



National Association of
State Energy Officials

NASEO Energy Security Committee Call Summary Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Attendees (19) Participants; 15 States)

Kris Anderson (GA), for David Gipson
Committee Co-Chair
Kylah McNabb (OK), Committee Co-Chair
Karl Frost (AL)
Doug Reiner (MN)
Debbie Bass EMA (FL)
Jeff Blend (MT)
John Buchanan; one other (MO)
Alex Morese (MI)

Rajiv Narielwala (IL)
Joanne McBrien (MA)
Mark Want (HI)
Ben Bolton (TN)
Maria Redmond, Megan Levy (WI)
John Kerecz (PA)
Russell Duncan (NC)
Jeff Pillon (NASEO)
Fred Hoover (NASEO)

Welcome and Introductions

Jeff Pillon welcomed everyone to the call and introduced Kris Anderson acting for David Gipson and Kylah McNabb who serves as the committee co-chairs who gave brief opening remarks.

NASEO/EESI Congressional Briefing and House of Representatives

Ms. McNabb gave a brief summary of the [NASEO/EESI Congressional Briefing](#) on May 15th on Energy Emergency Preparedness: A Critical Federal-State-Private Sector Partnership which included presentations from Kylah McNabb (OK), Kelley Smith Burk (FL), Michael Furze (WA) and David Terry (NASEO) before Congressional staffers on the energy emergency situations faced by states and the role of the State Energy Program to provide assistance to states in planning, mitigating and responding to energy emergencies.

Mr. Anderson gave a brief summary on the [House Energy and Commerce Committee Hearing](#) on States' Perspectives on Energy Security Planning, Emergency Preparedness, and State Energy Programs on June 14th. Due to the shooting incident in Washington DC that day, the hearing was postponed however a briefing to the Committee's Republican and Democratic Staffs took place with Ms. Valerie Brader Executive Director, Michigan Agency for Energy; Mr. Michael Furze Assistant Director, Energy Division, Washington State Department of Commerce; Mr. David Gipson Director, Energy Resources Division, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and Mr. David Terry Executive Director, NASEO who reviewed their testimony on the State Energy Program (SEP) and the need for reauthorization of SEP and the state's role as the ESF-12 function in energy emergencies. SEP supports states in energy emergency planning and response activities. In addition, testimony was provided by Mr. Brian H. Lloyd Executive Director, Public Utility Commission of Texas and Mr. John W. Betkoski III Vice Chairman, Connecticut Public

Utilities Regulatory Authority, First Vice President, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Jeff Pillon (NASEO) encouraged the committee members to read the testimony provided by state energy offices which is available on the committee hearing page which makes a strong case for energy assurance.

Mr. Pillon also mentioned the House Energy Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee mark-up a draft reauthorization bill for the State Energy Program today. The so-called, “Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act,” The proposed legislation would substitute for an existing provision of the underlying statute authorizing SEP that requires mandatory energy emergency planning. The proposed legislation would substitute for an existing provision of the underlying statute authorizing SEP that requires mandatory energy emergency planning.

Clear Path V Exercise

Mr. Anderson (GA) reported on the Clear Path V Exercise held on May 31-June 1, 2017 in Houston, Texas. The purpose of the exercise was to examine the impacts and response to of a major Hurricane impacting Houston, Texas that caused power outages to 3.4 million customers and shut down 20 refineries representing 51% of total Gulf Coast refining capacity and 26% of total U.S. refining capacity. There were 153 participants from local, state, and federal governments and private sectors including the energy and communications sectors. Mr. Anderson described the role of the ESF-12 functions for State Energy Offices and the participation of the private energy industry particularly the oil and gas industries which have significant presence in that area of the country. The Clear Path V Situation Manual was very useful worth taking a look at. It can be found at: <http://iserclearpath.us/presentation-materials> Mark Want (HI) offered comments on the exercise as did Ben Bolton (TN). According to the Quick Look Report released by DOE areas for improvement include: “whiles restoration processes are well understood within each sector, the prioritization process of cross sector restoration efforts is neither well defined nor well understood.” Also that the “availability of adequate fuel supplies for evacuation and restoration continues to be a concern for certain participants.” An electronic version of the Situation Manual is available on the Clear Path V portal at: <http://iserclearpath.us/presentation-materials> The final After Action Report is expected to be released in August.

Presidential Executive Order on Cybersecurity

Fred Hoover (NASEO) reported on the [Presidential Executive Order of May 11, 2017](#) on Strengthening the Cybersecurity of Federal Networks and Critical Infrastructure. Mr. Hoover discussed three sections of the Executive Order of priority to State Energy Officials regarding protection of critical infrastructure, reporting on the consequences of a prolonged electricity outage from a cyber event and review of workforce requirements to meet the challenges of a cyber event.

DOE’s Eagle-I and Energy Waiver Library

Jeff Pillon (NASEO) reported on the ability of State Energy Offices to access the DOE Eagle-I power outage and energy supply network. States can also now access the DOE’s [Energy Waiver Library](#) which contains information on various energy supply and delivery waivers provided by federal departments and agencies in energy emergencies, contact information and application

processes. Mr. Pillon encouraged State Energy Emergency Assurance Coordinators (EEAC) to apply for access to the Eagle-I network. An email was sent to all EEAC on May 30, 2017 by Matt Duncan explain how to request an account. Jeff also encouraged all States to check their list of EEAC to make sure they are current and up to date. Instructions for updating your States EEAC list can be found at: [http://naseo.org/Data/Sites/1/\(clean\)-guidance-for-the-review-and-updating-energy-emergency-assurance-....pdf](http://naseo.org/Data/Sites/1/(clean)-guidance-for-the-review-and-updating-energy-emergency-assurance-....pdf)

NASEO Activities to Develop Petroleum Shortage Response and Model Plans

Jeff Pillon reviewed with the Committee NASEO's plans to create state model petroleum shortage response plans. These petroleum and liquid fuel supply and delivery events occur in nearly every weather-related energy emergency. The Liberty Eclipse Exercise last December also demonstrated the potential for petroleum shortages as a result of a long electricity outage due to a cyber event. Mr. Pillon is working on drafting the model plans which will then be circulating to the Committee members for review and input. These plans will be further reviewed at the NASEO Annual meeting in September.

Energy Assurance Discussions at the NASEO Regional Meetings

Jeff Pillon and Fred Hoover (NASEO) reported on the discussions among State Energy Officials during the energy assurance sessions at the recently concluded NASEO Regional Meetings. Kris Anderson (GA) reported on the discussion from the Southeast Meeting while Mr. Pillon and Mr. Hoover discussed the presentations and opinion of the members from the other regional meetings. Mr. Anderson (GA) remarked on the helpfulness of the session to new SEO officials and staff and the presentation by Matt Duncan of DOE on the Eagle-I network. Mr. Bolton (TN) spoke on the discussion at the SE Meeting actions related to the Colonial Pipeline breaks and the role of the EEAC and DOE calls in responding to those two separate events and gasoline shortages. Mr. Pillon reported on the Western meeting discussion of energy emergency events affecting the West such as earthquakes and tsunami events. There was a common theme raised on the need for better regionally coordinated plans and response.

Energy Emergency Assurance Coordinators and DHS HSN

Jeff Pillon discussed the ability and encouraged State Energy Officials serving as EEACs to access the DHS Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN). This follows up an informational webinar conducted by NASEO and DHS on HSIN system. States can contact Mr. Pillon for detailed information on HSIN.

Report on Upcoming GridEx IV Exercise

Jeff Pillon alerted the State Energy Officials on the upcoming GridEx IV Exercise occurring on November 15-16, 2017. The GridEx Exercise is conducted by NERC and is one the largest grid related exercises in the country. States can participation in this event can range from simply being an observer's to active multiple players. For more details go to the NERC website at: <http://www.nerc.com/pa/CI/CIPOutreach/Pages/GridEX.aspx>

Next Energy Security Committee Conference Call

Jeff Pillon announced that the next committee call is scheduled for September 26, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 PM. To participate in the calls, please use the following conference line information:

Call-in Number: 631.992.3444 Conference Room Number: 1848452. This call will recap the Energy Security Committee meeting to be held during the [NASEO Annual Meeting](#) September 17-20, 2017 in New Orleans, LA.

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