

Congressional Briefing

The Community Storage Initiative: A New Approach to Energy Storage

Tuesday, September 13, 2016
3:00 – 4:00 PM
Capitol Visitor Center, Room SVC 203/202

The briefing, organized by the Office of Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), provides an introduction to how the energy sector can use tried and true household technologies to help meet consumer energy needs in a new energy era.

The Community Storage Initiative was launched earlier this year by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Edison Electric Institute (EEI), American Public Power Association (APPA) and Peak Load Management Alliance (PLMA). It has been organized as a grassroots effort to develop a community-based energy storage marketplace that works for everyone, from electric utilities and technology providers to end-use customers and their communities.

Speakers – Co-Founders of the Community Storage Initiative (CSI):

- **Gary Connett:** Chairman, CSI; Director of Member Services, Great River Energy (MN)
- **Keith Dennis:** Senior Principal, End-Use Solutions and Standards, NRECA
- **Robin Roy:** Consultant to NRDC; Next Energy Pty Ltd.

Moderated by: Julie Beaty, Senior Principal, Legislative Affairs, NRECA

Discussion will include:

- What is the concept of “community storage”?
- How we can implement cost-effective community storage technologies NOW – using electric water heaters, electric vehicles, batteries, ice storage, space heating and other behind and in front of the meter storage technologies?
- What role do consumers play in community storage?
- What are the environmental benefits to community storage?
- How do we build a community storage network to share research and business models?
- What are the next steps and key take-aways for the industry, and for lawmakers?

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