Adoption by Electric Utility Structure
- Cybersecurity Partnerships and Information Sharing
- Guide to State Cybersecurity Table Top Exercises
- NCEP Mini Guide: Coordination between Public Utility Commissions and State Energy Offices
- Artificial Intelligence for Natural Gas Utilities: A Primer
- Stakeholder Engagement Approaches: A Decision Making Framework

### Training & Events

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- **Smart Grid Interoperability: Online Learning Module Videos.** Short videos for state utility commissions on economics, operational considerations, and roles of state regulators on interoperability. *Contact Kerry*
- **Microgrids State Working Group Workshop.** The NARUC-NASEO Microgrids State Working Group gathered February 12–13, 2020, in Washington, DC. [Summary](#) and [presentations are available](#). *Contact Kiera*
- **NARUC-NASEO Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity Planning.** The 15 Task Force states will host a virtual workshop in September 2020. [Recent webinar recordings are available](#). *Contact Danielle*
- **Coal Power and Carbon Capture Outlook Conference.** NARUC's spring conference was reconfigured and will be held as a six-part webinar series on Fridays from Sept. 11 to Oct. 16, 2020. [Register here](#). *Contact Kiera*
- **Distribution Systems and Planning Training.** NARUC and DOE's National Laboratories hosted a virtual training in March 2020. [Presentations are available](#). The next training session will be Oct. 13–15, 2020. *Contact Kerry*
- **Cyber Training: "What Do State Regulatory Commissions Need to Know to Act Prudently on Cybersecurity?"** NARUC's latest cybersecurity training was postponed from spring to fall 2020. *Contact Lynn*
- **National Council on Electricity Policy (NCEP).** Save the date for NCEP's Annual Meeting December 7-9, 2020 on Evolving Compensation and Market Mechanisms. Resources at: [www.electricitypolicy.org](http://www.electricitypolicy.org). *Contact Kerry*

### Ongoing Virtual Learning Opportunities

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- **Commission Staff Surge Calls.** NARUC hosts quarterly calls on which commission staff discuss how different states approach emerging issues in electricity policy. [Summaries from past calls are available](#). *Contact Kiera*
- **Innovation Webinar Series.** NARUC hosts monthly webinars for members and the public Thursdays at 3pm ET. **Aug. 20:** Lesser Known Renewable Technologies. **Sept. 17:** Building Decarbonization. **Oct. 22:** Emerging Possibilities for Bulk Energy Storage. [Register and find recordings of past events](#). *Contact Dominic*

**Join us!** NARUC hosts four working groups for members:

- [Performance-Based Regulation](#). *Contact Kerry*
- [Electric Vehicles](#). *Contact Danielle*
- [Microgrids](#). *Contact Kiera*
- [Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings](#). *Contact Danielle*