



EPRR Task Force Meeting Minutes NARUC Summer Policy Summit July 16, 2021

Chair Kim O’Guinn (AR) convened the meeting of the Presidential Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resiliency (EPRR Task Force) at the NARUC Summer Policy Summit 2021. The meeting agenda and presentation materials are attached for reference.

Chair O’Guinn introduced Alison Silverstein, Principal at Alison Silverstein Consulting; Andrea Schroer, Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Director at National Association of State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP); and Dana Harmon, Executive Director at the Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (TEPRI). The panel presented on the concept of customer-focused resilience frameworks. The bulk of the panel focused on federal incentives to encourage individual customers to adopt enhanced resiliency measures and the implications for overall grid reliability and system resilience. The session abstract is included below:

Abstract: Resiliency as a topic is often discussed in broad terms with a focus on whole systems rather than specifically examining impacts to individual customers and conversely how individual customers may act as drivers of resilience. A customer-focused framework to analyze and address topics in energy system resilience provides a useful tool to reimagine how state regulators of utilities and energy policymakers think about overall grid reliability. This panel will detail how policymakers, utility regulators, and private interests can consider resilience through a customer-centric perspective. Panelists will discuss the Department of Energy’s Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) as a vehicle to enhance residential customer resilience and discuss how a more resilient customer base yield certain benefits to the overall system and customers.

The Chairs of each Subcommittee then reported to the full Task Force on the progress of their work. Commissioner Ann Rendahl (WA), Chair of the Subcommittee on COVID-19, announced that the group had completed all preparatory research and finished a first draft of the final lessons learned report. The group will next complete a second draft of the report and review. The final report will be completed for publication by September.

Commissioner Brandon Presley (MS), Chair of the FFOCS Subcommittee, announced that the group had completed a draft entry for the final reference manual and solicited feedback and approval from the Subcommittee on the layout/direction of the Federal Funding Opportunities manual during its meeting in June. The group is working with Converge Strategies LLC., to develop a Construction Standards Issue Brief – target completion date in August 2021 – and final Federal Funding Opportunities reference manual in early September.

Commissioner Gladys Dutrieuille (PA), Chair of the Black Sky Subcommittee, announced that the group The Subcommittee, in partnership with Converge Strategies, completed a literature review that



identified and coalesced a relevant body of disaster plans and practices to inform disaster preparedness content, a Needs Assessment that identified gaps and challenges that exist within state emergency response processes, and developed a Use Cases document intended to amplify themes, challenges, and gaps identified in the group's Needs Assessment deliverable.

The Black Sky Subcommittee will next develop a content outline Black Sky Technical Playbook that clearly outlines how state public utility commissions and other state government officials involved in energy regulation and policy should respond to a Black Sky event. The content outline will focus on the organization and structure of the final playbook as well as suggest checklists to incorporate as Black Sky planning and is expected in September 2021.

The next meeting of the full EPRR Task Force will take place at the NARUC Annual Meeting in November of 2021. Please direct all questions and comments to Will at wmccurry@naruc.org.