



Membership Information and Application

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About MRC

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—especially those anchored by district energy/CHP. The MRC is a subsidiary of IDEA.

What is a Microgrid?

A microgrid is a local electric system or combined electric and thermal system that:

- Includes retail load and the ability to provide energy and energy management services needed to meet a significant proportion of the included load on a non-emergency basis;
- Can operate either in parallel or in isolation from the electrical grid; and
- When operating in parallel, can provide some combination of energy, capacity, ancillary or related services to the grid.

Microgrids are a growing segment of the energy industry and represent a paradigm shift from remote central station power plants toward more localized, distributed generation for enhanced reliability, resiliency and energy efficiency, especially in cities, communities and campuses.

The MRC Mission

The MRC promotes widespread implementation of microgrids by advocating for policy reforms—including laws, regulations and tariffs—that recognize and appropriately value these services, while assuring non-discriminatory access to the grid for a wide variety of microgrid configurations and business models. 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.

Benefits of Microgrids

Microgrids provide efficient, low-cost, clean energy, enhance local resiliency and improve the operation and stability of the regional electric grid. Microgrids provide dynamic responsiveness unprecedented for an energy resource. By providing power when the grid is down and energy savings when the grid is operating, microgrids meet their hosts' needs for enhanced reliability, energy savings and reduced emissions. By responding flexibly to the needs of the grid, they deliver energy, capacity, and ancillary services that improve the reliability of the bulk power system and the efficiency of energy markets.

Barriers to Microgrid Implementation

Despite their many advantages, microgrids face significant barriers to widespread implementation. As a fundamental complication, microgrids face often-conflicting regulation at the federal, state and sometime local levels. For more information on the MRC policy agenda, please visit <http://www.microgridresources.com/About-MRC/About-MRC.aspx>

Who can be a member of the MRC?

Any corporation, partnership or similar organization, or a subsidiary or division of such an organization, that is significantly engaged in the operation and development of microgrids and is committed to promoting the mission of the MRC is eligible for membership in the MRC. Please see page 2 for categories.

- “Significantly engaged” means that an organization owns or operates a microgrid, is directly engaged in developing, supplying or investing in microgrids, or is an organization with a significant proportion of whose membership would qualify as direct members of the association.
- Entities that support the MRC’s mission, but are not significantly engaged with a microgrid, may apply for associate membership.
- All memberships require MRC Steering Committee approval.
- The MRC Membership fee is in addition to IDEA membership.

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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

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Country

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)*

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

- 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 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:

Charge \$ _____ (amt due) to my credit card:

Check One: Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number

Exp. Date

3-4 digit code

Billing Address (Street, including Suite No.)

City

State

Postal Code

Country

Signature

Name as on Card

Please return this form with payment to:

International District Energy Association
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Westborough, MA 01581
(508) 366-9339 phone • (508) 366-0019 fax
email: cheryl.idea@districtenergy.org

Contributions or gifts to the International District Energy Association or Microgrid Resources Coalition are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes. Payment of Membership Dues may be deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense; however, 60% of IDEA dues and 100% of MRC dues are allocated to lobbying expense and therefore are not deductible as a business expense. Please consult your tax advisor.

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.