



## ***Agenda***

# **NASEO Midwest Regional State Energy Officials Virtual Meeting**

Day 2: June 25, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CDT

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### **Thursday, June 25, 2020**

#### **9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. – Welcome and Introductions**

- *Michelle Gransee, State Energy Office Director, Energy Division, Minnesota Department of Commerce; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Chad Kruse, Manager, Office of Energy, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*

#### **9:10 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. – Telling our Story: State Energy Office Wins**

At a time of growing interest in energy issues throughout the country, the State Energy Office often remains an “unsung hero” for sound energy information, economic development, energy assurance, and equity, to name a few. During this session, each State Energy Office will be asked to share a handout, PowerPoint, summary sheet, or web link, etc. of an existing program or programs that communicates the way you are sharing your story, and share information about the program with the group. *(Please limit remarks to 5 minutes)*

- *Moderator: Michelle Gransee, State Energy Office Director, Energy Division, Minnesota Department of Commerce; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*

#### **9:50 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. - Correcting Policies and Programs to Mitigate Institutional Racism**

During this session, participants will hear from equity and inclusion experts on ways State Energy Offices can address institutional racism through thoughtfully designed energy policies, programs, and projects.

- *Moderator: Robert Jackson, Assistant Division Director/Energy Ombudsman, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Past Chair, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Regina Strong, Environmental Justice Public Advocate, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy*

10:35 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – **Continued Roundtable Discussion: Advancing Equitable Energy Policies, Programs, and Decision-making**

Building on the discussion from the virtual Midwest Regional Meeting – Day 1, State Energy Offices are invited to share insights on how their office is working to advance equitable and inclusive energy policies, programs, engagement, and decision-making.

- *Moderator: Michelle Gransee, State Energy Office Director, Energy Division, Minnesota Department of Commerce; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. - **Advancing Energy Storage in an Equitable and Resilient Manner**

This session will provide the latest information on storage technologies, with a focus on how storage is being used to enhance resilience in communities across the Midwest. Speakers will also be asked to highlight specific challenges and opportunities for storage investment in the region. This session will feature an update from the Energy Storage Grand Challenge, and lessons from State Energy Office projects or programs that have supported both small- and large-scale storage deployment. Presentations will be followed by a discussion on how equity and resilience considerations are being addressed through state and national initiatives.

- *Moderator: Chad Kruse, Manager, Office of Energy, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Eric Hsieh, Director, Grid Systems and Components, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy*
- *Jason Burwen, Vice President of Policy, Energy Storage Association*
- *Constantine Hatziaioniu, Ph.D., Professor, Southern Illinois University*
- *Ryan Young, Project Manager, Iowa Energy Office, Iowa Economic Development Authority*

12:25 p.m. – 12:55 p.m. – **The Circular Economy and Considerations for State Energy Offices**

During this session, participants will learn about how the circular economy applies to the energy sector, and how some Midwest State Energy Offices are engaging in the circular economy to improve their policies and programs.

- *Moderator: Robert Jackson, Assistant Division Director/Energy Ombudsman, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Past Chair, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Jim Frey, Co-Founder & CEO, Resource Recycling Systems*

12:55 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. - **Wrap Up**

- *Michelle Gransee, State Energy Office Director, Energy Division, Minnesota Department of Commerce; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Chad Kruse, Manager, Office of Energy, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO*