

## **Q: What are the benefits of becoming a member?**

CARES members lend their name to a growing group of concerned stakeholders that wish to collaboratively advocate for electric grid reliability outside of traditional trade association. Members benefit from strategic collaboration in research, policy development, communications, and advocacy activities.

Though CARES was founded by a group of electric cooperatives, it includes a broader range of industry stakeholders including municipal electric utilities, investor-owned utilities, suppliers, manufacturers, and trade associations. Members benefit from collaboration across a diverse group of engaged industry experts. CARES can more nimbly advocate outside of the bureaucracies that traditionally exist in large trade-specific groups.

## **Q: Does CARES charge dues to its members?**

At this time, there are no dues and no cost to join CARES. Members may volunteer time and resources from their own organizations to support the collective effort.

## **Q: Is CARES incorporated as a non-profit organization?**

CARES is not incorporated and there are no plans to do so at this time. CARES is an unincorporated coalition of energy industry entities concerned about short and long-term threats to grid reliability.

## **Q: Does CARES lobby on behalf of its members?**

No, CARES does not engage in lobbying or political donations. CARES is an organization that seeks to raise awareness of threats to grid reliability through education and advocacy.

## **Q: What is the decision-making structure of CARES?**

CARES is an unincorporated coalition governed by only tradition and custom. Each member has one vote on any issue that may come before it. CARES relies on the willingness of members to stay in the room and remain a member of the coalition. Members will be included in meetings to review plans and get approval/consensus of group activities.

## **Q: What is the responsibility for member lists?**

At this time, VMDAEC is donating its employees, resources, etc. to manage information sharing. Our systems are secured by our IT contractor, all staff uses 2-factor authentication, etc. Information is not shared for non-coalition purposes without the expressed consent of CARES members. CARES members allow CARES to use their name in advocacy purposes.

## **Q: Is there a website for CARES?**

Yes! [www.ReliabilityCoalition.com](http://www.ReliabilityCoalition.com) is the website for CARES. As members join CARES, their logos will be added to the membership page of the site.

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