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### Energy Infrastructure & Technology Modernization
*Advancing understanding of innovative technology possibilities*
- Coal Modernization & Carbon Management
- Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization
- Nuclear Energy
- Transmission Infrastructure
- Smart Grid
- Electric Vehicles
- Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings

### Electricity System Transition
*Addressing evolving grid planning challenges and opportunities*
- Distribution Systems and Planning
- Bulk Power System Issues
- Comprehensive Electricity Planning
- DER Integration & Coordination
- Performance-Based Regulation
- Energy Justice
- 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
- System Resilience
- Defense Community Partnerships
- 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

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

**Sign up for the CPI Newsletter** for weekly updates about new resources and forthcoming events.

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New Publications

- **Valuing Resilience for Microgrids: Challenges, Innovative Approaches, and State Needs** (Feb. 2022)
- **Mini Guide on Transmission Siting Decision Making** (Feb. 2022)
- **Mini Guide on Engagement between Public Utility Commissions and State Consumer Advocates** (Jan. 2022)
- **State Approaches to Intervenor Compensation** (Jan. 2022)
- **Cyber Issue Brief: Log4j Vulnerability** (Dec. 2021)
- **Federal Funding Opportunities for Pre- and Post-Disaster Resilience Guidebook** (Oct. 2021)
- **Lessons Learned from the Ongoing Response to the COVID-19 Crisis** (Oct. 2021)
- **Regulator’s Financial Toolboxes: Resilience Technologies** and **Communications Networks for Grid Edge Tech**

Forthcoming Publications

- Issue Brief on Cybersecurity Insurance
- State Regulatory Paths to Low-Carbon Fuels
- Nuclear as a Keystone Clean Energy Resource
- Mini Guides: State-RTO Engagement; State Collaboration on Transportation Electrification
- State Approaches to Energy Justice
- Regulator’s Financial Toolboxes: Community Solar; Electrification and Energy Efficiency

Recordings from Recent Events

- **National Council on Electricity Policy (NCEP) Resources for State Decision-Makers.** On January 13, 2022, NGA, NARUC, NASEO, NASUCA, NCSL, NACAA shared presentations and events; recording available. Contact Kerry
- **Innovations in Electricity Modeling Training Series.** Presentations and recordings from NCEP’s fall 2021 training series are available. Topics included storage, DERs, efficiency, climate variability, and more. Contact Kerry
- **Bulk Power System Issues Training Series.** Recordings and presentations 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

Virtual Learning Opportunities

- **Innovation Webinar Series.** NARUC hosts monthly webinars for members and the public. **Feb. 24:** Black Start Considerations in a Renewable Future. **Mar 17:** Aligning EV Customer Charging with Grid Needs. **April 21:** Leveraging DER Capabilities via Transactive Energy. Register and see recordings of past events. Contact Jessica
- **Commission Staff Surge Calls.** NARUC hosts calls for commission staff to discuss different states’ approaches to emerging issues. **Mar 7:** State Approaches to Pay-As-You-Save; past summaries online. Contact Jasmine
- **On-Demand, Video-Based Learning Modules.** Dozens of 3- to 70-minute training videos are now available in English and Spanish on distribution systems and planning, bulk power system issues, smart grid and EV interoperability, and more. Contact Dominic
- **Electric Vehicle State Working Group.** Monthly webinars open to commissioners and staff. **Feb 22:** Cross-Agency Collaboration on Infrastructure. **Mar 29:** Pilot Programs. See recordings of past events. Contact Jasmine
- **DER Integration and Compensation Webinars.** **Mar 8:** Preparing for DER Participation in Wholesale Markets. **Mar 9:** Rate Design to Support Demand Flexibility. **Mar 23:** DER Integration and Operations. Contact Tanya
- **Performance-Based Regulation (PBR) Webinars.** **Mar 10:** Establishing Metrics. **April:** Setting Baselines for Incentive Mechanisms (PIMs). **May:** Equity & Affordability PIMs. See recordings of past events. Contact Kerry

Upcoming In Person Events

- **Natural Gas Partnership Low-Carbon Fuels Site Visit to Irvine, CA.** **Mar. 21 – 24:** Tour a hydrogen research lab, visit a renewable natural gas facility, and hear from SoCal Gas and California stakeholders on the future of low-carbon fuels. (Open to commissioners only) Contact Kiera to RSVP
- **State Energy Justice Roundtable.** **Apr 21-22:** NARUC, NASEO, and NGA will co-host discussions on approaches to energy affordability, clean energy transition, participation in decision making, and metrics. Contact Danielle
- **Regional Cybersecurity Training for State Regulatory Commissions.** **April 26-28:** Join a regionally focused training for state regulators in Richmond, VA. The agenda will focus on cybersecurity topics through the lens of a public utility regulator. (Open to commissioners/staff within the region) Contact Ashton to RSVP