



# Energy Resilience Planning for Communities

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- Introduction to the Office of Energy Reliability and Security
- What is reliability?
- Who are the electricity regulators?
- Overview of national and state systems
- Online dashboard or toolkit for local energy reliability planning
  - Electricity, petroleum fuels, propane, natural gas
- Cyber and Physical Security

# MN Commerce: Office of Energy Reliability and Security

Located in the Division of Energy Resources

Planning, preparedness, and response



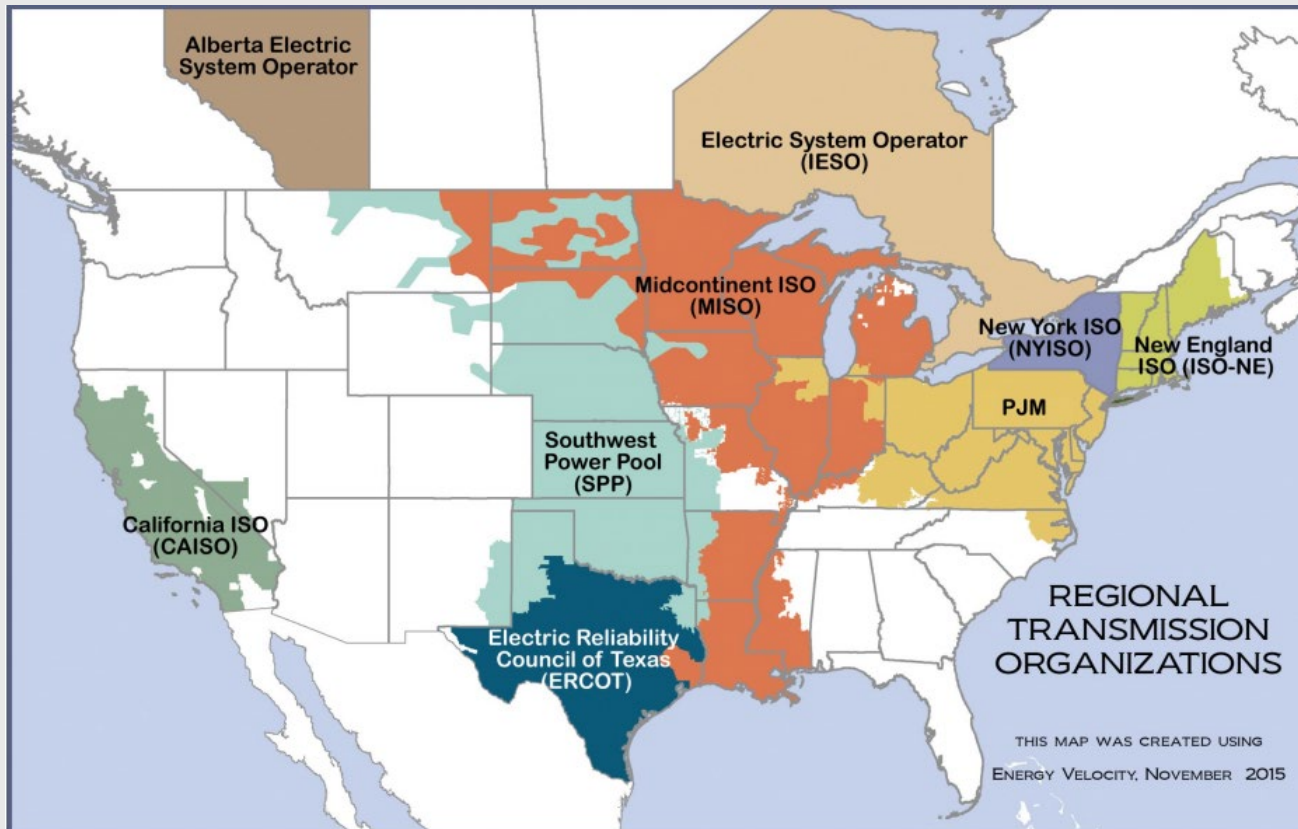
- Functions per US Code and Minnesota Statute
- Electricity, petroleum fuels, natural gas, propane
  - Physical and cyber security, supply issues, coordination
- State Energy Security Plan
- Community Resilience

- No single standard definition for reliability in Minnesota Statutes
- Reliability
  - Energy systems meets the needs of end-use customers even when a disruptive event occurs
  - Energy systems can withstand and rapidly recover from outages
  - Affected by regional market structures, engineering complexities, energy supply shortfalls, extreme weather events, Parts and equipment supply chain constraints, equipment failures, cyber threats, etc.

# Example: Electricity Regulators

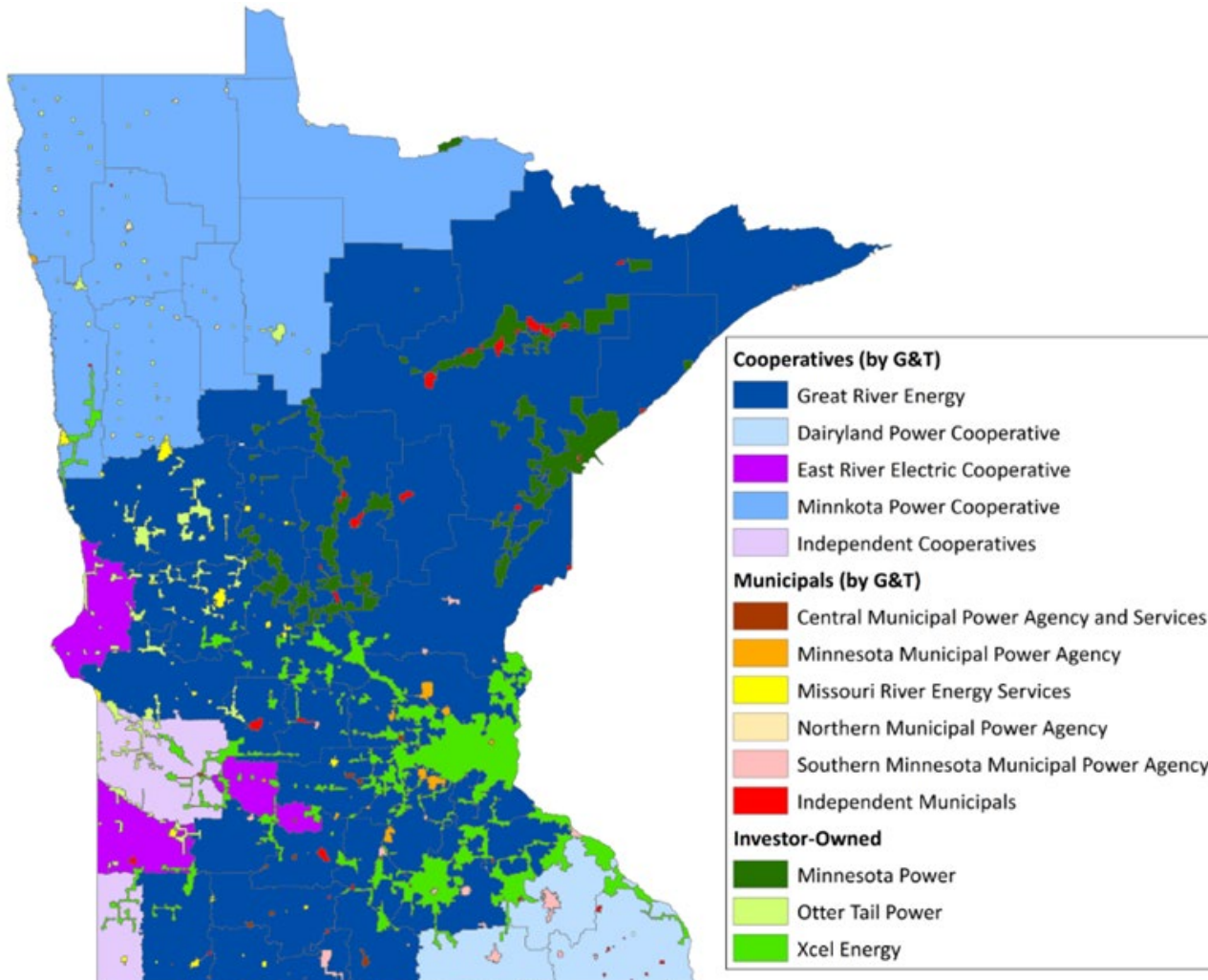
- [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission](#)(FERC)
  - Regulates the interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas and oil
  - Regulates electric grid reliability, primarily the bulk electric transmission system, as well as approve standards established by MRO and NERC
- Minnesota [Public Utilities Commission](#) (PUC)
  - Regulates electricity, natural gas and telephone as a quasi-judicial body
- Minnesota [Department of Commerce](#)
  - Environmental review
  - Analysis of resource and distributions plans
- Executive Order [23-13](#) (Emergency Response)

# Electric System Interdependence



- Minnesota is part of a regional, national, and international electricity grid
- MISO is a regional transmission organization (RTO) that coordinates electricity transmission from Manitoba to the Gulf of Mexico
- MISO is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

# Minnesota Utilities



- 3 investor owned (public utilities)
- 44 electric distribution cooperatives served by 5 generation & transmission providers
- 125 electric municipal utilities mostly served by 5 municipal power agencies; approx. 30 independent municipal utilities

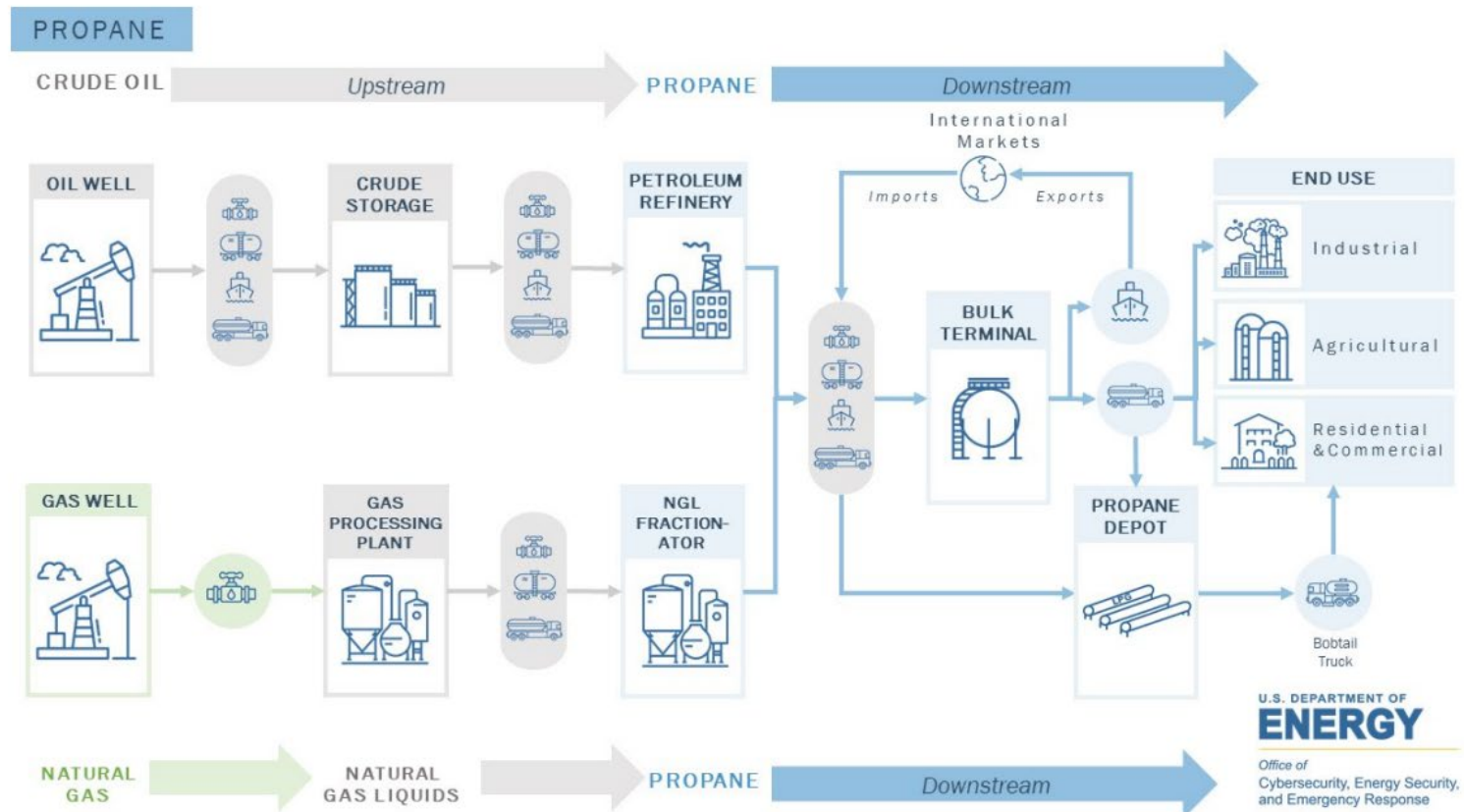
# Local Energy Planning and Resilience Needs?

A few ideas:

- Basic information about energy systems (electric grid, propane, natural gas)
- Overview of reliability and security
- Planning materials
  - Checklist or workbook
- In person or online
- Other?

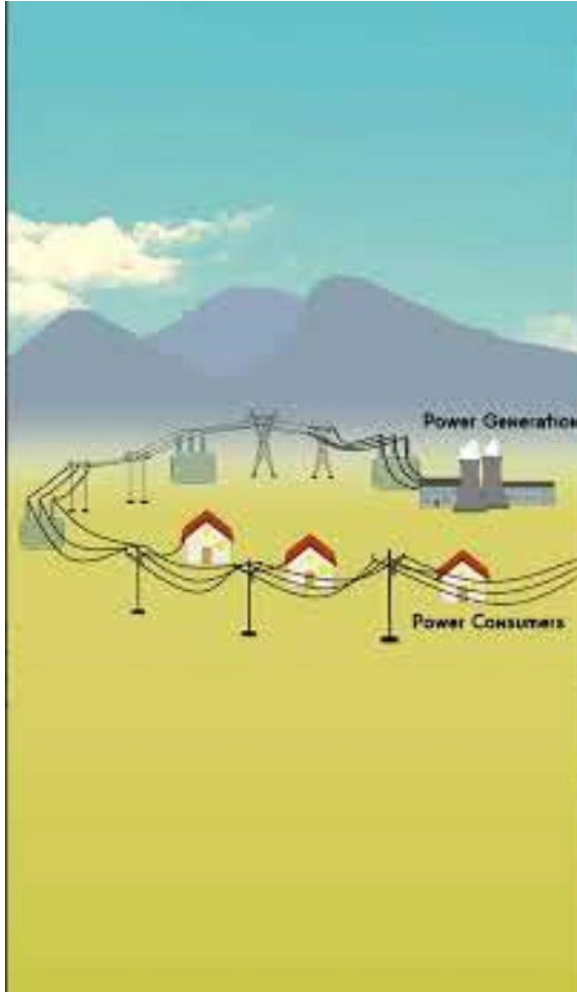


# Example - Propane Supply Chain



[State Energy Security Plan Optional Drop-In: Energy Supply Chain Diagrams](#)

# Example of a short “explainer” video



[What is a Power Grid?](#)

# Example: Simple planning checklist

List name and cell phone number:

**Emergency management and related:**

- Community emergency manager
- County emergency manager
- HSEM regional representative
- Fire department
- Police and/or sheriff office

**Utilities:**

- Electric
- Natural gas
- Propane
- Heating oil
- Telecommunications,
- Drinking water
- Wastewater

**Area Infrastructure:**

- Pipelines
- Fuel terminals

**Planning questions**

Have you met all the key people?  
Do they know each other? Meeting before an incident happens.

Does the local electric utility know what critical facilities are on a given feeder?

- What electricity feeders should be kept online if load is curtailed
- Restoration priorities
- Winter storm plowing priorities
- Propane or heating oil delivery in a weather emergency?

# Example Planning Toolkit (Alaska)

Primary Shelter Information						
Shelter		Location		Phone	Contact to OK Use and Open Shelter	
Restrictions on use/availability, if any:					Primary Name: _____	
					Number: _____	
					Backup Name: _____	
					Number: _____	
<b>Bed Capacity</b> (15-20 sq ft/person)	Number of Showers	Number of Bathrooms	ADA Accessibility	<b>Emergency Power/ Generator</b>	Kitchen Facilities	
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2013 Alaska [Small-Community-Emergency-Response-Plan-Toolkit-2013.11.26-PDF.pdf](#)

Alaska [2025 SCERP Toolkit.docx](#)



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