

NASEO News

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NASEO's Newsroom is Live!

NASEO has launched the "NASEO Newsroom," tracking the latest news and developments from the State Energy Offices, NASEO Affiliate members, and other key state energy policy stakeholders.

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NASEO Welcomes New Board Chair and Executive Committee

Commissioner Andrew McAllister of the California Energy Commission has been elected to serve as Chair of the NASEO Board. Laura Nelson, Utah, will serve as Vice-Chair; Molly Cripps, Tennessee, as Treasurer; and John Williams, New York, as Secretary. NASEO also welcomed Tracy Babbidge, Connecticut, as a Northeast Regional Representative; John Chatburn, Idaho, as a Western Regional Representative; and Kathleen Staks, Colorado, as a Central Regional Representative.

NASEO Releases the PEV Policy Evaluation Rubric

NASEO recently released the *PEV Policy Evaluation Rubric: A Methodology for Evaluating the Impact of State and Local Policies on Plug-In Electric Vehicle Adoption*,



which provides a unique, evidence-based method to help decision-makers identify and prioritize plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) programs and policies.



NASEO and EIA Host 2018-2019 Winter Energy Outlook Webinar

On October 10, NASEO, in partnership with the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), hosted the 2018-2019 Winter Energy Outlook Webinar to address the outlook for global oil, natural gas, and propane supplies and prices, and the effect of projected winter weather on the demand for heating, agricultural, and transportation fuels.



NASEO Chair Co-authors Op-ed on Energy Efficiency and Housing Affordability

On October 15, Utility Dive published "Energy efficiency helps housing affordability, especially for low-income families," an opinion piece co-authored by Maria Stamas, Western Director for Energy Affordability of the Natural Resources Defense Council, and Andrew McAllister, a Commissioner of the California Energy Commission and NASEO's Board Chair.



NASEO Annual Meeting Features General Motors, Ford, Detroit Public Schools Supporting EVs

The second day of NASEO's Annual Meeting in Detroit focused on electric vehicles and breaking into new markets in the U.S., with emphasis on challenges to EV adoption. Britta Gross, from General Motors, says that GM's goals are "zero crashes, zero emissions, and zero congestion," and that "the only way

to get there is through electric, shared, autonomous vehicles."



NASEO Attends National Clean Energy Policy Makers Symposium

NASEO recently attended the National Clean Energy Policy Makers Symposium in Washington D.C., which convenes policymakers, developers and energy industry members to explore the latest developments in clean energy technology and deployment.



White House Announces National Cybersecurity Strategy

On September 20, the White House released the *National Cyber Strategy of the United States* intended to strengthen America's cybersecurity capabilities and secure the United States from cyber threats.



Administration Lifts Summertime Ban on Sale of E15

President Trump ordered acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler to lift a summertime ban on the sale of E15, and also seeks to limit speculation in the market for biofuel credits. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency currently prohibits summer sales of E15, due to smog concerns.

DOE Assistant Secretary Evans Testifies Before House Energy and Commerce Committee



On September 27, Karen Evans, the newly appointed Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER), testified before members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.



Virginia Releases 2018 Energy Plan

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam recently released the Commonwealth of Virginia's 2018 Energy Plan. The plan identifies actions that will diversify Virginia's energy portfolio over the next ten years, such as increasing renewables, expanding access to energy financing, enhancing storage options, and broadening electric vehicle access.

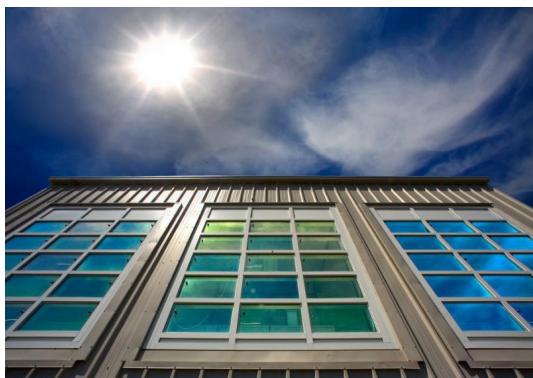


Michigan Governor Signs Pipeline Agreement with Enbridge Energy

On October 3, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder signed an agreement with Enbridge Energy to decommission the Line 5 petroleum pipeline segment that crosses the Straits of Mackinac and construct a new multi-use utility tunnel underneath the Straits.

Iowa Bets on Batteries with State Grant to Study Solar-Plus-Storage Projects

In an effort to maximize and leverage the state's abundant wind and solar resources, the Iowa Economic Development Authority has awarded a \$200,000 grant to support systems research of two local solar-plus-storage projects.



ACEEE Releases 2018 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard

On October 4th, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) released its 2018 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard (Scorecard). ACEEE also held a webinar featuring NASEO members Commissioner Judith Judson (MA) and Commissioner Andrew McAllister (CA), NASEO's new Board of Directors Chair.



Report Buttresses Case for Robust Climate Action

On October 8, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the world's leading body for assessing the science of climate change and its impacts, potential risks, and possible responses, issued *Global Warming of 1.5°C*.

AFFILIATES CORNER

Schneider Electric Microgrid to Service Long Beach, California Community

Schneider Electric will design, engineer and build a new microgrid that will enable critical



energy resilience at the Port of Long Beach in California. For the second-busiest port in the nation, installation of a microgrid will bolster energy resilience and ensure business continuity at all its marine terminals.



Bosch Thermotechnology Corporation Announces First-Ever Non-Condensing Gas Furnace

Bosch Thermotechnology recently introduced its first-ever non-condensing gas furnace, rounding out the company's product portfolio with a complete residential system for heating and cooling.

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MORE NEWS AND UPDATES

ACORE to Hold Renewable Energy Grid Forum - November 8, 2018, San Francisco, CA

eProject Builder Hosting Webinars to Introduce ESCOs, Customers, and Interested Parties to ePB

Upcoming NASEO Meetings

NASEO 2018 Winter Board of Directors Meeting: December 4-5, 2018 - Washington, DC

2019 NASEO Energy Policy Outlook Conference: February 5-8, 2019 - Fairmont Hotel, Washington, DC

2019 NASEO Southeast Regional Meeting: April 22-23, 2019 - Jackson, MS

2019 NASEO Northeast Regional Meeting: May 7-8, 2019 - Concord, NH

2019 NASEO Midwest Regional Meeting: May 14-15, 2019 - Madison, WI

2019 NASEO Western Regional Meeting: May 21-22, 2019 - Seattle, WA

2019 NASEO Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting: June 3-4, 2019 - Annapolis, MD

2019 NASEO Central Regional Meeting: June 10-11, 2019 - Helena, MT

Upcoming NASEO Conference Calls and Webinars

NASEO Webinar - Bridging the Rural Efficiency Gap: October 30, 2018, 3:00pm-4:15pm ET

NASEO Webinar - EMPRESS Home Energy Labeling Policy Guidebook: November 1, 2018, 2:00pm-3:00pm ET

Joint NASEO Financing Committee and Rural Energy Task Force Webinar around USDA No-cost Financing for Rural Electric Utilities: November 7, 2018, 3:00pm-4:00pm ET

NASEO Government Affairs Committee Conference Call: November 15, 2:30-3:30 pm ET

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