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“The Santa Fe Conference”

March 11 – 14, 2012
Eldorado Hotel – Santa Fe, NM

FEATURED SPEAKERS

The Hon. John Norris, Commissioner, FERC
The Hon. Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner, FCC

TOPICS

Industry Leaders Roundtable
EPA Regulations: Balancing Reliability, Affordability, and Environmental Protection
Addressing Investors’ Expectations in an Escalating Cost Environment
Enhancing Energy Efficiency Efforts: How much is cost-effective? How much is achievable?
The Connect America Fund and Intercarrier Compensation Reform: What’s Next?
Major Wow Factor! Breakthrough Technologies in the Utility Sector
Innovative Energy Resources and Applications
Commissioner Grill

COMMISSION SPEAKERS

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Hon. John Burke, Esq., Vermont PSC
Hon. David C. Coen, Vermont PSC
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MONDAY AM, March 12, 2012

8:30 – 8:45  Welcome
Paul Suskie, Chairman, CPU Council; Senior Vice President & General Counsel, Southwest Power Pool
Dr. Doug Gegax, Director, Center for Public Utilities, NMSU

8:45 - 12:00  Industry Leaders Roundtable
Electric, Gas, Water, and Telecom leaders will discuss the most important issues facing their industry.
Moderator: Hon. David Wright, NARUC President; Vice-Chairman, South Carolina Public Service Commission
Speakers: Hon. John Norris, Commissioner, FERC
Hon. Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner, FCC
Hon. John Burke, Esq., Chairman, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications; Member, Vermont Public Service Board
Nicholas K. Akins, President & CEO, American Electric Power
Lawrence T. Borgard, President & COO, Utilities, Integrys Energy Group
Peter Nelson, President & CEO, California Water Service Company

MONDAY PM, March 12, 2012

1:30 - 3:00  EPA Regulations: Balancing Reliability, Affordability, and Environmental Protection
The EPA is in the process of implementing several new regulations. This panel will discuss how to maintain fuel diversity; how electric utilities can plan their future resource portfolios to meet all these objectives; the intersection between electricity, gas, and water sectors on this issue; how to mitigate the impacts on our fragile economy and customers due to this issue.
Moderator: Hon. David E. Ziegner, Co-Vice Chair, NARUC Committee on Electricity; Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
Speakers: Nicholas K. Akins, President & CEO, American Electric Power
Clair Moeller, Vice President, Transmission Asset Management, MISO
Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, DOE Energy Information Administration
Hon. John Norris, Commissioner, FERC
Responders: Hon. John (Butch) Howard, Chairman, NARUC Committee on Water; Chairman, South Carolina Public Service Commission
Hon. Stan Wise, Chairman, Georgia Public Service Commission

3:30 - 5:00  Addressing Investors’ Expectations in an Escalating Cost Environment
As capital expenditures escalate to address system maintenance, upgrade, and environmental requirements, utilities will continue to need to access capital at reasonable costs from competitive financial markets. How well will utilities be able to secure their sought-after financing, and what role will regulation play, particularly in locales where the economy remains sluggish and ratepayers are already being required to shoulder burdens stemming from prior policy decisions? This panel offers insights from an investor, credit rating agency, and consumer standpoint.
Moderator: Hon. Maureen F. Harris, Co-Vice Chair, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications; Commissioner, New York Public Service
Speakers: Richard Cortright, Managing Director, U.S. Utilities and Infrastructure Ratings Group, Standard and Poors
Peter Kind, Senior Managing Director, Macquarie
Jerry Oppenheim, Principal, Democracy and Regulation
Jonathan Reeder, Associate Equity Analyst, Wells Fargo, LLC
Responders: Hon. Erin O’Connell-Diaz, Chair, NARUC Committee on Electricity; Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
                     Hon. Paul Roberti, Commissioner, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

TUESDAY AM, March 13, 2012

8:30 - 10:00 Enhancing Energy Efficiency Efforts: How much is cost-effective? How much is achievable?
This panel will take the discussion of energy efficiency efforts to the next level by exploring what the utility sector, regulators, consumer advocates and those in academia are doing to encourage optimization of existing resources, and enhancing both supply-side and demand-side energy efficiency efforts.

Moderator: Hon. Colette Honorable, NARUC Second Vice President; Chairman, Arkansas Public Service Commission

Speakers: Hon. David C. Coen, Member, Vermont Public Service Board
          Adam Cooper, Manager, Electric Efficiency, Institute for Electric Efficiency
          Sheri Givens, Public Counsel, Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel
          Marc Lucca, Vice President for Production, Aqua America
          Joel Swisher, Consulting Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford Univ.

Responders: Hon. Ted Boyer, Chairman, Public Service Commission of Utah
                     Hon. Gary Hanson, Chairman, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

10:30 - 12:00 The Connect America Fund and Intercarrier Compensation Reform: What’s Next?
This panel will discuss FCC reform of the Universal Service Fund and intercarrier compensation systems and the creation of the new Connect America Fund. The panel will opine on the impact of the FCC order (including its 2852 footnotes) on states, companies, and consumers.

Moderator: Hon. Jeffrey Goltz, Chairman, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Speakers: Michael Brady, Vice President for State Regulatory Affairs, Comcast
          Joe Gillan, President, Gillan Associates
          Steve Davis, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations, CenturyLink
          Anna-Maria Kovacs, Visiting Senior Policy Scholar, Georgetown University’s Center for Business and Public Policy
          Jackie McCarthy, CTIA - The Wireless Association
          Michael Romano, Senior Vice President of Policy, National Telecommunications Cooperative Assoc.

Responders: Hon. John Burke, Esq., Chairman, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications; Member, Vermont Public Service Board
                     Hon. Maureen Harris, Co-Vice Chair, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications; Commissioner, New York Public Service Commission

TUESDAY PM, March 13, 2012

1:15 - 3:00 Major Wow Factor! Breakthrough Technologies in the Utility and Communications Sectors
What are the projects in the R & D phase that are breakthrough technologies and can change the way our utility and communications services are provided? This panel of industry leaders and regulators will discuss what the future may bring in the electric, gas, communications, and water sectors and what regulators can do to advance these new technologies.

Moderator: Hon. Terry M. Jarrett, Chair, NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure; Commissioner, Missouri Public Service Commission

Speakers: Stu Aaron, Vice President of Marketing and Production Management, Bloom Energy
          Peter M. Duncan, Executive Chairman, MicroSeismic, Inc.
          Paul Foran, Vice President, Regulatory Programs, American Water
          Paul Genoa, Senior Director, Policy Development, Nuclear Energy Institute
          Tom Maguire, Senior Vice President - National Operations Support, Verizon
          Hon. Robert Powelson, Co-Vice Chair, NARUC Committee on Water; Chairman, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Innovative Energy Resources and Applications

This Panel will discuss technological developments transforming the traditional electricity landscape. This will include a closer look at storage and electric vehicles.

Moderator: Hon. Donna Nelson, Chair, Public Utility Commission of Texas

Speakers:
- Arun Banskota, President, NRG Electric Vehicle Services
- Audrey Fogarty, Vice President, Commercial Operations & Applications Development, Xtreme Power, Inc
- Charles S. Griffey, Consultant, Adjunct Professor of Management, Jones Graduate School of Business, Rice University
- Dan Rastler, Manager, New Initiatives Energy Storage and Distributed Energy Resources, EPRI

Responders:
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LOCATION: The conference will be held at the Eldorado Hotel, 309 W. San Francisco, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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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 by February 14, 2012.

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