

# Amplify Our Collective Voice in Support of Microgrids



## Join the Microgrid Resources Coalition

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The **Microgrid Resources Coalition (MRC)** is a consortium of owners, operators, developers, suppliers, and investors formed to advocate for policies and regulations that support microgrid deployment.

### The MRC Mission

The MRC was formed in 2014 as a non-profit organization to reduce impediments to microgrids, to address regulatory and policy hurdles, and to provide informed expertise on issues such as ratemaking, utility engagement, and best practices. Our mission is to help establish a level playing field for microgrids through education and policy advocacy among regulators, government agencies, electric utilities, independent system operators and other industry participants.

### Why Microgrids...

- Critical infrastructure that increases reliability and resilience
- Reduce grid “congestion” and peak loads
- Enable highly-efficient CHP, reducing fuel use, line losses, and carbon footprint
- Integrate CHP, renewables, thermal and electric storage, and advanced system and building controls
- Make RTO markets more competitive
- Offer grid services including: energy, capacity, and ancillary services
- Support places of refuge in regional crises and first responders
- Use local energy resources and jobs
- Diversified risk rather than concentrated risk
- When properly designed, a regional power grid that combines both large central plants and distributed microgrids can be built with: less total capital cost, less installed generation, higher capacity factor on all assets, and higher reliability.

### Current Members (as of August 2018)



### What Our Members Are Saying

“The MRC is the only organization that advocates for the emerging microgrid industry in front of state and federal regulators. We combine forces to take well-informed and balanced positions that persuade regulators and policy makers to take the right steps to advance our industry.” — Dirk Van Ouwerkerk, Anbaric



“Behind-the-meter generation is rarely treated the same as generation that’s directly on the grid, often to the disadvantage of microgrids and we’re trying to even the playing field.” — C. Baird Brown, Drinker Biddle & Reath

“What we’re trying to do is advocate for microgrids in general. Not so much a technology position, and not so much even an ownership model. What we really want to do is encourage policies that enable microgrids because we see so many benefits to having this in concert with the larger grid.” — Ted Borer, Princeton University



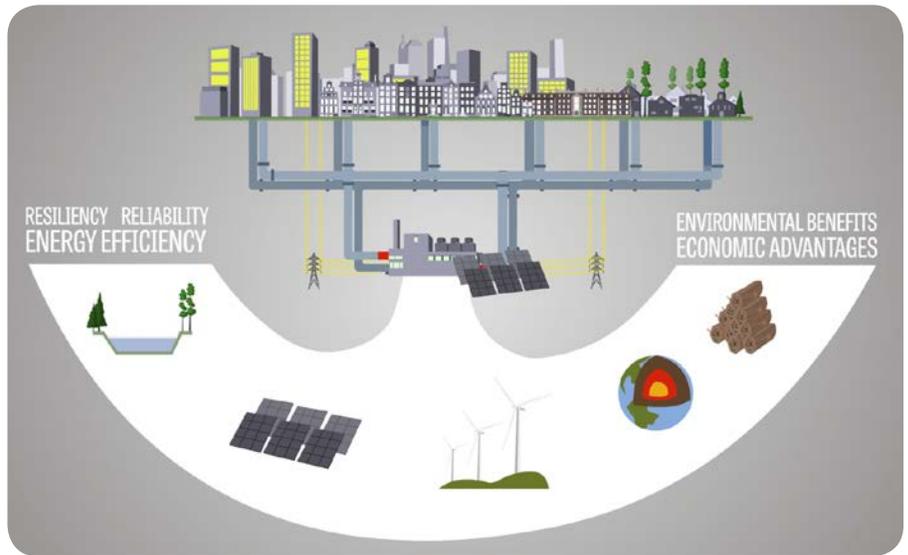
## Why Join the MRC?

The Microgrid Resources Coalition is focused on promoting and advancing the development of microgrids. The microgrid industry in North America is still in a formative stage and will require the best efforts of active professionals to shape a more robust future. Becoming an MRC member leverages your voice through a more collective effort. We are a non-profit association that is technology- and ownership- neutral, representing the full range of actors in the microgrid industry. So whether you are an owner, operator, developer, supplier or investor, your voice is important to a more successful future for microgrids.

Becoming a member enables your company or organization to connect with and collaborate with other industry leaders, arming you with greater knowledge and advocacy support to advance a common agenda for microgrids.

## MRC Member Benefits

- Powerful advocacy and influence
- Combine and leverage resources
- Prioritize policy and regulatory efforts
- Connections to leaders in the microgrid community
- Participate in working groups focused on specific areas of microgrid deployment
- Sharing and developing best practices
- Enjoy discounts on conference registrations



## What Have We Been Up To?

- Submitted comments to FERC on [Grid Reliability, Resiliency, and DER Aggregation](#)
- Submitted comments in state PUC Proceedings in NY, CA, MD, DC, MA, PA, NJ, HI, and Puerto Rico
- Organized and executed a sold-out [Microgrid 2017 Conference](#) in Boston, MA followed by [Microgrid 2.0: Advancing Industry Growth](#) in Baltimore, MD
- Hosted 5th Microgrid Workshop at 2018 IDEA Campus Energy Conference
- Submitted comments on FERC NOPR on [Energy Storage](#) and [Distributed Generation](#)
- MRC/IDEA industry experts in [Energy Planning for Resilient Military Installations Workshop](#) at National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC

## Key Issues Moving Forward

- Reduce regulatory impediments and expand markets for microgrids
- Influence grid modernization dockets, rate and product structure, and the evolving role of utilities in markets
- Educate and advocate for new business models for microgrid services
- Identify, inform and encourage early-mover regulators and commissions
- Contribute to analysis and modelling of locational value of distributed resources
- Advocate for microgrid resources for enhanced resiliency, business continuity and grid stability

**“When the grid fails, not if, but when, microgrids can run on their own as an island.”**

### Contact the MRC

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# 2019 Microgrid Resources Coalition Membership Application

Please fill out this Membership Application completely. Please print legibly or type. Once your application has been received and reviewed, we will respond as to whether your membership was approved or not. Once approved, payment will be taken and you will receive your paid receipt promptly. Shortly thereafter, you will receive a form to enroll all eligible listed members in your organization.

Company or Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Suite \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization URL \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Member Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website address \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about MRC?  Colleague  Web Site  Magazine  Internet  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Categories *(check one)*

*(All fees in USD)*

**Principal (Voting) Member:** Has the right to participate in regular MRC board meetings; contribute fully to policy and advocacy efforts; and vote on issues before the MRC Board. This category of membership includes commercial and private companies; system developers and operators; suppliers and manufacturers of equipment, products and services; public or private utility companies or their affiliates; service providers (including engineering, consulting, legal, environmental, financial and/or operational services); owners or operators of district energy/CHP/microgrid systems; and public or private institutions including higher education, healthcare or military.

**MRC-P Principal (Voting) Member . . . . . \$12,000 per year**

**Associate (Non-voting) Member:** Will have access to regular MRC policy updates; are eligible for member discounts on MRC events and programs; and will have other MRC participation options to be developed. Includes government or public agencies; non-profit public or private institutions including higher education, healthcare or military (if such institutions opt for non-voting status).

**MRC-A Associate (Non-voting) Member . . . . \$2,000 per year**

## Payment Information *(All fees in USD)*

- The MRC membership year is based on calendar year from January 1 through December 31. Membership dues are not pro-rated mid-year out of fairness to current members.
- **Please make all checks payable to International District Energy Association in US Dollars (USD) and drawn on a US bank.**
- To make payment by Wire Transfer, please contact Cheryl Jacques at cheryl.idea@districtenergy.org or +1 (508) 366-9339 for instructions.
- To charge to a credit card, please fill out ALL of the following information:

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NOTICE: By executing and returning this Membership Application, the above identified member company hereby agrees to comply with all of the rules, policies, and procedures of the Microgrid Resources Coalition and the International District Energy Association ("IDEA"), as they may be amended from time to time and at any time by IDEA, including, but not limited to, the Terms & Conditions of Use and the Privacy Statement which govern use of IDEA's web site.