

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM CT
Department of Revenue, Room # 2010, 600 Robert St. N, St. Paul, MN 55101

Monday, October 6

6:00 pm **OPTIONAL - Social Gathering**
Casual welcome gathering at location TBD.

Tuesday, October 7

8:30 am **Breakfast Available**

9:00 am **Welcome and Introductions**

- [Jeff Ewart](#), Deputy Director, Midwestern Governors Association
- [Jon Monken](#), Senior Partner, Converge Strategies

9:10 am **Panel Discussion: RTO Perspectives on Load Growth**

This panel will feature RTO/ISO perspectives on resource adequacy. Panelists will shed light on the contributing challenges to achieving resource adequacy including capacity shortfalls, transmission constraints, and other outage risk factors.

- [Mike Deising](#), Senior Director - Strategic Communications, MISO
- [Derek Wingfield](#), Manager, Communications and Stakeholder Affair, Southwest Power Pool
- **Moderator:** [Jon Monken](#), Senior Partner, Converge Strategies

10:00 am **Break**

10:10 am **Review of Draft Framework Sections** - *Active discussion of User Guide and Energy Risk and Criticality and Restoration Prioritization modules and how state energy security priorities impact the application of each module.*

Applying the User Guide

- Consider the different priorities that feed into energy security planning among and between states.
- Understand how to develop and select those priorities through the User Guide and State Energy Security Strategy guide.

Discussion of Energy Risk and Criticality Section

- Challenge: There is no uniform method for assessing risk and vulnerabilities of energy infrastructure assets.
- Activity: Apply a sample state energy security priority to the application of the Consolidated Risk Spectrum, a multi-step process that integrates several public and private sector methodologies and plans to help evaluate risk and determine the relative criticality of assets and systems.

Discussion of Restoration Priorities Section

- Challenge: States, RTOs, and utilities use available emergency response resources and risk analysis tools to set restoration priorities, which are also dependent on the type of outage. While organizations may set their own restoration priorities internally, external variables may impact their plans.
- Activity: Apply a sample state energy security priority to the application of the joint prioritization process and evaluate the impact on restoration prioritization.

11:25 am Lunch Break

11:50 am Lunch Panel Discussion: Interdependencies

This panel will explore the interdependencies related to emergency response planning between utilities and government. Panelists will share perspectives on how they currently interact with other critical lifelines (e.g., natural gas, water, communications, transportation), and where there are opportunities for closer coordination. This panel will lay the foundation for our afternoon discussion and exercise on Interdependency Planning.

- [Brent Curtis](#), Preparedness and Operations Section Manager, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
- [Tom Hrdlicka](#), Manager System Operations, Ottertail Power Company
- **Moderator:** [Jon Monken](#), Senior Partner, Converge Strategies

Planning for Additional Framework Sections - Facilitated discussion related to building content for the Interdependency Planning and Design and Integration modules.

12:40 pm Exploring Interdependency Planning Section

- Challenge: Energy is critical to other critical lifelines (e.g., gas or communications). Disruptions may impact other sectors, impacting regional resilience.
- Activity: How might we help individuals establish resilience requirements within their organization and suggest methods for interdependency mapping with external parties?

2:10 pm Break

2:20 pm Exploring Design and Integration Section

- Challenge: Sometimes the infrastructure planning process does not meet or closely align both state needs, regulations, and utility and ISO/RTO priorities.
- How might we build guidelines to build uniform infrastructure design criteria? These may include properly scaled T&D infrastructure design and performance requirements and may also consider multiple disparate organizational priorities.

3:50 pm Conclusion and Next Steps

Wrap-up discussion of workshop, including final thoughts on draft framework, next steps, and advisory group direction and involvement.

4:00 pm Meeting Adjourns