



# **NASEO 2016 State Energy Office Northeast Region Meeting *Draft Agenda***

April 26-27, 2016  
Boston, Massachusetts

## **DAY 1**

**7:30 am - 8:00 am – Continental Breakfast**

**8:00 am - 8:15 am**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Following brief introductions, the presenters and attendees will review the meeting agenda, planned focus and discussion.

#### *Presenters:*

- Jessie Stratton Policy Director, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and Northeast Regional Representative to NASEO Board of Directors
- Asa Hopkins, Director of Energy Policy and Planning, Vermont Planning and Energy Resources Division and Northeast Regional Representative to NASEO Board of Directors
- Joanne Morin, Deputy Commissioner, Energy Policy, Planning and Analysis, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
- David Terry, NASEO Executive Director
- Chuck Clinton, NASEO Northeast Regional Coordinator

**8:15 am – 8:30 am**

### **Massachusetts Welcoming Remarks**

- Matthew A. Beaton, Secretary, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
- Judith Judson, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

**8:30 am – 9:00 am**

### **Massachusetts Energy Storage Developments**

#### *Moderator:*

- Joanne Morin, Deputy Commissioner, Energy Policy, Planning and Analysis, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

**9:00 am - 11:00 am** (Includes a 15-minute break)

**State Policy and Program Priorities Roundtable**

During this roundtable, each State and Territory Energy Office will have the opportunity to share major energy actions, priorities, and issues happening in their respective state. The roundtable will give participants the chance to hear from their peers throughout the region and identify ways they can work together collaboratively and ways NASEO can assist in these efforts. (Approximately 10 minutes for each state)

*Co-Moderators:*

- Jessie Stratton Policy Director, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and Northeast Regional Representative to NASEO Board of Directors
- Asa Hopkins, Director of Energy Policy and Planning, Vermont Planning and Energy Resources Division and Northeast Regional Representative to NASEO Board of Directors

*Focus:*

- An Individual State/Territory update provided on program/policy/planning priorities and challenges.

*Discussion:*

- Are there several States with similar priorities and focus?
- What can NASEO do to assist in achieving the states' objectives?
- Is there a role for NASEO, DOE, EPA or other partners to provide assistance?

**11:00 am - 11:45 am**

**National Policy and Funding Outlook and NASEO Programs Update**

*Presenter:*

- David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO

**12:00 pm - 12:45 pm**

**Lunch**

**12:45 pm – 1:45 pm**

**Highlights of Northeast Comprehensive State Energy Plans**

*Moderator:*

- Meredith Hatfield or Richard Minard, New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning

*Presenters:*

- Each State Energy Office Director

*Focus:* Current status and salient aspects of each state's comprehensive energy plan, and what regional or multi-state policy ramifications are involved.

*Discussion:*

**1:45 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Green Bank Opportunities in the Northeast**

*Co-Moderators:*

- Jessie Stratton Policy Director, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and Northeast Regional Representative to NASEO Board of Directors

- John Williams, Director, Policy and Regulatory Affairs, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

*Presenters:*

- Bert Hunter, Chief Investment officer, Connecticut Green Bank
- Representative, New York Green Bank

*Focus:* At previous NASEO NE regional meetings, discussion has focused on regional cooperation opportunities implicit in currently operating green banks. Specific emphasis will be on strategies for overcoming current obstacles in clean energy financing markets.

**3:00 pm - 3:15 pm**

**Break**

**3:15 pm – 4:00 pm**

**U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program Update**

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs operates the U.S. State Energy Program and Weatherization Assistance Program and provides technical assistance to states in developing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and programs. This session will provide an update from DOE WIP on programmatic priorities and other initiatives.

*Moderator:*

- State Energy Office Director

*Presenter:*

- Greg Davoren, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program

**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Energy Assurance 101: The 10 Things Every State Needs to Know About Energy Emergencies and the Regional Strategies Needed to Enhance Resilience**

Three decades ago, NASEO and a core group of State Energy Offices “wrote the book” on energy emergency planning and response. Since then, the joint efforts of NASEO, NARUC, DOE, and the private sector have resulted in more prudent planning, mitigation and response activities. And, the recent memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by NASEO, that National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the National Governors Association (NGA), and the National Emergency Managers Association (NEMA) on energy assurance communications is another important step in protecting the health, safety and economy of our states and the nation from energy supply disruptions – electricity, natural gas, and liquid fuels. This session reviews the ten things every State Energy Office should know about energy assurance, identifies some of the regional strategies states may want to consider to enhance resilience, and informs states about available assistance to help prevent, prepare for, and respond to energy emergencies.

*Moderator:*

- State Energy Office Representative

*Presenters:*

- Fred Hoover, Senior Director, NASEO
- David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO

**6:00 pm**

**Networking Dinner**

## **DAY 2**

**7:30 am - 8:00 am – Continental Breakfast**

**8:00 am - 11:00 am** (*Includes a 15-minute break*)

### **Tackling the Value, Complexities, and Potential of the Grid: How State, Federal, and Private Sector Partners Can Remove Barriers for a More Robust, Intelligent, and Modern Electric System**

This session examines the federal, regional, and state analytical, planning, policy, and regulatory actions being utilized by states and their private and federal partners to address the converging trends and economic opportunities offered by, among other things, ultra efficient buildings, cheaper energy storage, increased deployment of distributed resources, and the growing use of consumer-enabled demand response. The emphasis will be on specific, actionable strategies that can be championed by the state energy offices to address the various issues.

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#### *Presenters:*

- Marion Gold, Commissioner, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, and Treasurer, NASEO Board of Directors
- David Little, Principal, Regulatory Assistance Program (RAP)

*Focus:* Creative strategies to seize multiple grid modernization opportunities in the Northeast

#### *Discussion:*

- A “think piece” white paper will be made available in advance of the meeting to help guide the discussion.

**11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

### **Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) II : Opportunities for the Northeast**

Approximately one year ago, DOE released its first installment of the QER, entitled, “Energy Transmission, Storage, and Distribution Infrastructure.” The first installment of the QER uncovered growing dependencies of all critical infrastructures and economic sectors on electricity, as well as, the increasing interdependence of the various energy subsectors. In response to these findings, and to provide an appropriate consideration of an energy sector undergoing significant technological and regulatory change, the second installment of the QER will conduct a comprehensive review of the nation’s electricity system, from generation to end use, including a more comprehensive look at electricity transmission, storage, and distribution infrastructure covered in installment one. This session will provide an update on progress relating to the development of QER II as well as a discussion on opportunities for the Northeast Region.

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#### *Presenters:*

- Kate Marks, Director of Climate and Environmental Analysis, US DOE Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPSA)

*Focus:* Northeast opportunities with QER II

**12:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Lunch**

**1:15 pm – 2:00 pm**

**Northeast Region Transportation Activities**

This session will provide an update on transportation sector activity occurring in the Northeast including, the Initiative for Resiliency in Energy through Vehicles (iREV); developments with the Maine-Quebec EV Corridor; the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Memorandum of Understanding between Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and Vermont; and opportunities for the Northeast states regarding the recently announced U.S. Department of Transportation’s TIGER grants.

*Moderator:*

- Patrick Woodcock, Director, Maine Energy Office or Lisa Smith, Senior Planner, Maine Energy Office

*Presenters:*

**2:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Action Items, Wrap-up, and Adjourn**

This session will review agreed upon actions among the states, various state needs, requests for assistance from NASEO, and feedback to DOE and other agencies.

*Presenters:*

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*Focus:*

- Prioritize the action items and address any additional business in the region.
- The 2016 NASEO Annual Meeting will be held in Providence, Rhode Island, September 11-14, 2016. NASEO is planning a slate of informative discussions and session for this Annual Meeting and is looking for input from the regions to structure the Annual Meeting’s theme and content.