



## State Clean Energy-Environment Technical Forum

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**2:00 – 3:30 PM ET**

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### ***The Electricity Grid: Implications for State Clean Energy Programs***

<b>Welcome</b>	Julia Miller, Clean Energy-Environment State Partnerships State & Local Branch, U.S. EPA  Catherine Morris, The Keystone Center	5 min
<b>Regional Transmission Planning and Reliability</b>	Rajnish Barua, Exec. Director, Organization of PJM States	15 min
<b>California Smart Grid Rulemaking</b>	Marzia Zafar, California PUC	15 min
<b>Western Renewable Energy Zones</b>	Rich Halvey, Director, Energy Programs, Western Governors Association	15 min
<b>Facilitated Discussion</b>		40 min

1. What role do states have in the planning and reliability of the electricity grid?
2. How has the capacity and operation of the electricity grid enhanced or been an impediment to the implementation of your state clean energy initiatives?
3. How have your state clean energy programs or policies helped improve the operation of the electricity grid, e.g. how has clean distributed generation and energy efficiency reduced transmission and distribution congestion?
4. In what way are states working together to improve the operation and increase available capacity of the transmission system to support clean energy goals? What are the most significant barriers to regional cooperation on transmission planning and upgrades?
5. How have the energy, environment and utility regulatory agency in your state worked together to tackle modernization and expansion of the electricity grid?

#### **Wrap-up**

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