



NASEO 2016 State Energy Office Southeast Region Meeting *Draft Agenda*

April 19-20, 2016

The Butler Center for Arkansas Studies
ASI Room 124
401 President Clinton Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

April 19, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

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

Presenters:

- Molly Cripps, Director, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation, Office of Energy Programs; and Secretary, NASEO Board of Directors
- Kelley Smith Burk, Director, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Energy; and Southeast Regional Representative to the NASEO Board of Directors
- David Gipson, Director, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, Energy Resources Division; and Southeast Regional Representative to the NASEO Board of Directors
- David Terry, NASEO Executive Director
- Mitchell Simpson, Director, Arkansas Energy Office

9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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)

Moderators:

- David Gipson, Director, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, Energy Resources Division; and Southeast Regional Representative to the NASEO Board of Directors

- Kelley Smith Burk, Director, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office Energy; and Southeast Regional Representative to the NASEO Board of Directors

Focus:

- 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?
- What are the priority areas for NASEO, DOE, EPA or other partners to provide assistance?

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Working Lunch

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Collaborating with Federal Agencies

The U. S. Department of Agriculture and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will provide programmatic updates and discuss possible collaborative efforts with States and Territory Energy Offices. Funding opportunities such as the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) will also be discussed. USDA will be on-hand to provide an update about partnership opportunities specifically related to Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan Program (EECLP) and EPA will discuss the ENERGY STAR® program.

Moderator:

- Terrence Spears, Senior Associate Project Manager, Mississippi Development Authority, Energy and Natural Resources Division

Presenters:

- Will Dodson, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Energy Assistance Program
- Luis Bernal, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Leslie Cook or Catrina Hatcher, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Expanding State and Local Partnerships

In prior Southeast meetings, the State and Territory Energy Offices have highlighted the importance of building stronger relationships and partnerships with local governments and communities. This session will focus on the “lessons learned” and possible “toolkits” of successful approaches that can be deployed and widely used to engage and build state/local partnerships.

Moderator:

- Lee Colten, Assistant Director, Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence

Presenters:

- Speaker TBD and/or a panel discussion of several State/Territory energy offices

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Unpacking the Value of the Grid: How State, Federal, and Private Sector Partners are Removing Barriers for a More Robust, Intelligent, and Modern Electric System

This session examines the state and federal 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 ultra efficient buildings, cheaper energy storage, increased deployment of distributed resources, and the growing use of consumer-enabled demand reponse.

Moderator:

- Mitchell Simpson, Director, Arkansas Energy Office

Presenters:

- Fred Hoover, Senior Director, NASEO
- Representative, EPRI
- Representative, Arkansas Public Service Commission

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Public-Private Collaboration – Mission Innovation and Leveraging RDD&D Opportunities

This session will review the recently announced “Mission Innovation” initiative intended to substantially accelerate clean energy research and development through public-private collaboration. States’ efforts to support technology advancement and research activities, emerging technologies, business incubators, and market transformation and how those efforts could link with federal R&D and technology transfer investments. This session will include an update on DOE’s R&D and commercialization activities, reports from states and private organizations working to accelerate clean energy technological innovation, and identify potential state actions or multi-state efforts.

Moderator:

- Brad Atkinson, Director, North Carolina Energy Office

Presenters:

- Representative, Walmart
- Representative, U.S. Department of Energy

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

National Policy and Funding Outlook and NASEO Programs Update

An update on national energy policy, including appropriations, will be provided during this session. An update on NASEO programs will be provided as well.

Presenter:

- David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO

6:00 p.m.

Networking Dinner

[Location TBD]

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9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

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:

- Elmo Roebuck, Director, Virgin Islands Energy Office

Presenter:

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

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Energy Assurance and State Energy Planning: 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:

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Presenters:

- David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO
- Fred Hoover, Senior Director, NASEO/Jeff Pillon, Director, Energy Assurance, NASEO

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

GreenPower Education through Solar Schools

A number of states have implemented programs and demonstration projects in K-12 schools to enhance the learning of students and faculty through small 3-5 kw solar photovoltaic demonstration systems with monitoring equipment and curriculum. This session will provide an overview of these programs and will focus on program design considerations, education and learning plans, and lessons learned.

Moderator:

- Trish Jerman, Manager of Programs, Office of Regulatory Staff–Energy Office, South Carolina Office of Energy

Presenters:

- John Leeds, Program Manager, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Energy
- Kelly Cutts, Energy Program Manager, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
- Representative, The Solar Foundation

12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Working Lunch

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Financing Opportunities to Enhance Program participation

Over the past several years, there has been a significant growth of interest in state financing programs including revolving loan funds, loan loss reserves, and private investment in energy efficiency and renewable projects in the residential and commercial areas. This session will focus on financing strategies and potential state implementation opportunities, including on-bill financing, off-bill 3rd party financing, Property Accessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing and aggregation strategies.

Moderator:

- Elizabeth M. Grimes, Energy Program Manager, Energy Division, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Presenters:

- Elizabeth Bellis, Counsel, Energy Programs Consortium
- Sandy Fazeli, Senior Program Director, NASEO

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Southeast Region Strategic Objectives

Building on the discussions and initiatives outlined in the prior sessions, the outcome of this session will be exploring strategic objectives, including topics to be covered on regional conference calls and at meetings; specific state one-on-one technical assistance that could be provided; opportunities for multi-state collaboration, mutually beneficial program opportunities, and potential funding opportunities; and results-oriented goals for the region during 2016. 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.

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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.

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wrap-Up and Adjourn

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