



**State Climate and Energy Program**

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**State Public Utility Commission (PUC) Overview for Energy and Environment Officials:  
How PUCs make decisions that affect clean energy and air quality, and examples of inter-agency collaboration**

<b>Welcome</b>	Julia Miller, U.S. EPA State Climate and Energy Program	10 min
<b>Overview</b>	Miles Keogh, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)	15 min
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Ann Berwick, Undersecretary of Energy, MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs	15 min
<b>Minnesota</b>	Vincent Chavez, MN Office of Energy Security Bill Sierks, MN Pollution Control Agency/Office of Energy Security Frank Kohlasch, MN Pollution Control Agency	15 min
<b>Facilitated Discussion</b>	Catherine Morris, The Keystone Center	30 min

1. Can state energy and environment agencies contribute to decisions made by state PUCs, including electricity planning, siting and/or cost recovery?
2. What are some of the formal (adjudicatory) and informal (regulatory) ways that state energy and environment offices can interact with their state PUCs?
3. Are there constraints that would prohibit state energy and environment agencies from contributing to PUC proceedings or policy discussions?
4. Does the structural organization of state energy offices, environment agencies and PUCs affect how well they can interact?
5. Have you been able to connect the planning and decision making at your PUC to related air quality benefits or greenhouse gas reductions in your state?

<b>Wrap-up</b>		5 min
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