

Engaging the Public with Large-Scale Electricity Delivery Infrastructure - A Webinar Series

Part 2: Just and Effective Local Benefits & Compensation Strategies for Deep Decarbonization Infrastructure

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Public Agenda

The National Academies' Committee on [Accelerating Decarbonization in the United States: Technology, Policy, and Societal Dimensions](#) invites you to join them for a two-part webinar series focused on strategies that would (1) enhance public participation in electricity transmission development and (2) deliver just and effective benefits and compensation to stakeholders most affected by the siting of infrastructure proposed/designed to support a net-zero energy system. This information-gathering event will serve to build upon the findings and recommendations of the committee's 2021 report, [Accelerating Decarbonization of the U.S. Energy System](#), and guide the committee in writing a second. Previous webinars have considered research perspectives on public responses to large-scale net-zero infrastructure and public engagement with distributed energy infrastructure.

Compensation through public revenue and private payments has long played an influential role in public attitudes towards and experiences of large-scale energy infrastructure. Compensation policy failures can amplify or focus public resistance to energy transitions and/or new projects, and are implicated in injustices that affect host communities.

This webinar explores state-of-the-art knowledge and practices in the design and implementation of compensation programs, with the goal of advancing recommendations that help solve for equity, restorative justice, and social acceptance outcomes associated with the build out of new large-scale infrastructure essential for rapid decarbonization of the energy system. The committee aims to collect perspectives that include private as well as public compensation, and generation as well as transmission facilities. Experts will review strengths and weaknesses, and innovations in policy and practices which address how local financial benefits are determined and awarded across different technologies and jurisdictions. A key priority for the webinar is to identify those policies which do the best job of addressing power differentials among affected publics and between affected publics and project proponents.

MONDAY OCTOBER 3, 2022

12:00 PM ET **Welcome and Purpose**

12:05 PM **Panel on Linear infrastructure. How are local benefits of hosting/living adjacent to HVTLS, CO2 pipelines, charging/EV transportation corridors determined and awarded across different technologies and jurisdictions?**

*Tonia Buell, Washington State Department of Transportation
Kirk Jalbert, Arizona State University
Rob Gramlich, Grid Strategies*

12:35 PM **Panel Discussion and Q&A from Committee Members**
Moderator: Julia Haggerty, Montana State University

1:00 PM BREAK

1:05 PM Panel on compensation for the siting of generation and other single-site facilities: Private payments and contractual models

In this session, experts will share policy and practice innovations and challenges regarding the determination and assignment of benefits associated with hosting and otherwise living adjacent to renewable energy facilities, including payments to landowners and communities through leases and contractual agreements.

*Ben Hoen, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
David Kay, Cornell University*

1:35 PM Panel Discussion and Q&A from Committee Members
Moderator: Julia Haggerty, Montana State University

2:00 PM BREAK

2:05 PM Panel on compensation for the siting of generation and other single-site facilities: Public revenue through taxes and leasing

In this session, experts will share policy and practice innovations and challenges regarding the public revenue generated from renewable energy facility developments. The panel will include perspectives on payments to local, state and federal government entities.

*Rob Godby, University of Wyoming
Sarah Mills, University of Michigan
Sunalei Stewart, New Mexico State Land Office
Chase Huntley, The Wilderness Society*

2:35 PM Panel Discussion and Q&A from Committee Members
Moderator: Julia Haggerty, Montana State University

2:55 PM Wrap-up

3:00 PM Adjourn