



NASEO Energy Security Committee Conference Call Summary
Wednesday, March 28, 2017
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Attendees (42 Participants; 23 States)

David Gipson (GA), Committee Co-Chair
Kylah McNabb (OK), Committee Co-Chair
Alexander Mack (FL)
Rick Bender (KY)
Rory Strangler; Rich Mallory (MD)
John Buchanan (MO)
Brian Young (IA)
Rajiv Narielwala (IL)
Jennifer Pope (ID)
Doris Jansky (NE)
Megan Levy (WI)
Representative (PA)
Karl Frost (AL)
Doug Renier; Jessica Burdette (MN)
Jill Nordstrom (WA)
Jeff Blend (MT)
Bill Jordan (VT)

Karen Lasure (WV)
Russell Duncan (NC)
Maria Redmond (WA)
Gordon Schremp (CA)
Sharon Thomas (NARUC)
Jeff Pillon (NASEO)
Shemika Spencer (NASEO)
Fred Hoover (NASEO)
Matt Duncan (DOE)
Matt Williams (DOE)
Andrew McQuack (Willdan)

Welcome and Introductions

Jeff Pillon welcomed everyone to the call and introduced the David Gipson and Kylah McNabb who serve as the committee co-chairs to give brief opening remarks.

Report on NARUC's Cybersecurity Primer for State Regulators Version 3.0

Sharon Thomas, Senior Manager at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Research Lab provided an update on the latest version of NARUC's *Cybersecurity: A Primer for State Regulators* which was released in January. The primer is available [online](#). In addition, NARUC offers in-person training for states. If interested, please contact Sharon directly: sthomas@naruc.org or 202.384.1572. The Primer discusses topics such as: risk management; utility vs. traditional IT security; recent cyber incidents; relevant standards (e.g., NERC CIP 001 and NIST Cybersecurity Framework); states with notable cyber strategies (e.g., Washington, Connecticut, Ohio, Pennsylvania); and information handling.

Update on DOE ISER Initiatives and Priorities

Matt Duncan Program Manager for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Energy Assurance within U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability's Infrastructure Security and Energy Restoration Division. Cybersecurity and infrastructure security are priorities of the new Energy Secretary. Mr. Duncan provided updates on the following:

- ISER will be releasing its “Year in Review” update shortly.
- ISER will host the Energy Assurance Joint Policy Committee call on Wednesday, April 5, from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET. The goal of the committee is to look at activities of DOE and DHS on energy security to get a holistic view to determine priorities going forward.
- ISER is in the process of completing the Eagle-Eye platform pilot program. The platform provides real time outage at the county level. The program is still on track and Oak Ridge is working to improve user interface based on feedback from users. DOE is looking to release Eagle Eye to all states in May for use during the hurricane season and is planning to host a series of tutorial webinars once available.
- ISER is developing a waiver library which will house electricity, oil natural gas, petroleum – executive waivers that are being collected (state and private). The library will be housed on the DOE website. First round of waivers to be posted will be federal waivers. Other state and private will follow later in the summer. Would like feedback from states.
- Representatives from ISER will attend the upcoming NASEO regional meetings.
- ISER will host an EEAC pre-hurricane season call in late April to ensure up-to-date contacts and provide information on available tools and resources.
- The Clear Path V Energy Exercise will be May 31 – June 1 in Houston, Texas. States are encouraged to attend (even if they are outside of the targeted region). Contact Matt Duncan (matthew.duncan2@hq.doe.gov) or Shemika Spencer (sspencer@naseo.org) regarding travel assistance.

Mr. Gipson asked Mr. Duncan to send out information on any topics, etc. that he would like states to discuss or be prepared to discuss at the various regions. The Southeast is already planning to have a lengthy discussion on energy assurance in May during their region.

NASEO Draft Board Resolution Status Update and Next Steps

Mr. Pillon discussed a draft resolution which is pending board resolution which requests that states update their energy assurance plans and review and update (as needed) their Energy Emergency Assurance Coordinators (EEAC) contacts. Included with the resolution will be information on how to update EEAC contacts within the ISERnet as well as a brief “Introduction to Energy Planning and Guidance on Updating State Energy Assurance Plans” which will provide states with information on how to approach plan updates using a scalable prioritized approach. Once passed the resolution the resolution and supporting documents will be sent out to the states. If states, have already updated their plans (or are in the process) please provide a copy of the final to Matt Duncan (matthew.duncan2@hq.doe.gov) and Jeff Pillon (jpillon@naseo.org).

Discussion on Planned Update to the Energy Assurance Guidelines

NASEO will be updating the Energy Assurance Guidelines in the coming months along with supporting topical papers which will be resources to support states’ energy assurance planning and response activities. Specific papers include: cybersecurity, petroleum contingency plans, etc.

Discussion on NASEO’s Technical Assistance for States’ Energy Assurance Plan Updates

Mr. Pillon briefly discussed NASEO’s plans to offer technical assistance to states in updating their energy assurance plans. Mr. Gipson recommended NASEO provide more detailed discussions during each of the upcoming regional meetings.

Update on Upcoming Topical Webinars

Two upcoming topical webinars which have been scheduled for late April:

- DHS HISN Webinar – Once date/time has been finalized an announcement will be sent out to the committee
- EPRI EMP Webinar (Wednesday, April 26, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET) – Announcement will be sent to the Energy Security and Fuels and Grid Integration Committee members shortly

A third webinar on states' petroleum contingency plans is in process but has not been scheduled.

Mr. Duncan added that this coming Friday, March 31 (2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET), DOE will co-host a webinar with DHS on unmanned aerial systems. NASEO will send out a reminder email to the committee.

Other Business

The next Energy Security Committee call will be on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET. To participate in the calls, please use the following conference line information:

Call-in Number: 631.992.3444

Conference Room Number: 1848452

Follow-up Items:

1. Send email announcements for HISN and EPRI EMP webinars.
2. Send reminder email announcement for DOE/DHS Unmanned Aerial Systems webinar.
3. Develop a calendar for upcoming webinars, meetings, resources, etc. to be provided to states.