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“The Santa Fe Conference”

March 14 – 17, 2010
Eldorado Hotel – Santa Fe, NM

PROGRAM TOPICS

• Are We on the Right Path to Meeting the Climate Change Imperatives?
• How Do We Optimize the Grid for the Benefit of All Consumers?
• More than Just an “Additional Revenue Unit” – The Role of and Impacts on Future Consumers.
• The Effect of the National Broadband Plan on the Telecom and Energy Sectors
• It’s Not Your Father’s Industry... It’s your Twelve Year Old’s, But Is She Ready?
• Is It Time For “Smart” Regulation and Policies to Reflect Tomorrow’s Realities?
• Commissioner’s Grill

SEE OUR WEBSITE AT http://cpu.nmsu.edu
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.  
Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:15 – 12:00 p.m.  
Tomorrow’s World – The Public Policy Drivers and the Driven

This opening session will focus on the range of public policy issues affecting our industries. The first session will hear from those entities that are developing and driving public policy decisions and then from those entities that are being driven by those decisions and how they are responding to this new world.

**Moderator:** Brent Gale, CPU Chairman, Sr. VP, Legislation, Regulation & Strategy, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Co.

*The Public Policy Drivers*
- The Honorable Pete Domenici, former US Senator from New Mexico (invited)
- The Honorable David Coen, CEO and President of NARUC and Commissioner, VT Public Service Board
- Suedeen Kelly, former FERC Commissioner

*The Driven*
- The Honorable Ray Baum, Commissioner, OR Public Utility Commission
- Denise Bode, CEO, American Wind Energy Association
- Robert J. Iacullo, President, United Water
- James E. Rogers, Chairman, President and CEO, Duke Energy
- Robert Skaggs. Chairman, AGA - President and CEO, NiSource Inc.

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
Are We on the Right Path to Meeting the Climate Change Imperatives?

If reducing Green House Gases is the ultimate goal, are we taking the best path to meeting those goals? Which way should we go? This panel will explore the various ways utilities, consumers and regulators can work together to meet the goals of climate change initiatives.

**Moderator:** The Honorable Richard Morgan, Commissioner, DC Public Service Commission

- Richard Cowart, Director, Regulatory Assistance Project
- Dr. Granger Morgan, Dept. Head, Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University

**Responders:**
- The Honorable David Armstrong, Chairman, KY Public Service Commission
- The Honorable Ron Binz, Chairman, CO Public Utilities Commission
MONDAY, March 15, 2010 - continued

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  How Do We Optimize The Grid For The Benefit Of All Consumers?

Every stakeholder has their own “enlightened self-interest” view on what’s best for themselves and, therefore, the grid; but can we ensure that the investments in smart grid and other technologies actually optimize the system for all consumers and are done in a least cost manner?

Moderator:  The Honorable Lawrence Brenner, Commissioner, MD Public Service Commission
• John Bear, President and CEO, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator
• Don Cortez, VP of Distribution Support, Centerpoint Energy
• Frank Graves, Principal, The Brattle Group
• Jerry Oppenheim, Principal, Democracy and Regulation

Responders:
• The Honorable Ted Boyer, Chairman, UT Public Service Commission
• The Honorable Fred Butler, Commissioner, NJ Board of Public Utilities

TUESDAY, March 16, 2010

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  More than Just an “Additional Revenue Unit”: The Role Of and Impacts on Future Consumers.

Consumers will be the new players in tomorrow’s world; will they be up to the challenge? What policies are needed to ensure appropriate consumer protection to reflect tomorrow’s new realities.

Moderator: The Honorable Stan Wise, Commissioner, GA Public Service Commission
• The Honorable Tony Clark, Commissioner, ND Public Service Commission
• Dr. Ahmad Faruqui, Principal, The Brattle Group
• John Perkins, Iowa Consumer Advocate, Office of Consumer Advocate
• Dr. Lisa Wood, Executive Director, Institute for Electric Efficiency

Responders:
• The Honorable Butch Howard, Commissioner, SC Public Utilities Commission
• The Honorable Thomas Wright, Chairman, KS Public Service Commission

10:30 - 12:00 p.m.  The Effect of the National Broadband Plan on the Telecom and Energy Sectors

This panel will bring communications and energy sector panelists together to discuss broadband, how it will support the smart grid, and what impact the FCC’s national broadband plan will have on both telecom and energy sectors.

Moderator: The Honorable Ray Baum, Commissioner, OR Public Utility Commission
• Mike Brady, VP, State Regulatory Affairs, Comcast
• Jeff Dygert, Executive Director- Public Policy, AT&T
• Vicki Helfrich, Strategic Planning Coordinator, MS Dept. of Information Technology Services
• Mary LaFave, Director, Legal Issues, Qwest
• Mike Oldak, VP & General Counsel, Utilities Telecom Council
• Lisa Youngers, VP, Federal Affairs, XO Communications
TUESDAY, March 16, 2010 – continued

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  It’s Not Your Father’s Industry… It’s your Twelve Year Old’s, But Is She Ready?
While none of us will admit it, we’re not getting any younger. Is there a next generation of utility, telecom, and water workers? Are they ready? What will they need to keep the lights on – A Mac computer?

Moderator: The Honorable Colette Honorable, Commissioner, AR Public Service Commission
• Mary Miller, President of Center for Work Force Development, EEI
• Walton Hill, Senior Vice President, United Water
• Jim Hunter, Utility Department Director, IBEW
• John Somerhalder, CEO and President, AGL Resources

Responders:
• The Honorable Elizabeth Fleming, Chairman, SC Public Service Commission
• The Honorable Terry Jarrett, Commissioner, MO Public Service Commission

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  Is It Time For “Smart” Regulation and Policies to Reflect Tomorrow’s Realities?
Many of the regulatory policies which have served us, more or less, fairly well over the years may need some major adjustments to reflect the realities of a new energy world with smart grids, huge influx of renewable resources and storage devices, and a major effort to increase energy efficiency. This panel will look at what “traditional regulatory policies” need to go, and what “new regulatory policies” are needed quickly.

Moderator: The Honorable David Ziegner, Commissioner, IN Utility Regulatory Commission
• The Honorable David Hardy, Chairman, IN Utility Regulatory Commission
• David Owens, Executive Vice President, Business Operations, EEI
• Charles Patton, Executive VP AEP Utilities West, American Electric Power
• The Honorable Paul Suskie, Chairman, AR Public Service Commission

Responders:
• The Honorable John Bohn, Commissioner, CA Public Utilities Commission
• The Honorable Barry Smitherman, Chairman, Public Utility Commissioner of TX

WEDNESDAY, March 17, 2010

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.  Commissioner’s Grill

Moderator: The Honorable David Coen, CEO and President, NARUC, Commissioner, VT Public Service Board

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LOCATION: The conference will be held at the Eldorado Hotel, 309 W. San Francisco, Santa Fe, New Mexico. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of $189/night, single or double. To insure the special rate, each participant should make his/her own reservations by February 19, 2010. To make reservations call 505-988-4455. Please mention you will be attending the NMSU Public Utility Conference. One night’s room charge will be charged at the time of booking. There is no registration deadline for the actual conference, but hotel reservations should be made as soon as possible.

TRAVEL: Travel time to Santa Fe from the Albuquerque Airport is 60 minutes by car or 75 minutes by shuttle. Please contact Sandia Shuttle at 1-888-775-5696, 505-474-5696 for departure times and reservations. The cost for shuttle service is $25 per person one way, $45 per person round trip.

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REGISTRATION: MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE: You may reserve a space by phone at 575-646-4876 or 575-646-3242. You may register by sending your name, title, company, address, phone, fax number, and e-mail or by returning the attached form below. Registrations by e-mail should be sent to cpustaff@nmsu.edu. Payment by check or credit card is preferred.

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