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## **Call for Member Applications to Receive Technical Assistance on Coordinated Grid Resilience Planning and Implementation**

With support from the U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, NARUC has opened an opportunity for direct technical assistance to Public Utility Commissions on coordinated grid resilience system planning and hazard mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Support is available immediately through December 2024. **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis**, until allotted funding has been depleted.

NARUC anticipates selecting up to ten states for assistance, depending on the level of support needed by applicants, striving to support a diverse range of topical issue areas.

### **Goal:**

The goal of this technical assistance program is to accelerate the Public Utility Commission's progress in addressing policy and regulatory issues relating to grid resilience planning and implementation.

### **Potential Topical Issues for TA:**

NARUC will match Public Utility Commissions with subject matter experts who will provide selected applicants with assistance across potential topical issues, such as:

- Considering the applicability, benefits, valuation, and best practices for grid resilience planning when developing regulations or commission guidance for utilities related to:
  - Definitions of grid resilience that are actionable and unique to jurisdictions
  - Vulnerability and climate-threat assessments
  - Third-party solutions (e.g., technology)
  - Equity and affordability considerations
  - Valuation and metrics
  - Resilience investments and regulatory approaches
  - Interagency state coordination and collaboration
- Formula Grant and Federal Funding Implications
  - Cost-match, rate recovery and cost-benefit analysis
- Other grid resilience topics, as identified by NARUC members

### **Types of Support Available:**

Examples of technical assistance a Commission might receive from NARUC could include (but is not limited to):

- Offering educational or training sessions (virtually or in person) to support state-specific education on grid resilience planning, focused on issues expected to emerge in upcoming dockets or proceedings.
- Reviewing utility and/or intervenor filings in relevant proceedings, dockets, or rulemakings and providing comments to Commissioners or Commission staff to support their responses.



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- Developing briefing papers on key topics identified by state commission members.
- Creating, facilitating, and/or presenting at technical or multi-stakeholder workshop(s), including advising on agenda development, speaker invitations, and valuable outputs; could include drafting workshop summaries, findings, and/or suggestions for next steps.
- Facilitating the necessary connections to subject matter experts and industry solution providers

**Timeline of Events for Approved Applications:**

1. NARUC will follow-up with applicants and facilitate matchmaking between members and experts to finalize scope of technical assistance.
2. NARUC hosts a virtual TA kick-off meeting with each selected Commission and its paired expert(s) to establish a detailed project schedule.
3. Experts work with Commission members to provide technical assistance. NARUC staff offer periodic cohort-style peer sharing opportunities among assistance recipients.
4. NARUC staff and experts develop a summary report of the assistance projects and recommendations for future efforts to support Commissions grid resilience efforts.

**Application:**

NARUC members should complete the linked application form, which requests information about:

- Topic(s) and scope of the desired technical assistance
- Need for and potential impact of such technical assistance
- Timing of the assistance needs
- Commitment to assign a Commission point of contact to liaise with NARUC, if selected.

**Eligibility:**

Public Utility Commissions (limit to 1 application per PUC)

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