



NASEO Energy Security Committee
Monday, August 4, 2014, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Conference Call Summary

Attendees:

Doris Jansky	Nebraska Energy Office
Abigail May	California Energy Commission
Scott Fletcher	Tennessee Office of Energy Programs
John Buchanan	Missouri Division of Energy
Alexander Mack	Florida Office of Energy
Kris Anderson	Georgia Energy Resources Division
Joanne McBrien	Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
Greg Guess	Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence
John Davies	Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence
Adam Blanchard	Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence
Matt Milford	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
Suzanne Staple	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
Michele Farris	South Dakota Energy Management Office
Amber Grey	Wisconsin State Energy Office
Dave Jenkins	Wisconsin State Energy Office
Megan Levy	Wisconsin State Energy Office
Doug Renier	Minnesota Division of Energy Resources
Kylah McNabb	Oklahoma Office of Community Development
Karl Frost	Alabama Energy Division
Eileen Carson	Virginia Division of Energy
Al Christopher	Virginia Division of Energy
Russell Duncan	North Carolina Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources
Diane Broad	Oregon Department of Energy
Karen Frampton	New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning
Representative	Iowa Energy Division
Michael Forrester	Ohio Office of Energy and Redevelopment
Stephanie Morris	Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
Roger Jenkins	Concurrent Technologies Corporation
Alice Lippert	U.S. Department of Energy
Jeff Pillon	National Association of State Energy Officials
Shemika Spencer	National Association of State Energy Officials

Welcome and Introductions

Jeff Pillon, NASEO's Director of Energy Assurance, opened the call on behalf of Mark Sylvia, Committee Chair, who was detained at another meeting but planned to join the call shortly. Mr. Pillon thanked everyone for being on the call.

NASEO Program Activities and Updates

Mr. Pillon discussed NASEO's current program activities as it relates to energy assurance, resilience, and critical infrastructures.

Energy Infrastructure Risk Analysis and Decision Support for States

NASEO recently received new funding from the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Infrastructure Modeling and Analysis (EIMA) Division with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. NASEO will be working with Alice Lippert, Senior Technical Advisor within EIMA, to assist states to develop risk analysis and decision making capabilities to assist them in quantifying risks. In addition, the project will identify existing tools and develop guidance on available resources for states and how they can be used to support state activities. Finally, NASEO will coordinate with DOE to host a training workshop for states.

Energy Assurance

NASEO will continue to provide assistance to states on their energy assurance programs. As part of this effort NASEO will be working with DOE to update the energy emergency assurance coordinators (EEAC) list as there has been a lot of turnover within the states with the close of the Recovery Act grants. In addition, NASEO will be revamping the Fundamentals of Energy Assurance training for both new and existing EEACs.

NASEO will also be working with states to assist them in addressing regional priorities as a multi-state effort and will be collecting after-action reports from states for a repository that is currently being developed. NASEO will continue its coordination with other national organizations to support state programs as well as providing input on current and future federal initiatives. Finally, NASEO will assist DOE in conducting regional energy assurance exercises in the coming months. More information will be provided in the future.

Cyber Security/Utilities Working Group Update

NASEO continues to provide input on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) voluntary cybersecurity framework initiative which is working to engage the private sector in implementing the Cybersecurity Framework developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. In addition, NASEO has recently begun a project which looks to identify two pilot states who are currently working to implement a cybersecurity framework to use as case studies for other states. NASEO has identified Michigan as the first pilot state and has begun initial activities to catalogue the state's cybersecurity framework and activities. The second pilot state will be identified in the coming months. As part of this project NASEO is also looking to collect information on other states' cybersecurity programs, initiatives, statutes, legislation, etc. for inclusion in a database.

Clean Cities – Incorporating Alternative Fuel Vehicles in Energy Assurance Plans

NASEO received funding from DOE Clean Cities to explore how states can incorporate alternative fuel vehicles in their fleets to support energy assurance. NASEO has conducted some data collection and initial exploration of state energy assurance plans to support the project. IN addition, NASEO conducted a webinar in conjunction with DOE which was well attended.

NASEO encourages states to coordinate with the Clean Cities Coalitions within their state to look at this further if they have not already done so.

Propane – Preparations for the Winter

Mr. Pillon discussed several activities that are currently going on in response to last season's propane shortage. He briefly discussed the recently introduced federal propane legislation introduced by Senators Baldwin (Wisconsin), Franken (Minnesota), and Portman (Ohio) aimed at preventing future shortages by improving propane supply and price information, coordinating responses to shortages, studying the need for regional propane reserves, and helping farmers purchase propane storage tanks. To download the proposed legislation click [here](#).

Midwest and Northeast State Updates

The Midwest Governors Association has established a propane task force to further inform policy decisions for the coming winter. The task force held a meeting in June and will also be holding a series of conference calls in the coming months. Also, the reversal of the Cochin Pipeline is the single biggest concern in making sure that there is adequate supply of propane in the region. There has been a push for propane storage in the region to help alleviate supply constraints as well as the construction of more rail capacity. In addition, several states in the Midwest have sent out notices, consumer alerts, etc. to prepare for the winter.

The Northeast region has held a conference call to discuss developing an outreach campaign to encourage businesses and consumers to make investments in energy efficiency as well as to participate in summer fill programs. The hope is to develop a consistent regional outreach campaign through the State Energy Offices as well as the New England Association of Public Utility Commissioners.

Following brief updates from participants on specific activities occurring in their states, Mr. Pillon encouraged participants to partner with the propane industry associations within their states. In addition, he briefly described the Propane Education Research Council's upcoming media outreach campaign which is set to kick off soon.

Expansion of the State Heating Oil and Propane Price (SHOPP) Program

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) has expanded the State Heating Oil and Propane Price (SHOPP) Program. Several new states have joined the SHOPP Program to have full participation in PADDs 1 and 2 which will assist EIA in collecting more reliable and complete data.

The Reliable Home Heating Act

On June 30, 2014, President Obama signed into law the *Reliable Home Heating Act* ([Public Law 113-125](#)). The Act directs the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to recognize any 30-day emergency period declared by a state governor due to a shortage of residential heating fuel (and up to two additional 30-day periods) as one during which FMCSA Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations shall not apply to any motor carrier or driver operating a commercial motor vehicle providing residential heating fuel in a geographic area designated as under a state of emergency. It defines the term "residential heating fuel" to include heating oil, natural gas, and propane.

It also directs the Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), using data compiled from the EIA Weekly Petroleum Status Reports, to notify the governor of each state in a Petroleum Administration for Defense District if that district's inventory of residential heating fuel has been below the most recent five-year average for more than three consecutive weeks. To

download NASEO's memo on the Act click [here](#).

Once the FMCSA finalizes the revision to the rule NASEO will update the "*Guidance for States on Relief from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations in an Energy Emergency*", which was originally published in October 2012, and host a webinar for NASEO members.

NASEO Annual Meeting Energy Security Committee Agenda Discussion

Mr. Pillon briefly discussed possible topics for the NASEO Energy Security Committee session which will be held during the 2014 Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia on September 8 – 11, 2014. Possible topics include propane gas, FMCSA regulations, and DOE program updates. In addition, Mr. Pillon asked for agenda suggestions from participants. Suggestions included: rail transportation issues and the ICF International propane gas study. Please email suggestions to Jeff Pillon (jpillon@naseo.org) and Shemika Spencer (sspencer@naseo.org).

Other Business and Action Items

1. The 2014 – 2015 Winter Fuels Outlook Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 7th, from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Washington, DC at the American Institute of Architects. In addition, EIA will host a SHOPP workshop the following day at DOE Headquarters in the Forrestal Building. NASEO will provide more logistical information in the coming weeks.
2. NASEO is seeking suggestions for the NASEO Energy Security Committee session at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia. Please email suggestions to Jeff Pillon (jpillon@naseo.org) and Shemika Spencer (sspencer@naseo.org).
3. The National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) Supply and Infrastructure Task Force recently released a report titled, "*Recommendations for Marketers in Supply Planning*" which may assist states in better understanding industry efforts to be better prepared for the coming winter. To download the report click [here](#).
4. The next committee conference call will be held on Thursday, October 16th, from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET.