



OCC Joins National Grid-Interactive Buildings Working Group

The Office of Consumer Counsel (“OCC”) recently joined the National Association of State Energy Officials (“NASEO”) and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings (“GEB”) Working Group.

The group, which will engage states energy officials and state regulatory commissioners, will explore and discuss the status, technological trends, opportunities, and challenges of grid-interactive building integration. One goal of the working group is to develop tools and resources to assist states interested in developing appropriate research and development, policy, programmatic, and regulatory activities. Things such as briefing papers and toolkits to assist in roadmapping are being discussed.

There are many benefits to participating states. This collaborative effort will draw upon the collective expertise of state and federal industry leaders. Members will learn about GEB technologies and applications, work to identify private and public sector expertise and resources, pinpoint state priorities and concerns and identify opportunities and roadblocks. The initiative of the working group will help facilitate the advancements of new technologies by digging in on topics like resilience, resource optimization and cost savings. The group will focus on everything from broad-based policies to the specific costs and other potential impacts on businesses and households.

Taren O’Connor will represent OCC on the working group, and looks forward to participating in this important effort.



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