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CCIF Releases Principles on Distributed Energy Resources

San Francisco, CA (Tuesday, June 11, 2013)—The Critical Consumer Issues Forum (CCIF) today released a set of broad principles on distributed energy resources (DER) to serve as a framework for policymakers and other stakeholders to consider when evaluating issues related to the potential benefits and challenges of these new technologies in providing safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally sound service to electric consumers. CCIF is a collaborative that includes representatives from the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), and Edison Electric Institute (EEI).

Through CCIF's unique, collaborative process, approximately 100 leaders from the state commissioner, consumer advocate, and electric utility communities participated in a series of interactive dialogues and developed 21 consensus principles in the following four areas:

- Financial and Regulatory Issues
- Market Development and Deployment Issues
- Consumer Issues
- Safety, Reliability and System Planning Issues

Representatives from each of the major participating organizations commented on the significance of the latest CCIF initiative.

“DER is a timely topic that is extremely important for the electric power industry and all consumers – whether they invest in these technologies directly or not,” said Philip B. Jones, NARUC President and Washington Utilities and Transportation Commissioner. “CCIF has afforded the opportunity for state regulators to explore these issues and their potential implications with our colleagues representing both consumer and utility interests. As a result, I expect the principles developed to be a valuable resource not only to those of us who participated in the dialogue, but also to stakeholders across the board.”

Paula Carmody, NASUCA President and Maryland People’s Counsel, added that, “Consumer advocates welcome our involvement in a dialogue with state regulators and utility representatives on issues that have real-world implications for consumers. CCIF recognizes that consumer issues are at the forefront in energy policy debates, and in the discussions on DER in particular. Our input as consumer representatives is valued in this process, and the results of this dialogue can be useful as we work through DER-related issues at the state and national levels. Once again, the CCIF process has shown that state regulators, consumer advocates and electric utilities can find some common ground as we all try to develop a framework to address complex energy issues that may affect every household and business in our respective states.”

EEI Executive Vice President of Business Operations David Owens praised CCIF’s collaborative process saying, “The value of collaboration is evident in the quality product shared today. While our three communities face a number of challenges related to the growth of DER, the principles provide an objective framework for addressing them. Certainly, the dialogue on these issues will continue and will afford opportunities for broader participation, but CCIF has guided public policy in a positive direction, potentially benefitting electric consumers for years to come.”

Launched in 2010, CCIF engages state commissioners, consumer advocates, and electric companies to develop mutually agreeable solutions to energy challenges. While offering guidance and assistance, the CCIF principles on DER are not intended to override any individual or collective policies or positions developed by NARUC, NASUCA, EEI, or other participating organizations.

The principles were released today during EEI’s annual convention in San Francisco.

For a copy of the new CCIF principles, “Policy Considerations Related to Distributed Energy Resources,” please visit www.CCIForum.com.

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