

Agenda Overview for NCEP Members

NCEP Annual Meeting 2019
Tuesday, September 10 – Thursday, September 12
[Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark](#)
4140 Governors Row - Austin, TX 78744

Registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCEP2019>

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Introduction

Last year, at the 2018 Annual Meeting and Workshop in Denver, CO, NCEP gathered state decision makers and stakeholders to discuss the state of interfaces between distribution and transmission systems in light of increasing distributed energy resources. In September 2018, NCEP released a [compendium of resources](#), which lists resources, case studies, and remaining questions for research around T & D system planning, operations, and markets.

In 2019, NCEP will further explore this topic by focusing on transmission, distribution, and customer interfaces, taking a closer look at operational needs and their influence on planning and markets.

Workshop Objectives:

NCEP members and colleagues will...

- Learn about and share experiences with coordinating planning, operations, and markets of transmission, distribution, and customer electricity systems;
- Examine ideas around the operational needs of a coordinated system and how states play a role in developing a future-proofed system;
- Document an ongoing conversation about the evolving intersections and coordination needs of the system for state policy makers;
- Connect states with resources and tools to provide safe, reliable, and affordable power; and
- Hear insights and lessons learned from state regulators, energy directors, utility managers, technologists, legislators, and consumer advocates.

Day-to-Day Program (Central Time)

Tuesday, September 10

- Attendees arrive in Austin, TX
- 1:00 – 5:00 PM “Add-On” Co-located Interoperability Training
 - This training will help states to understand interoperability, standards, and testing & certification. Attendees will reflect on how interoperability supports reliability,

affordability, and safety. Specifically, this training will help states understand how to engage with utilities on interoperability. A separate agenda will become available.

Wednesday, September 11

- 8:00 AM Welcome to Day 1
- Plenary Sessions:
 - Physical System: This session will give the audience a holistic picture of the Transmission, distribution, and customer systems along planning, operations, and markets. Attendees will be able to conceptualize grid architecture and understand coordination principals.
 - Domestic and International case studies will be examined.
 - Discussion will highlight participants' questions, experiences, and research needs, as well as standard question and answer opportunities.
- Site Visit:
 - At approximately 3 PM, we will depart the hotel for a site visit to the [Pecan Street](#) project (30 minute drive). Transportation will be provided between the hotel and site (and back to the hotel) for NCEP members and other government affiliates. Depending on capacity, we may open the site visit up to NGOs and industry.
 - Information and Data: At the [Pecan Street](#) site, we will see firsthand the abilities of information and data as it pertains to innovations in the electricity industry, as well as adjacent industries: water and transportation.

Thursday, September 12

- 8:00 AM Welcome to Day 2
- Plenary Sessions:
 - Communications and Software: This session will discuss the communications and software needs of utilities and the public to operate an efficient grid.
 - Domestic and International case studies will be examined.
 - Discussion will highlight participants' questions, experiences, and research needs, as well as standard question and answer opportunities
- 12:30 PM Boxed Lunches and Farewell

Logistics and Travel

NCEP members are eligible for travel reimbursement. If you are requesting travel reimbursement, please hold on making reservations until you have received a reimbursement authorization for travel (RAFT) offer letter form NARUC. A room block has been set up at the Omni Southpark for NCEP members at the GSA rate. The RAFT will have a link to make a reservation on our room block.