

NASEO Energy Data & Security Committee

Conference Call Meeting Notes – October 4, 2006

Participants:

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Cyrus Bhedwar, GA, Vice-Chair
Russell Moore, AL
Carl Frost, AL
Evan Brown, AR
Joe Broyles, NH
Joanne McBride, MA
John Buchanan, MO
Libby Dodson, PA
Cory Plantenberg, WA
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Diane Shea, NASEO

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Annual Meeting Energy Data Session – Follow Up**

Cyrus Bhedwar thanked all the Committee members who attended the Annual Meeting, particularly those who participated in the Energy Data session. He directed members to his Annual Meeting report (included in last month's committee agenda) on the Peer-to-Peer Exchange session and Committee meeting for a summary of the items covered. Diane Shea noted that Margo Anderson's presentation for the Peer-to-Peer Exchange session on energy data is available on the NASEO website at <http://www.naseo.org/events/annual/2006/agenda.htm>.

In discussing the Energy Data session, Cyrus noted that no one had mentioned energy emergency situations in the context of why timely data was needed. Joanne McBride noted that the daily DOE situation reports after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were very helpful to state energy offices, and Jeff reminded the group that the situation reports were also available on ISERNet.

Joe Broyles inquired as to whether we should assume that EIA will not be getting any additional appropriations; Jeff responded that in the FY '07 funding bill EIA obtained more resources as well as additional responsibilities, and that we should help them determine their priorities.

The committee discussed creating an "energy data user" working group as a subset of the Energy Data and Security Committee. Information could be posted on the committee website page. Individuals who indicated an interest in serving on this working group included Stacey Waterman-Hoey, Libby Dodson, and Russell Moore and Hans Detweiler (IL), although not on the conference call, was suggested as a likely participants. We also

discussed sending a notice out to the full NASEO membership list to determine if there might be others that would have an interest in participating on this working group.

Energy data tasks that the working group might address could be:

- Input to EIA on their data State Energy Profiles and other EIA products, particularly with regard to how the data is organized, and the level of “user friendliness”
- The quality and quantity of data
- The timeliness of State Energy Data reports
- The evolution of the EIA website, and whether a site map may be needed
- The issue of obtaining (and protecting from non-disclosure under State FOIA-type statutes) petroleum supplier information (EIA Form 782-C), which is mandatory for companies to supply to EIA but only voluntary to supply to states.
- How states will measure the EPAct 2005 goal for energy conservation when the only source of data for this purpose are the State Energy Data Reports, in which the data are being re-aggregated and may not be useful for comparing to 1990 data.
- EIA Budget Issues have been an area of ongoing concern.

Jeff Pillon suggested that the working group should consider these issues and identify any other key issues in which to engage EIA and develop a strategy for addressing each.

The committee determined that we should develop a mission for the working group, develop a draft issue paper summarizing the key issues with a few paragraphs on each as a focal point for discussion and then schedule a conference call of the working group to discuss the issues, set some priorities and begin to identify solutions or approaches to addressing each issue.

3. Follow-Up from Annual Meeting Committee session

Cyrus reviewed the topics covered at the committee session. One item was a discussion regarding the need to develop, for the regional energy emergency exercises, the effects on states from distant events, which nevertheless affect an entire region. Jeff noted that the next regional exercise is likely to be scheduled in early 2007, most likely at a location on the Eastern Seaboard.

The committee discussed IMAP software for energy emergency planning, and several members commented that they found the tool very useful. Jeff explained that IMAP is a rich GIS tool that provides information on infrastructure that can be useful in planning for and responding to energy emergencies. John Buchanan and Libby Dodson in particular noted that they use IMAP a lot, and that it can be used to draw a detailed map of energy infrastructure with the capabilities of each, etc. Jeff also noted that the Department of Homeland Security uses IMAP data to conduct its risk assessments to allocate funding and resources to states.

4. Energy Sector Specific Plan- National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP)

Jeff reported that the Energy Sector, along with all the other sectors, will have completed their portions of the NIPP by the end of 2006. NASEO submitted its first round of comments in September and will be submitting a second round by October 16. Members of the NASEO-NARUC working group have been reviewing the drafts and offering comments to Jeff.

5. Energy Emergency Assurance Coordinator (EEAC) Training

Jeff announced that NASEO will be likely be scheduling two EEAC web cast training sessions in the next month or two. The web casts will be one hour each and will cover the roles and responsibilities of the EEAC, the importance of information exchanges between states and how they can make the best use of the ISERnet.

6. Energy Assurance Guidelines

Jeff reported that the Guidelines version 2 would be updated to include further discussion of the National Response Plan and NIPP and the Energy Sector Specific Plan. It will also include some new appendices explaining how CHP can contribute to a more resilient infrastructure, along with distributed generation, renewable resources and other related post-emergency response options. It will be reformatted to make it into a more professional and readable layout and to make a web based version of the document with active hypertext links. This will not be a significant revision to the guidelines as presently written but rather an update, with some new additions and better layout.

7. Next Call

The next conference call is scheduled for *December 6, 2006, 2 p.m. EST.*