

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

NASEO News

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New Speakers Confirmed for NASEO Annual Meeting and Getting to Zero National Forum

NASEO and NBI look forward to seeing you in Denver where we'll highlight the states' leadership in energy resiliency, economic growth, and sustainability. In partnership with NBI, we'll also combine technical, market, and policy perspectives to showcase the growth of zero net energy policies and projects and discuss the future of these extremely efficient buildings that produce as much energy as they consume over the course of a year. The slate of timely topics and dynamic speakers include the following (see the [full agenda](#) online):



- **40 Years After the Oil Embargo: On a Path to North American Energy Independence**
 Todd Onderdonk, Senior Energy Advisor, Corporate Strategic Planning, Exxon Mobil Corporation
 Scott Nyquist, Director, Oil and Gas Practice, McKinsey & Company
- **State Energy Offices Transforming the Electricity Sector**
 Mark Glick, Administrator, Hawaii State Energy Office
 Denise Foster, Vice President, State and Member Services, PJM Interconnection, LLC
 Devon Dodson, Chief of Staff, Maryland Energy Administration
- **Solar PV Grid Integration: Bringing Down the Soft Costs to Realize the Benefits**
 Janet Streff, Manager, Division of Energy Resources, Minnesota Department of Commerce
 Mark Sylvia, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
 Bob Wall, Director of Marketing and Outreach, Clean Energy Finance Investment Authority
 Paul Schwabe, Energy and Financial Analyst, Market and Policy Impact Analysis Group, Strategic Energy Analysis Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- **Transforming Residential Efficiency By Changing the Way Your Home Thinks**
 Matt Rogers, Founder and Vice President of Engineering, Nest

NASEO Events

Fundamentals of Energy Assurance - Online Training

August 1-September 24, 2013

Government Affairs Conference Call

August 22, 2013, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. ET

Buildings Committee Conference Call

August 28, 2013, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ET

Financing Committee Conference Call

September 5, 2013, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. ET

NASEO 2013 Annual Meeting

September 15-18, 2013, Denver, CO

NASEO Winter Fuels Outlook Conference

October 8, 2013, Washington, DC

2014 Energy Outlook Conference

February 4-7, 2014, Washington, D.C.

Other Events

EPA Webinar: Building a Common

Understanding: Clean Air Act and Upcoming

- **The Zero Net Energy Landscape: Quantifying Ultra-Efficiency Costs and Benefits in the Built Environment**
Ralph DiNola, Executive Director, New Buildings Institute

To register, visit: <http://annualmeeting.naseo.org/registration>
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**ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF
INCREASING ELECTRIC
GRID RESILIENCY TO
WEATHER OUTAGES**

Executive Office of the President

August 2013



**New Report Released on
Resiliency of Electric Grid
During Natural Disasters**

The White House Council of Economic Advisors and the U.S. Department of Energy have recently released a report assessing the nation's electric grid, and how to best protect it from power outages during natural disasters. The report finds that grid resiliency is becoming more important as

climate change increases the severity and frequency of severe weather events.

**President Signs Two
Hydropower Bills into Law**

President Obama signed the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act, H.R.267, and the Hydropower and Rural Jobs Act, H.R.678, into law. H.R. 267, introduced by Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), modifies the Federal Power Act and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act to promote and facilitate the development of hydroelectric power capacity. H.R. 678, introduced by Representative Scott Tipton (R-CO), amends the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract for small conduit hydropower development at Reclamation facilities.



**Congressman and DOE Official
Explore Efforts to Enhance
Energy Policy**

On Wednesday, August 14, Congressman Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Dr. David Danielson, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, met with leaders of local businesses, educational institutions, non-profits, and others in upstate New York to discuss opportunities through energy efficiency. They heard comments and suggestions on how the federal government, through Congress, can better work with the private sector to advance local efforts to improve energy policy. The meeting followed on a visit the previous day by the Congressman and DOE officials to General Electric's Global Research Center in Niskayuna, where discussion focused on keeping America's advanced

**Carbon Pollution
Guidelines for Existing
Power Plants**

August 27, 2013, 1:00
p.m.-2:00 p.m. ET

**FERC Technical
Conference on
Centralized Capacity
Markets**

September 25, 2013,
Washington, D.C.

**Kansas Energy
Conference**

October 1-2, 2013,
Manhattan, KS

**Western IEE/CHP
Regional Dialogue
Meeting**

October 29, 2013, Salt
Lake City, UT

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NYSERDA Announces Residential Energy Efficiency Bonds through Green Jobs-Green New York

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has announced the sale of \$24.3 million in revenue bonds to finance residential energy efficiency improvement projects for consumers across the state. The bonds are guaranteed by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and its State Revolving Fund program. The innovative method of securing the bonds could act as a model for other states.



Federally Owned Wind Facility to be Built in Texas

The National Nuclear Security Administration's Pantex weapons facility will soon be home to the largest federally owned wind farm in the country. The facility, located just outside of Amarillo, Texas, will utilize five 2.3 megawatt turbines over 1500 acres near the plant. Siemens Government Technologies was awarded the contract to build and

operate the wind farm.

NASEO and Other Organizations Submit Letter to Secretary Moniz on Appliance Efficiency Standards

On August 16, 2013, NASEO along with a broad coalition of energy efficiency and environmental organizations including the Alliance to Save Energy and the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy submitted a letter to Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz to commend the department for their efforts in the proposed rulemaking for new metal halide light fixture standards.

DOE's Advanced Manufacturing Office Publishes Early Results of Superior Energy Performance Program

A paper presented during the 2013 Study on Energy Efficiency in Energy, hosted by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, shows the nine companies certified in Superior Energy Performance (SEP) had an average energy improvement of 10% over the first 18 months. The average payback period for those companies was 1.7 years. The full results can be seen in the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Report *Assessing the Costs and Benefits of the Superior Energy Performance Program*.

Ford to Offer CNG Version of the F-150 in 2014

The Ford Motor Company will be offering the F-150, its number one consumer and business vehicle, with an option for retrofitting to compressed natural gas (CNG), or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). The option to convert the pick-up to CNG will cost an additional \$7,500 to \$10,000 dollars over the traditional gasoline fueled truck.

Colorado and RESNET Sign Agreement to Promote the Construction of High Energy Performance Homes

The Colorado Energy Office has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with RESNET, agreeing to provide quarterly and annual reporting of the new homes market using HERS Index Scores to the real estate professional community. RESNET will provide quarterly and annual reviews of all new homes in Colorado that have received HERS Index Scores.



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