



**Agenda**  
**NASEO's 2018 Midwest Regional  
State Energy Officials Meeting**

May 9-10, 2018

Center for Energy and Environment  
212 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N, Suite 560  
Minneapolis, MN, 55401

**May 9 – Day One**

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- *David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO*
- *Jessica Burdette, State Energy Office Manager, Energy Efficiency and Operations, Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources*
- *Michelle Gransee, State Energy Office Manager, Clean Energy & Programs, Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources*
- *Maria Redmond, Director, Office of Energy Innovation, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Tristan Vance, Director, Indiana Office of Energy Development; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**State Policy and Program Priorities Roundtable**

During this roundtable session, each State Energy Office will share major energy policy, program, and priority actions and issues in their state. The items should include energy policy and program actions covered by your office, as well as other state policy and energy market trends that you consider significant. The discussion will help inform your colleagues and facilitate potential coordination among states. An expected outcome will be the identification of specific ways in which peers throughout the region can work together to resolve issues, share best practices, or take advantage of new energy opportunities.

- *Maria Redmond, Director, Office of Energy Innovation, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Tristan Vance, Director, Indiana Office of Energy Development; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Break**

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program Update**

This session will focus on activities and priorities of the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs and the U.S. State Energy Program. The update will include plans for FY’18 and will seek State Energy Office input on priorities and needs.

- *David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO*
- *Amy Royden-Bloom, State Energy Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs*

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**Networking Lunch**

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**National Energy Policy and Funding Outlook and NASEO Programs Update  
(State Energy Offices Only)**

This update session provides the latest on federal energy legislation, regulation, and appropriations.

- *David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO*

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Defining and Supporting Grid Modernization**

Utilities and industry are upgrading infrastructure and introducing new technologies to create a modern, resilient grid of the future. This session will explore transmission and distribution considerations and how industry is defining grid modernization, and will examine how states are shaping policies to move projects forward.

- *Moderator: Robert Jackson, Director, Michigan Agency for Energy; Chair, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Speaker: Adam Benschhoff, Executive Director of Regulatory Affairs, Edison Electric Institute*
- *Speaker: Evan Wilcox, Director, RTO Policy, American Electric Power*

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**MISO Operations Center Tour and Reception**

Meeting participants will have a guided tour through the MISO Operations Center in Eagen, Minnesota, followed by a reception.

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7:00 p.m.

**Networking Dinner**

The News Room  
990 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, MN, 55403

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**May 10 – Day Two**

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Enhancing Resilience: Cybersecurity and Regional Coordination**

Grid resilience is a top priority for energy policy makers across the country, particularly as threats from natural disasters and cyber attacks become more prevalent. This session will provide an overview of emerging cybersecurity threats and will highlight state initiatives to enhance cybersecurity. State Energy Offices will also engage in a discussion on how they can better coordinate activities across state lines.

- *Moderator: Megan Levy, Local Energy Programs Manager & Energy Assurance Coordinator, Office of Energy Innovation, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin*
- *Speaker: Jeffrey Thomas, Chief Information Officer, Office of Business and Technology Services, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin*
- *Speaker: Tristan Vance, Director, Indiana Office of Energy Development; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Break**

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### **Rural Energy Affordability, Efficiency, and Economic Development**

Rural communities face unique energy challenges, and are often unaware of state-level programs that may help them affordably achieve their energy goals. This session will explore energy challenges faced by rural areas of the Midwest, and will examine steps that states can take to ensure that rural communities are able to take advantage of programs offered by State Energy Offices.

- *Moderator: Tristan Vance, Director, Indiana Office of Energy Development; Member, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Speaker: Robert Jackson, Director, Michigan Agency for Energy; Chair, NASEO Board of Directors*
- *Speaker: Michelle Gransee, State Energy Office Manager, Clean Energy & Programs, Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources*
- *Speaker: Lissa Pawlisch, Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) Director, University of Minnesota Extension Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships*
- *Speaker: Ryan Young, Project Manager, Iowa Energy Office, Iowa Economic Development Authority*

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### **Networking Lunch**

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

### **Emerging Technologies and the Grid**

Industry and utilities are investing in new technologies to enhance storage capability, as well as load management and demand response activities. This session will invite experts to provide an overview of emerging technologies, and will explore policy and program options available to states.

- *Moderator: Chad Kruse, Manager, Office of Energy, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency*
- *Speaker: Tom Golden, Program Manager of Technology Innovation, EPRI*
- *Speaker: Julia Eagles, Public Policy and Strategy Manager, Xcel Energy*

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

### **Improving the Efficiency and Resilience of Water Treatment and Conveyance Systems**

Aging water infrastructure systems in the Midwest provide states with opportunities to improve both energy and water efficiency and incorporate renewables into their operations.

However, improving these systems is challenging

due to the limited funds available for upgrades and other factors. This session will explore ways that State Energy Offices can help water treatment and conveyance systems improve efficiency and become more resilient.

- *Moderator: Jessica Burdette, State Energy Office Manager, Energy Efficiency and Operations, Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources*

- *Speaker: Megan Levy, Local Energy Programs Manager & Energy Assurance Coordinator, Office of Energy Innovation, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin*
- *Speaker: Martin Hyman, Planner, Missouri Department of Economic Development*

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Action Items and Recommendations**

This final session will review agreed upon actions involving specific states within the region, requests for assistance from NASEO, and feedback to the U.S. Department of Energy and other agencies.

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