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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017

1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Welcome and Attendee Introductions

CSG representatives will describe the policy academy process and the goals for the meeting. State participants will introduce themselves and share one thing they would like to learn more about over the course of the meeting.

2:45 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Changing Landscape of the U.S. Energy Market: The Big Picture

Sustained lower natural gas prices, dropping costs for renewable energy resources and low growth in electricity consumption are driving utility carbon emissions down. The speaker will discuss the key drivers behind decarbonization of the electric sector, including regulation and market forces.

4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

PURPA: State Role and Flexibility in Implementation

After fading in importance, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) is making a comeback, along with debates over its implementation. In recent years, utilities in Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Michigan, Montana and North Carolina have raised concerns about key provisions of PURPA. This panel will explore how much flexibility states have in the implementation of PURPA's mandatory requirements and recent trends in state implementation.

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Opening Reception

Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Valuing Baseload: How Legislators and Regulators Are Addressing Baseload Valuation

The retirement of baseload power plants is a well-known trend in the utility sector. Since 2000, utilities have announced more than 100 GW of coal generation retirements. Nuclear facilities and older gas plants are also starting to feel the pressure. This panel will explore how the value of baseload power is incorporated into rates, the impacts of the nation's changing generation



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fleet on valuation pricing, and the role that state officials are playing in addressing this change.

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Strategies for Cost-Effective Distributed Energy Resources

This session will review how states can analyze their options for expanding cost-effective distributed resources, including solar, small hydro, CHP and fuel cells. What are the array of policies that can encourage distributed generated options for companies and residents while addressing concerns of keeping costs affordable?

Noon – 1 p.m.

Lunch and Speaker: Grid Resiliency and Security

The speaker will discuss challenges and potential solutions in creating a more resilient energy grid.

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Energy Infrastructure Investment: Motivating Private and Public Investments

The energy sector is undergoing major changes in the way it produces and delivers energy to consumers. These changes are being driven by aging infrastructure that needs to be replaced urgently. Developing, modernizing and enhancing energy infrastructure requires large, sustained capital investments. This session will explore opportunities for legislators and regulators to work together to finance the buildout of energy infrastructure.

2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Strategies for Expedited Siting

Siting issues remain a major impediment to the development of new transmission lines and natural gas pipeline construction, and can hinder the operation and/or development of renewable and conventional energy projects. This session will explore strategies state officials can adopt to support an efficient and cost-conscious regulatory review and streamlined permitting process.

4 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Grid Modernization: Shifts in Consumer Attitudes and Perspectives

Growing customer engagement has been a driving force behind transformation of the U.S. electric industry. This trend is expected to continue. Both utilities and regulators will face new challenges in the emerging world of active consumers. The speakers will share insights into the consumer perspective on the utility-customer relationship of the future.



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Friday, Sept. 15, 2017

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Breakfast

9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Energy Storage: State Policies and Programs to Support Energy Storage Development

This session will include lessons learned from the experiences of states that have developed and implemented energy storage policies. Topics to be addressed include demonstration projects, grants and rebates, tax incentives, incorporation of energy storage into existing clean energy goals, and ownership by third parties and utilities.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Where Do We Go From Here?

A broad-ranging discussion that will consider all the ideas and information that has been shared over the past three days will help to illuminate the issues that legislators and regulators might want to focus on in the next year.

11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Academy Conclusion, Evaluation and Wrap-Up