



# The Bulletin

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## NARUC News & Features



**DC Chairman Willie L. Phillips Slated for FERC Nomination**

Read the official White House press release [here](#).

NARUC offered a warm congratulations and strong endorsement of the announcement.

Read the statement [here](#).



## **MD Chairman Jason Stanek to Co-Lead the Federal-State Electric Transmission Task Force**

He views the initiative as an opportunity to address the need for transmission solutions. Read the [press release here](#).



## **NARUC Statement Marking the 20th Anniversary of 9/11**

[\*9/11 Anniversary: Never Forgetting What We Need to Remember\*](#)

## Meetings & Events

November 7-10, 2021

Omni Louisville Hotel Louisville, Kentucky



2021 NARUC Annual Meeting  
and Education Conference

### **CONNECTING THE DOTS**

Innovative/Disruptive Technology  
and Regulation

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



**NARUC Rate School**  
*Sharpen Your Knowledge*

NARUC Eastern Rate School

**Limited Seats!**

**In-person: Sunday, October 17 – Friday, October 22**

**Online/Virtual: Monday, October 18 – Friday, October 22**

[COURSE OBJECTIVES](#)

[AGENDA](#)

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**NARUC Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance**

Virtual Conference

October 5-7, 2021

Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance will hold its Fall 2021 conference virtually. The purpose of the conference is to provide accounting, finance, and utility regulatory information to personnel with all levels of experience who work in the ever-changing utility regulatory environment.

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**SAVE the DATE!**

***Understanding the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program***

**September 23, 3:00-4:00 PM (EST)**

A Webinar Presented by the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest



The **Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)** provides funds to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills. LIHWAP grants are available to states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. territories, and federally and state-recognized Indian Tribes and tribal organizations that received fiscal year 2021 Low Income Household Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grants.

**Moderator: Commissioner Odogwu Obi Linton, Maryland Public Service Commission; Chair, Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest**

**Newsworthy**

[Biden plans to nominate DCPSC chair Phillips to be fifth FERC member](#), *Inside FERC*, September 9 (quotes NARUC Executive Director Greg White)

[Utility shutoff moratoriums protected many consumers earlier in the pandemic. What happens now?](#) September 8, 2021 (quotes MD Commissioner Odogwu Obi Linton).

[New NASEO Publication: Energy Sector Workforce Diversity, Access, Inclusion, and the Policy Case for Investment](#), September 8

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## State News

NEW YORK

### **DPS Names New Director to Expanding Long Island Office**

Carrie Meek Gallagher Brings  
Regulatory and Management  
Expertise and Deep Long Island



Roots to Key Post



NEW JERSEY

**State Breaks Ground on  
Nation's First Purpose-Built  
Offshore Wind Port**

Biggest Investment in Salem County  
in a Generation, with the Potential to  
Create Up to 1,500 Jobs and \$500  
Million in Economic Activity



**In Memoriam**



**Joan M. Brandow**

Commissioner's Secretary, New  
York State Public Service  
Commission

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**Gerald Anthony 'Doyce' Garcia**  
Retired Chief Engineer for the New  
Mexico Public Service Commission

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**Billy Don Smith**

CPA, worked for the Florida Public Service Commission and the Office of Public Counsel

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**John J. Sullivan**

Hearing Officer for 25 years for the New York State Public Service Commission

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**Department News**

**Center for Partnerships and Innovation**



**Technical Assistance to State  
Public Utility Commissions**  
Applications due September 28,  
2021

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**Final Cybersecurity Training for  
State Regulators**  
September 17, 2021, 1-2:30 p.m.  
(ET)



**Federal-State Collaboration for  
Energy Community Revitalization  
NARUC-DOE Carbon Capture,  
Utilization, and Storage  
Partnership Webinar**

September 20, 2021, 2-3 p.m. (ET)

Moderator: Commissioner Ellen Nowak,  
Wisconsin Public Service Commission



**Innovation Webinar: Enabling Robust Stakeholder Engagement at Public Utility Commissions**

September 24, 2021, 1-2 p.m. (ET)

Moderator: Chair Megan Decker, Oregon Public Utility Commission



**White Paper Briefing: Coal-to-Hydrogen Challenges and Opportunities  
NARUC-DOE Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage Partnership Webinar**

September 28, 2021, 1-1:45 p.m. (ET)





## Save the Date: Innovations in Electricity Modeling Training

October 1 – November 1, 2021

A four-part National Council on Electricity Policy training on Innovations in Electricity Modeling. Topics include system analysis, energy efficiency and demand response as resource options in bulk power system planning, modeling storage, and distribution system planning with DERs.

Contact [Kerry Worthington](#) with questions.



## Compensating Carbon-free Power Nuclear Energy Partnership Webinar

October 8, 2021, 2-3pm (ET)

Moderators:

- Commissioner Anthony O'Donnell, Maryland Public Service Commission
- Commissioner Mary-Anna Holden, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities



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## International Programs

### Call for Nominations



NARUC Annual Award for Promoting  
International Cooperation among  
Utility Regulators and Development  
of Professional Regulation  
**In Honor of Terry Barnich**

*Nominations Due September 30*

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Nomination Form](#)

## POWER SECTOR PROGRAM

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR)



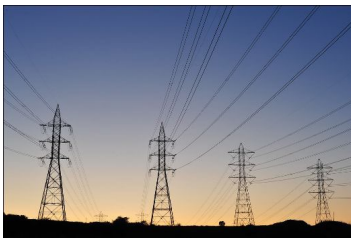
**FEATURE ARTICLE**

## NARUC Andean Regional Partnership Supports Electrical Interconnection, Power Market Integration

With support from the Bureau of Energy Resources' Power Sector Program (ENR/PSP) of the United States Department of State, NARUC is working with Andean governments to provide regulatory tools and share best practices that support the development of cross-border power projects, the evolution and development of a regional electricity market, and renewable energy integration. In June 2021, NARUC formally launched the ENR/PSP-NARUC-Andean Regional Partnership with a four-part webinar series on regional market development that ran from June 17 – July 15.



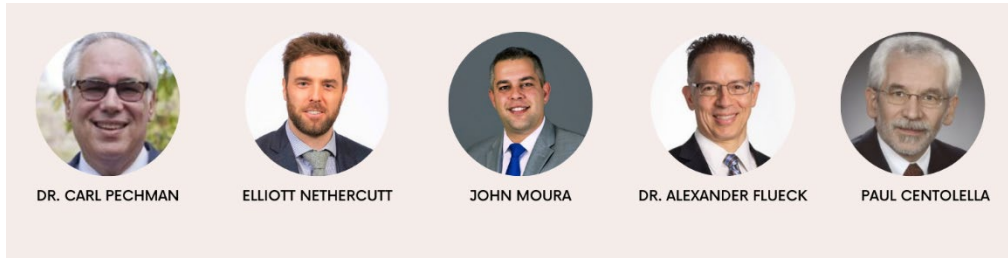
## National Regulatory Research Institute



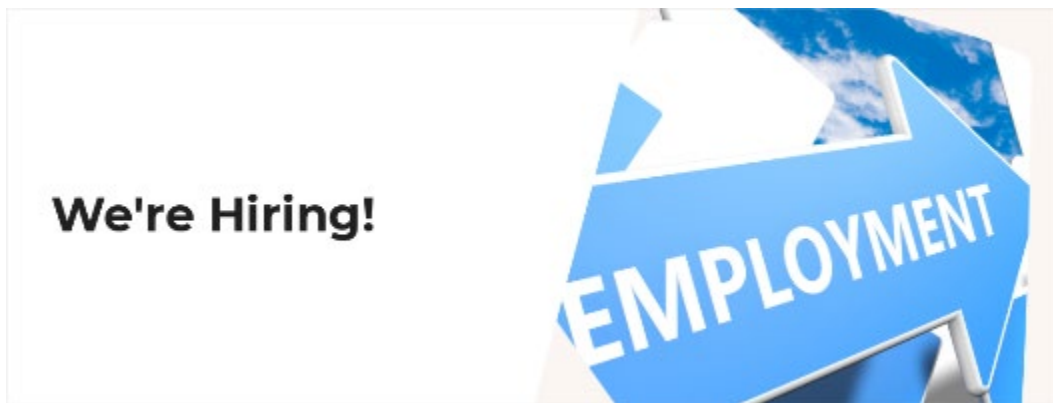
### **NRRI Announces Fundamentals of Resource Adequacy – a New RTI Course**

*The Program Begins Tuesday, September 21*

The new Regulatory Training Initiative course covers concepts in resource adequacy and emerging methods to ensure grid reliability. The course will consist of four two-hour sessions, from 2 to 4 PM (ET) on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 21 and 22 and Tuesday and Wednesday, September 28 and 29.



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