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# What is the National Council?

- Joint venture between:
  - National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL),
  - National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC),
  - National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), and
  - National Governor's Association (NGA).
- An influential group of state officials dedicated to electricity policy issues with:
  - Great opportunity to identify and address the needs of the states;
  - Ability to get the attention of federal policy-makers and regulators; and
  - Opportunity to share experiences and information across state and regional boundaries.
- Provides assistance to state policy-makers and regulators on issues such as:
  - renewable energy,
  - energy efficiency,
  - reliability,
  - financing,
  - advanced technologies, and
  - distributed energy resources.

# Recent Activities

- **Transmission Siting Project (2004-2005)**
  - Primer on transmission siting issues.
  - Regional workshops on transmission siting.
  - Sample legislation for regional cooperation in transmission siting (NCSL).
  - Model Procedures and Application for Siting Electrical Power and Transmission (NARUC).
- **Energy Efficiency Financing: Policy Workshop (September 2005)**
- **Distributed Generation Policy Forum (October 2005)**
- **NARUC Model Interconnection Standard for Small Distributed Generation (Summer 2005)**

# Plans for 2006

- Finalize Electricity Financing Primer for Policy Makers and Legislators (February 2006):
  - Volume I – Electricity Infrastructure.
  - Volume II – Energy Efficiency.
- Prepare “Energy Efficient Electric and Natural Gas Utilities Study” (July 2006)
  - Required by EAct 2005, Section 139.
  - Study to be completed as the basis for a DOE report to Congress due by August 2006.
- Demand Response Primer for Policy Makers and Legislators
- Fuel Diversity Scoping Policy Document

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