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New Brief Highlights Key Aspects of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program for Utility Regulators

WASHINGTON (March 26, 2024) — The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners released a new report, *National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program (NEVI) Brief for State Public Utility Commissioners*. This report provides essential information on NEVI related to state implementation and utility responsibilities along with considerations and potential roles for PUCs.

The NEVI program is a nationwide funding opportunity established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law specifically for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. It provides over \$5 billion of funding between 2022 and 2026 to private entities, such as utilities, to build EV Supply Equipment and support associated EV grid infrastructure.

The funding opportunities made available through NEVI are relevant to public utility commissioners as they oversee utility investments in the new national charging network. Commissioners can use the information within this brief to help ensure that utilities deploy infrastructure and technology that is efficient, reliable, safe and supports the scale and timeframe needed to benefit customers.

"Although commissions are not the lead agencies for NEVI implementation, the brief acts as a tool for commissioners to reference that not only describes the basics of this funding opportunity for states and utilities but also showcases roles that PUCs are playing in the rollout and how they can enable NEVI charging infrastructure," said Commissioner Katherine Peretick of the Michigan Public Service Commission and NARUC Electric Vehicle State Working Group chair.

Readers can explore the NEVI brief to find a concise overview of the NEVI program; examples of public utility commission roles in the NEVI process; key considerations for PUCs related to enabling NEVI charging infrastructure; and a discussion of how NEVI charger buildouts could broadly influence technical requirements and standards for the EV charging industry and utilities writ large.

"NARUC developed this NEVI brief as a practical resource that highlights key facts, status and at least nine topics where the federal requirements relate to decisions commissions are likely to make in their roles as utility regulators," said NARUC Center for Partnerships & Innovation Senior Director Danielle Sass Byrnett.

"This NEVI program brief provides a significant amount of salient and valuable information in a way that is accessible to commissioners," said Commissioner Milt Doumit of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and NARUC Electric Vehicle State Working Group vice-chair. "The brief is a useful tool to assist commissioners' decision-making surrounding EV infrastructure investments and is especially relevant as transportation electrification continues to grow across the U.S."

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Download and read the report at https://pubs.naruc.org/pub/2D24B6F0-D92F-38E9-589B-D07F0B44D74C.

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