

# Advocacy Update

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# Why Microgrids?

- Resilience
  - All resilience is local
  - Compare to FERC/DOE
- Internal efficiencies and arbitrage
- Reduced carbon footprint
- External sales
  - To neighbors
  - To the grid

# MRC Agenda

- Promote Microgrids
  - Control area that serves included load
  - Ability to Island
  - Ability to provide services to the grid
- Technology Neutral
- Make a level playing field
  - Eliminate barriers
  - Grid reform

### What do we hope for?

- Update 100 year old regulatory framework
  - Can we sell or distribute electricity?
  - Can we serve multiple customers?
- Open Markets
  - Barriers in existing (mostly RTO) markets
  - Markets at distribution level only beginning
- Allow us to partner with each other
  - Shift or help manage risk
  - Take off balance sheet

#### **Current Activities**

- Focus shifting from FERC to state microgrid tariffs
  - Hawaii, District of Columbia, California
- Active Issues
  - Consumer Protection disclosure, ratemaking
  - Renewable Energy need for flexible generation
  - Utility participation and ownership
- The grid of the future
  - Incentive ratemaking, Microgrid clusters, cellular grid

### Questions?

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'The economy is a subset of the ecology."