



Agenda

NASEO Midwest Regional State Energy Officials Virtual Meeting

Day 1: June 16, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT

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Tuesday, June 16, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m. – Welcome and Introductions

- *David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO*
- *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*

12:20 p.m. – 1:05 p.m. – U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program Update and Technology Action Group Model Discussion

This session will focus on activities and priorities of the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office and the U.S. State Energy Program. The update will include plans for FY'20 and will seek State Energy Office input on priorities and needs. In addition, this session will feature a discussion on the recently-proposed *Technology Action Group* (TAG) model. TAG is a proposed, voluntary learning and best practices model that would allow SEP and participating State Energy Offices to jointly identify up to three topics of interest to which states and territories would dedicate a portion of their SEP formula funds. In return, SEP would provide technical assistance related to these topics. During this session, participants will learn about the proposed model and will be invited to provide feedback.

- *Amy Royden-Bloom, State Energy Program Supervisor, Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy*
- *Michelle Gransee, State Energy Office Director, Energy Division, Minnesota Department of Commerce; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*

1:05 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – **National Energy Policy and Funding Outlook**

NASEO's Executive Director, David Terry, will provide the latest on federal energy legislation, regulation, and appropriations, with a focus on COVID-19 related stimulus and recovery actions from the federal government.

- *David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO*

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. – *Break*

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – **Mitigating Utility Bill Impacts for LMI Households in COVID-19**

State Energy Offices across the country are grappling with ways to can support low- and moderate-income (LMI) households facing high utility bills through the COVID-19 pandemic. During this session, NASEO will review key findings from interviews with states and partners, and participants will learn about relief options offered by fellow Midwest states.

- *Sandy Fazeli, Managing Director, Policy, NASEO*
- *Megan Meadows, Deputy Chief, Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Assistance, Energy Section*

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – **State Roundtable: COVID-19 Impacts and Opportunities, and Advancing Equity within State Energy Offices**

During this roundtable session, each State Energy Office will be asked to share updates from their office by addressing the questions below. ***States are encouraged to share a one-page print out of their responses prior to the meeting, and should limit their remarks to 5-10 minutes each, with discussion to follow.***

1. What projects or programs are your office's SEP funds supporting this upcoming year and will you be considering changes due to COVID-19?
 - a. What additional clean energy policies, programs, or projects is your office supporting (if any), and how is your office working to overcome implementation challenges associated with COVID-19?
 - b. Have you been able to improve your office's programs or operations as a result of COVID-19?
2. How is your office working to advance equitable and inclusive energy policies, programs, engagement, and decision-making?

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Wrap Up and Notes for Day 2 (June 25)**

- *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*