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A Toolkit to Tackle Electricity Costs

COST CONTROL

Advanced Transmission Technologies
All-Source Procurement
Better Alignment Between Electric and Gas Planning
Capex-Opex Equalization
Careful Management of Cost Trackers
Consideration of Stranding Risk
Improved Planning Processes
Multi-Year Rate Plans
Securitization
Return on Equity Reform
Revenue Decoupling

COST DISTRIBUTION

Cost-Effective Wildfire Management
Fuel-Cost Sharing
Green Municipal Bonds
Managed Gas Transition
Tariffs for Large Load Customers

Bill Rebates

Public Advocate

Low-Income Discount Rates
Percentage of Income Payment Plans

Low-Income Energy Efficiency
Time-Varying Rates
Virtual Power Plants

CUSTOMER AGENCY

Arrearage Management Plans
Community Solar Programs
Disconnection Protections
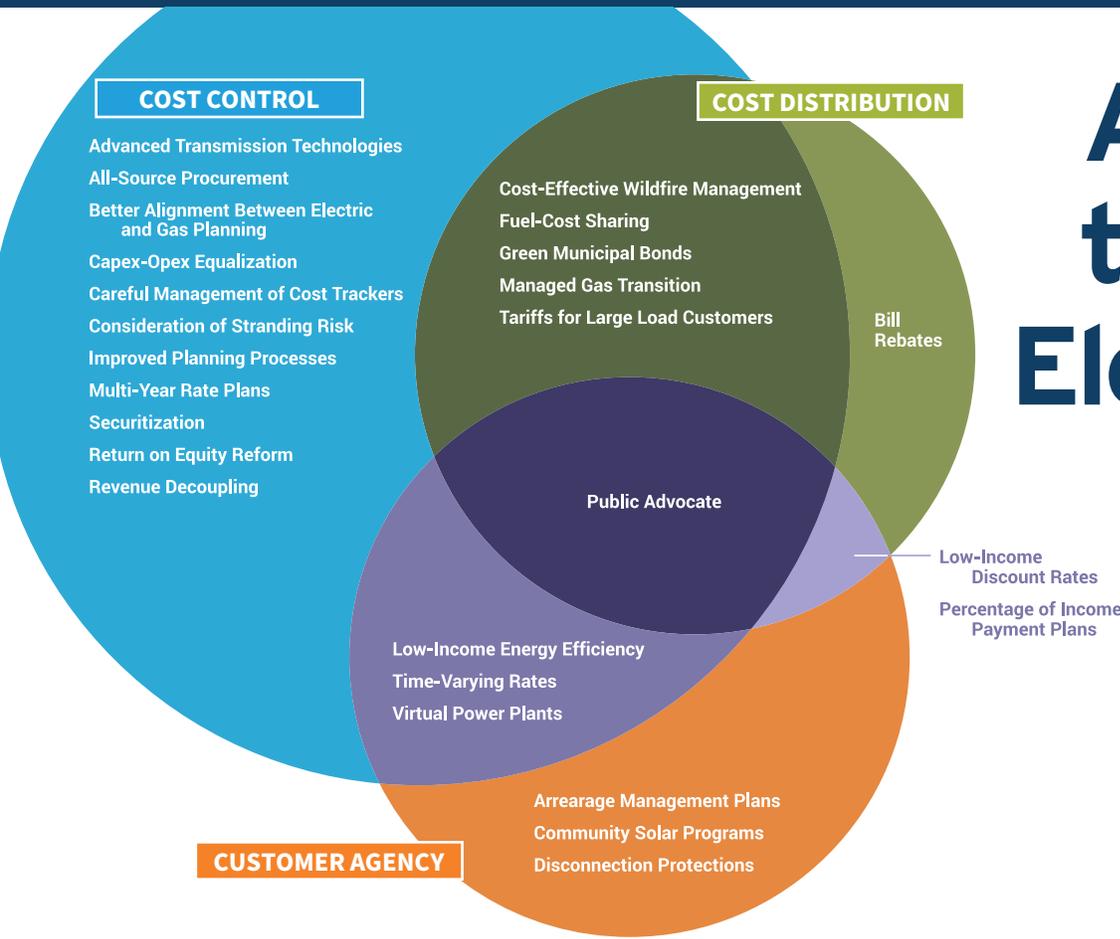
A Decisionmaker's Guide to Affordability

This toolkit features over two dozen state policies to advance electricity affordability. It allows policymakers and advocates to filter the policies to identify the ones that are best aligned with state context and goals and then explore information on each policy, including potential impact, real world examples, and policy design considerations.

Designed primarily to inform legislative action, it includes information relevant to regulators, consumer advocates,

administration officials, and more.

Each policy solution is categorized according to three overarching themes: cost control, cost distribution, and customer agency, which together form a comprehensive framework for understanding and addressing electricity

affordability. A subset of the policies are specifically designed to safeguard vulnerable customers.

Use the toolkit to understand the full range of levers that can be used to promote affordability, to give your legislators an easy-to-use summary of one or more specific policies (downloadable PDFs are available), and to better understand the role of different decisionmakers in deploying affordability solutions.