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### Energy Infrastructure & Technology Modernization
*Advancing understanding of innovative technology possibilities*
- Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage
- Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization
- Nuclear Energy
- Smart Grid
- Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings
- Electric Vehicles

### Electricity System Transition
*Addressing evolving grid planning challenges and opportunities*
- Distribution Systems and Planning
- Comprehensive Electricity Planning
- Bulk Power System Issues
- Performance-Based Regulation
- Utility Business Models
- National Council on Electricity Policy (NCEP)

### Critical Infrastructure, Cybersecurity, Resilience
*Ensuring the energy system is safe, secure, and resilient*
- Critical Infrastructure
- Cybersecurity for Utility Regulators
- Energy Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resilience
- Microgrids

### Emerging Issues
*Enabling commissions to explore new topics as they arise*
- Commission Staff Surge Calls
- Innovation Webinar Series (open to all)
- Connections to Technical Assistance from National Laboratories and Other Experts

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Current Activities

Recently Released Publications

- **NARUC-NASEO Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity Planning Blueprint for State Action, Roadmaps, Planning Library** (Feb. 2021)
- **Private, State, and Federal Funding and Financing Options to Enable Resilient, Affordable, and Clean Microgrids** (Jan. 2021)
- **User Objectives and Design Options for Microgrids** (Jan. 2021)

Recent Events

- **Bulk Power System Issues Training Series.** Recordings are available from a spring 2021 series led by Energy Systems Integration Group for NARUC, NASEO, & NASUCA on resource adequacy, system balancing, system stability, and impacts of DERs on the bulk power system. **Contact Danielle**
- **Western States Integrated Distribution Systems Planning Training.** NARUC and DOE national laboratories delivered a virtual training in spring 2021 that included recorded sessions on demand flexibility, resilience, PUC practices, and more. **Contact Dominic**
- **Performance-Based Regulation (PBR) Webinar Series.** Presentations and recordings have been posted from the PBR State Working Group’s spring-summer 2021 webinar series on performance incentive mechanisms (PIMs), resilience metrics, and PIMs for resilience. **Contact Kerry**
- **National Council on Electricity Policy (NCEP).** Presentations and summary from NCEP’s 2020 Annual Meeting on Evolving Market & Compensation Mechanisms are available, as well as an updated Transmission and Distribution Resources Catalog. **Contact Kerry**

Upcoming Virtual Learning Opportunities

- **NCEP Webinar & 2021 Annual Meeting.** Register for an NCEP webinar on Maximizing Existing Transmission Capacity on Aug. 3. Registration now open for NCEP’s Annual Meeting on Coordinated Electricity Planning, Sept. 13-15, 2021 in Washington, DC and online. Travel stipends available. **Contact Kerry**
- **Nuclear Energy Partnership Webinar Series.** Aug. 6: Role of Nuclear in Grid Reliability and Resilience. Oct. 8: Compensating Carbon-Free Power. Register and find recordings of past events. **Contact Jasmine**
- **Commission Staff Surge Calls.** NARUC hosts calls for commission staff to discuss different states’ approaches to emerging issues. Next call Aug. 16 on transmission planning; past summaries are online. **Contact Kiera**

Join us! NARUC hosts four virtual working groups for members.

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- **Performance-Based Regulation,** Contact Kerry
- **Electric Vehicles,** Contact Jasmine
- **Microgrids,** Contact Kiera
- **Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings,** Contact Danielle

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