Interdependences between Critical Infrastructure and Community Resilience

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Presentation Abstract: There are many different perspectives on what resilience means to individuals and communities. During this presentation we'll look at the interdependences between critical infrastructure, community resilience, and mitigation strategies. As some states and the federal government are setting clean energy goals and with the recent infrastructure stimulus funding, resilience is a central component to community efforts.

In Washington State we are in the process of developing a state energy resilience strategy and during the presentation we'll talk through planning considerations, connections with local emergency management agencies, utilities, and critical facilities.

Speaker Bio: Elizabeth King, CEM is the Energy Emergency Management Director for Washington State. Mrs. King oversees the state's energy emergency management program at the Department of Commerce. Commerce houses the State Energy Office which is responsible for developing and implementing energy policy and programs, the Energy Emergency Management Program coordinates with across programs to highlight resilience and reliability during our transition to a more sustainable energy sources. The program is also responsible for energy emergency planning including such as the state's emergency fuel and allocation plan, energy assurance planning, and multi-agency cybersecurity planning. During

response and recovery activities Elizabeth is the State lead for the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 12 (energy), and coordinates with utility regulation commission, private sector, publicly owned utilities, all levels of government, neighboring states, the Governor's Office, and legislative committee during an energy supply disruption. Most recently to coordinated economic recovery from COVID 19 Mrs. King developed and implemented the energy economic task-force to coordinate with the states recovery structure.