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:

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

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Current Activities

Recently Released Publications

- **Private, State, and Federal Funding and Financing Options to Enable Resilient, Affordable, and Clean Microgrids** (Jan. 2021)
- **User Objectives and Design Options for Microgrids to Deliver Reliability and Resilience, Clean Energy, Energy Savings, and Other Priorities** (Jan. 2021)
- **Understanding Cybersecurity for the Smart Grid: Questions for Utilities** (Dec. 2020)
- **Artificial Intelligence for Natural Gas Utilities: A Primer** (Oct. 2020)
- **Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise Guide** (Oct. 2020)

Recent Events

- **Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage Workshop Webinar Series**. The Western Interstate Energy Board and NARUC hosted a six-part webinar series from Sept. 11 to Oct. 16, 2020. **Contact Kiera**
- **Integrated Distribution Systems Planning**. NARUC partnered with DOE national laboratories to deliver a virtual training in Oct. 2020 on forecasting, control and automation, metrics, resilience, PUC practices, and more. The next session will be held for Western state officials beginning Feb. 26, 2021. **Contact Dominic**
- **NARUC-NASEO Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity Planning**. Resources developed by the Task Force will be shared in a virtual workshop on Feb. 11, 2021. Read the **Task Force fact sheet**. **Contact Danielle**

Available Virtual Learning Opportunities

- **Cybersecurity Training for State Regulatory Commissions**. NARUC is hosting a virtual cybersecurity training on Feb. 23-25, 2021. **Contact Ashton**
- **National Council on Electricity Policy (NCEP)**. [Register](#) for special session on Exploring Optimization through Benefit-Cost Analysis on Feb. 25, 2021. [Learn More](#) about NCEP. **Contact Kerry**
- **Emergency Preparedness, Recovery and Resilience Task Force**. The EPRR Task Force was formed to address a range of resiliency topics: black sky planning, COVID-19 lessons learned, federal funding for recovery. A key focus of this group will be ongoing learning engagements. Events will begin in 2021. **Contact Will**
- **Commission Staff Surge Calls**. NARUC hosts quarterly calls on which commission staff discuss how different states approach emerging issues in electricity policy. The next call will be help in early Mar., 2021. [Summaries](#) from past calls are available. **Contact Kiera**

Join us! NARUC hosts four working groups for members:

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

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