

MGA State Energy & Emergency Planning Coordination Initiative In-Person Workshop Draft Agenda

June 17-18, 2024

555 W Monroe St., Illinois Room, 1st Floor, Chicago, IL 60661

The Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) will host an in-person Energy and Emergency Planning Workshop on June 17 - 18 in Chicago, IL. This workshop will identify best practices for state coordination regarding energy emergencies (e.g., regional grid disruptions). Findings will support the development of a new framework that aligns processes and policies for public and private sectors.

During the workshop, stakeholders will divide into groups based on the topics listed above and will identify planning or gaps to be addressed by the framework. Discussion topics, as identified by the Advisory Group, will include:

- Energy Risk and Criticality Assessment Methods
- Infrastructure Design and Integration
- Infrastructure Interdependency Planning
- Resource Adequacy to Support Critical Energy Needs
- Restoration Priorities During Emergencies

Agenda - Day 1 - Monday, June 17

1:00 pm Welcome and Introductions

- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association

1:15 pm Program Overview and Timeline

Share updates on the project plan and provide an overview of the concept areas to be discussed during the workshop.

- [Jon Monken](#), Principal, Converge Strategies

2:00 pm Guest Speaker

- Megan Levy, SLTT Project Manager, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER), U.S. Department of Energy

2:30 pm Panel Discussion: The Role of RTOs in Emergency Planning, Coordination and Response

Panelists from RTOs in the MGA footprint will discuss their role in the decision-making process and how prioritization is made, how RTOs communicate status during an energy outage, and how RTOs interact with state government policy makers and utilities.

- [Tim Burdis](#), Director, State Policy Solutions, PJM Interconnection
- [Mike Deising](#), Senior Director, Strategic Communications, MISO
- [Jillian Janik](#), Senior Policy Analyst, Government Affairs
- **Moderator:** [Doug Scott](#), Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission

3:30 pm Break

3:45 pm

Concept Breakout Discussion

Dive into conversation about the prioritized topics listed below.

1. Restoration Priorities

- How do states execute consequence management and resource adjudication for energy emergencies?
- What are best practices in pre-planned and real-time integrated energy emergency response?

2. Energy Risk and Criticality

- What organizations and processes help us understand how risk impacts state energy policy and goals?
- How might we develop the means to incorporate multiple processes into a state strategy for risk and criticality assessments?

5:15 pm

Closing Remarks and Recap of Day 1

5:30 pm

Evening Reception

[Little Toasted](#) [300 S Riverside Plaza]

Agenda - Day 2 – Tuesday, June 18

8:00 am

Continental Breakfast Available

8:30 am

Welcome and Recap

8:45 am

Plenary Concept Area Discussion: Interdependency Planning

Interdependency Planning- Identify areas of need for cross-sector coordination for emergency response and review/discuss existing best practices in joint public/private processes for multi-industry planning.

9:45 am

Guest Speaker: Overview of Energy and Emergency Planning in the Midwest

- [Carrie Zalewski](#), Vice President, Transmission and Electricity Markets, Vice President, Transmission and Electricity Markets, American Clean Power Association (ACP)

10:15 am

Break

10:30 am

Concept Breakout Discussion

Dive into conversation about the prioritized topics listed below.

1. Resource Adequacy

- How do states currently identify, categorize, and prioritize energy loads?
- What utility and ISO/RSO processes exist integrating, allocating, and procuring capacity resources?

2. Design and Integration

- What processes do utilities and ISO/RTOs use to implement infrastructure design requirements?

12:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Discussion of Next Steps and Advisory Group Direction and Involvement

12:30 pm

Meeting Adjourns