Current Issues 2011
“The Santa Fe Conference”
March 13 – 16, 2011
Eldorado Hotel – Santa Fe, NM

TOPICS

• CEO / Association Head Roundtable – Electric, Gas, Water, and Telecom leaders will discuss the most important issues facing their industry.

• Future Generation Game-Changers - Which resources will be available to meet the next round of incremental baseload generation?

• Communicating with Customers in Ways We Can All Understand, or What Part of “Who Are You?” Don’t You Understand? – Can the utility / consumer dialogue be improved so they actually understand each other’s needs?

• Envisioning Tomorrow’s Electric Services – Who Holds the Crystal Ball?

• What Not to Wear - as Regulatory Policy – Smart Grids, Renewables, Storage and other changes also require some regulatory changes. What changes are needed? Will they fly?

• Do Not Pass Go - Building a Regulated Monopoly in a Recession – Financing utility investments during a recession is proving challenging. What is our message to Wall Street? What is their message to us?

• Friday the 13th - FCC Part 12 – Is this the year the FCC reforms Universal Service and Intercarrier Compensation? - How are the proposed changes likely to impact state commissions and consumers around the nation?

• Commissioner Grill – Time for participants to ask those other difficult questions of the regulators

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SUNDAY PM, March 13, 2011

6:30 – 8:00 PM    Registration and Reception

MONDAY AM, March 14, 2011

8:30 – 8:45    Welcome
Brent Gale, Council Chairman, Senior Vice President, Legislation, Regulation & Strategy, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company

8:45 – 12:00    CEO/Association Head Roundtable
Electric, Gas, Water and Telecom leaders will discuss the most important issues facing their industry.

Moderator: Tony Clark, President, NARUC, and Commissioner, North Dakota Public Service Commission
Speakers: John Burke, Commissioner, Vermont Public Service Board
Walter Lynch, President and Chief Operating Officer, Regulated Operations, American Water
Robert Powers, President, AEP Utilities
John Somerhalder, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, AGL Resources and American Gas Association Board Chairman

MONDAY PM, March 14, 2011

1:30 – 3:00    Future Generation Game-Changers
Which resources will be available to meet the next round of incremental baseload generation?

Moderator: Sandra Byrd, Vice President of Strategic Affairs, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and former Chair, Arkansas Public Service Commission
Speakers: Jack Bailey, Senior Vice President, Nuclear Generation Development, Tennessee Valley Authority
Mark McCullough, Executive Vice President of Generation, American Electric Power Company
W. Thaddeus Miller, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, Calpine Corporation
Dan Rastler, Senior Project Manager, Distributed Energy Generation Storage, EPRI
Responders: Ted Boyer, Chairman, Utah Public Service Commission
Jason Marks, Commissioner, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
MONDAY PM, March 14, 2011 (continued)

3:30 - 5:00  Communicating with Customers in Ways We Can All Understand, or What Part of “Who Are You?” Don’t You Understand?

Can the utility/consumer dialogue be improved so they actually understand each other's needs?

Moderator:  Stan Wise, Chairman, Georgia Public Service Commission

Speakers:  Jim Cunningham, Managing Director, Burson-Marsteller
           Mary Healey, President, NASUCA
           Michael Nantz, Director, Consumer Affairs, Georgia Public Service Commission

Responders:  Butch Howard, Chairman, South Carolina Public Service Commission
             Arnetta McRae, Chairman, Delaware Public Service Commission
             Phyllis Reha, Vice Chair, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

TUESDAY AM, March 15, 2011

8:30 - 10:00  Envisioning Tomorrow’s Electric Services – Who Holds the Crystal Ball?

While the pace of smart-grid deployments may be in question, the smart devices, data-rich environments and advanced controls will lead to innovation and changes in the electric and other critical infrastructure industries. What will the electric world look like in 10, 20 or 30 years? Who will be providing the needed services? Can we follow the money and the technology? Join us for this stimulating roundtable discussion.

Moderator:  Elizabeth Fleming, Commissioner, South Carolina Public Service Commission
           and Chair of NARUC Critical Infrastructure Committee

Roundtable Panelists:
           Paul Centolella, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
           Paul DeMartini, Vice President & Chief Technology Officer, CISCO
           Kathy Farroba, Vice President, State Public Policy, Verizon
           Jim Greer, Senior Vice President of Asset Management, Oncor
           Robert Mayer, Vice President, Industry and State Affairs, US Telecom Association
           Mike Oldak, Vice President & General Counsel, Utilities Telecom Council
           Thomas Wright, Chairman, Kansas Corporation Commission

10:30 - 12:00  What Not to Wear? – As Regulatory Policy

Smart Grids, Renewables, Storage and other changes also require some regulatory changes. What changes are needed? Test period policy, used and useful doctrine, IRP, prudence and rate approval in advance of resource procurement, and others?

Moderator:  Brent Gale, Senior Vice President, Legislation, Regulation & Strategy, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company

Speakers:  Ron Binz, Chairman, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
           John Bohn, former Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission (invited)
           David Coen, Member, Vermont Public Service Board and former NARUC President
           Paul Foran, Vice President, American Water Works, Inc. and former Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
           Mack Wathen, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, PEPCO Holdings, Inc.
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TUESDAY PM, March 15, 2011

1:30 - 3:00  Friday the 13th - FCC Part 12
Is this the year the FCC reforms Universal Service and Intercarrier Compensation? - How are the proposed changes likely to impact state commissions and consumers around the nation?

Moderator:  John Burke, Commissioner, Vermont Public Service Board and Chair of NARUC Telecommunications Committee
Speakers:  Jon Banks, Senior Vice President, Law & Policy, USTA
Steve Bowers, President, Moultrie Independent Telephone Company
Joe Gillan, President, Gillan Associates
Joel Lubin, Vice President Public Policy, AT&T
Steven Morris, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, NCTA
Responders:  Maureen Harris, Commissioner, New York Public Service Commission
Steve Kolbeck, Chairman, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Donna Nelson, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Texas

3:30 - 5:00   Do Not Pass Go - Building a Regulated Monopoly in a Recession
Financing utility investments during a recession is proving challenging. What is our message to Wall Street? What is their message to us?

Moderator:  Terry Jarrett, Commissioner, Missouri Public Service Commission
Speakers:  Brian Bird, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Northwestern Energy
Heike Doerr, Senior Research Associate, Robert W. Baird
Michael Haggarty, Senior Vice President, Moody’s
Peter Kind, Senior Managing Director, Macquarie Capital
Responders:  Robert Bernsten, Chair, Iowa Utilities Board
Lawrence Brenner, Commissioner, Maryland Public Service Commission
Paul Roberti, Commissioner, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

WEDNESDAY AM, March 16, 2011

8:30 - 10:00  Commissioner Grill

Moderator:  Jim Kerr, Partner, McQuireWoods LLP and former President of NARUC
Panelists:  Hon. Rob Bernsten, Iowa
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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 $194/night—single or double. To insure the special rate, each participant should make his/her own reservations by February 9, 2011. 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. Sandia Shuttle Express provides transportation between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Call 1-888-775-5696 or 505-474-5696 for schedule, or see their website at http://www.sandiashuttle.com/ The cost of the shuttle is $27 one-way or $47 round trip.

REGISTRATION FEE: The registration fee for the conference is $1295 for company representatives, $1095 for center sponsors and $695 for all state commissions, consumer advocates and other governmental entities. The fee does not include travel or hotel accommodations.

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CLE/CPE Credits: CLE/CPE Credits are awarded for this conference in certain states. You must apply to each state as an individual. Please contact CPU for more information.

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