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NASEO Applauds DOE Quadrennial Energy Review Release

ARLINGTON – The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), which represents the nation’s 56 State and Territory Energy Offices, applauds the first Federal Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) and the leadership of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in crafting this important document. The QER provides valuable analysis and recommendations for consideration by the states, private sector and Congress.

“State energy officials have, for many years, recognized the need for public and private sector coordination to modernize the nation’s transmission, storage, and distribution infrastructure,” said David Terry, Executive Director of NASEO. “The release of the QER reaffirms the important role states play in implementing energy policies and programs that promote clean energy, economic competitiveness, energy security, and environmental responsibility.” For example, the QER’s support for the important energy emergency (energy assurance) role that State Energy Offices play in working with DOE and the private sector – particularly in the area of liquid fuels – is critical in restoring communities to normal operation following energy supply disruptions for natural disasters or manmade events. Rapid restoration and mitigation efforts by states, DOE, and the private sector reduce health and safety impacts on citizens and lower the economic consequences of supply disruptions. NASEO supports the proposal contained in the DOE budget to provide innovative funding to states for both energy assurance and grid modernization activities.

Mr. Terry also said, “Secretary Moniz, and his able staff, led by Melanie Kenderdine of the Energy Policy Office, have worked closely with the states in the development of the QER and they have had an open-door policy so that our views could be heard.” Mr. Terry added, “NASEO and the State Energy Offices look forward to working with Congress and the Administration, as well as the private sector to consider, and where possible, implement the QER recommendations as we seek to enhance the resilience, reliability, safety, and security of America’s energy infrastructure.”

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