

**Microgrids Advisory Committee Workshop
Meeting Agenda**

23–24 February 2021

All times are in Alaska timezone

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Tuesday, 23 February 2021

9:00 am **Welcome & Plan for the Day**

- Zoom navigation overview and icebreaker polls - *Kuba Grzeda (ARCUS)*
- Welcome, Workshop Goals, & Day 1 Overview - *Kristen Schell (Research Team Lead)*

9:10 am **Introductions**

- Workshop Participant Introductions - *Helen Wiggins (ARCUS)*
- Read-aheads: Participant Bios & “Fun Facts” worksheet

9:30 am **Arctic Microgrids Project Overview**

- Overview of the Arctic Microgrids Planning Project, Timeline, & Outcomes
- “Convergence” in Navigating the New Arctic
- Advisory Committee Role
- Q&A
- Read-ahead: Project Overview

9:50 am **Group Word Cloud Exercise:** Participants will enter a few words in response to the question “What are the high-priority energy issues facing rural Alaska communities?” (we’ll use the tool MeetingSift - open web browser to: sift.ly and enter code: AKENERGY)

9:55 am **Instructions for Small Group Discussion**

10:00 am **Small Group Discussion #1: Energy Issues for Rural Alaska Communities**
(Break into 2 groups)

- What are the high-priority energy issues facing rural Alaska communities?
- How do Alaska regions differ in their energy needs and challenges?
- What is your vision of Alaska’s energy future? What would rural community energy use look like in 30 years? What will it take to get to that vision?

10:50 am **Report Outs & Plenary Discussion**

11:10 am **Break**

11:40 am **Instructions for Small Group Discussion #2**

- 11:45 am **Small Group Discussion #2: Research & Education for Solutions**
(Break into 2 groups)
- How can research and/or education activities contribute to energy solutions?
 - What are the priority research and/or education activities that are needed?
 - How would we define successful research and/or education activities? What are the criteria for success as we select the topics and activities to pursue?
- 12:35 pm **Report Outs & Plenary Discussion**
- 12:55 pm **Day 1 Wrap Up & Plans for Day 2**
- 1:00 pm **End of Day 1**

Wednesday, 24 February 2021

- 9:00 am **Welcome Back, Brief Recap of Day 1 Discussions, and Plan for Day 2**
Note: The details of Day 2 will be adapted, as needed, given discussions during Day 1
- 9:10 am **Instructions for Small Group Discussion #3**
- 9:15 am **Small Group Discussion #3: Guiding Community Engagement & Visits**
- For the community visits, which communities should be a priority, and why?
 - What should we consider as far as respectful collaboration, as we are planning for these visits and engagement with communities?
- 10:05 am **Report Outs & Plenary Discussion**
- 10:25 am **Instructions for Small Group Discussion #4**
- 10:30 am **Small Group Discussion #4: Research and Education Partnerships**
- What kinds of partnership and collaborations should the project pursue to address the research and education (including community/citizen science) needs discussed yesterday?
 - Are there specific people, groups, or projects that should be partners?
- 11:20 am **Break**
- 11:50 am **Report Outs, Plenary Discussion**
- 12:10 pm **Next Steps for the Arctic Microgrids Project**
- How workshop input will be used
 - Next steps for the Arctic Microgrids Planning Project including:
 - Community visits
 - Convergence research project co-developed with community partners
 - Final follow-up meeting of the advisory committee
- 12:30 pm **Meeting Adjourns - Thank you!**