

# NARUC Annual Convention

## Program by Day

*Agenda and times are subject to change*

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### Saturday, November 13

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9:00 AM - 5:00 PM     **Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications**     Grand ABC

**9:00 AM Reports from NARUC**

*Speakers* Brad Ramsay - General Counsel - NARUC  
Brian O'Hara - Legislative Director - NARUC

**9:30 AM Subgroup Reports**

Technology - Gene Hand (NE)  
Federal Legislation - Brian Thomas (WA)  
Federal Regulation - Elijah Abinah (AZ)  
State Regulation - Joel Shifman (ME)  
Consumer Issues - Joe Witmer (PA)  
Service Quality -

**10:00 AM Reports by National Representatives**

Joint Board Reports:

- Separations (80-286) - Lori Kenyon (AK)
- Universal Service (96-45) - Kay Marinos (OR)
- 706 Conference Update - Cary Hinton (DC)

FCC Report - Tim Peterson

RUS Report -

NRRI Report - Sherry Lichtenberg/Scott Hempling

**11:00 AM Panel II - State Broadband Planning Activities**

*Moderator* Vicki Helfrich - MS

*Panelists* Jessica Dent - Executive Director - Connecting Alabama  
Gene Hand - Director of Telecommunications - Nebraska Public Service  
Commission  
Joe Witmer - Assistant Counsel - Pennsylvania Public Utility  
Commission

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**1:30 PM Panel III - Next Generation 911**

*Moderator* Natalie Baker - Director of Policy - Intrado

*Panelists* James Goerke - CEO - Texas Alliance  
Brian O'Hara - Legislative Director - NARUC  
Robert Mayer - VP, Industry and State Affairs - US Telecom  
Association  
Ron Stein - Director of Partnership & Product Management -  
Shotspotter

3:00 PM **Networking Break**

3:15 PM **Initial Presentation and Discussion of Resolutions**

5:00 PM **Adjourn**

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM      **Subcommittee on Education and Research**      Willow Room

12:00 PM **Closed Executive Session: Working Lunch**

DOE-ARRA Funding Update

Miles Keogh - Director - Grants & Research

12:45 PM **Welcome Remarks**

Hon. Eddie Roberson - Chair - Subcommittee on Education & Research

12:50 PM **Approval of Minutes**

12:55 PM **Review of Draft Resolution on Graying Workforce Issues**

1:05 PM **Annual Report from National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI)**

Scott Hempling - Director -  
NRRI

1:20 PM **Update from Institute of Public Utilities, MSU**

Dr. Jan Beecher - Director

1:30 PM **Update from Center for Public Utilities, NMSU**

1:40 PM **Update from Public Utility Research Center, UFL**

Dr. Mark Jamison - Director

1:50 PM **Update from Wisconsin Public Utility Institute, UW**

Cara Lee Mahany Braithwait - Director

2:00 PM **Update on Subcommittee Projects**

NARUC Certificate of Regulatory Expertise

2011 Summer Internships (NARUC & CFEBA)

NARUC New Commissioner Training Update - March 2011 (5th course)

Erin Skootsky - Subcommittee Liaison - NARUC

2:45 PM **Review of Applications for NARUC Support**

2:50 PM **New Business**

3:00 PM **Adjourn**

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**Sunday, November 14**

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7:30 AM - 9:00 AM      ***Continental Breakfast...sponsored in part by  
NRECA***      Grand Foyer

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM      ***On-Site Registration***      Grand Foyer

8:15 AM - 12:30 PM      **FERC/NARUC Collaborative on Smart  
Response**      International D

8:15 AM **Introduction & Welcome Remarks**

*Speakers* Hon. Jon Wellinghoff - Chairman - FERC  
Hon. John Norris - Commissioner - FERC  
Hon. Orjiakor Isiogu - Chairman - Michigan PSC  
Hon. Phyllis Reha - Commissioner - Minnesota PUC

8:30 AM **National Science & Technology Council, Smart Grid Subcommittee Update**

*Speaker* Dr. George Arnold - National Coordinator for Smart Grid Interoperability  
- NIST

9:00 AM **Smart Grid Orders: Balancing Investment and Consumer Benefits**

This facilitated discussion will be kicked-off by Scott Hempling, who will provide the brief "backbone" information on the MD, OK, and HI smart grid orders. Rich Sedano will facilitate the discussion. Commissioners Bob Anthony (OK) and Carl Caliboso (HI) and MD People's Counsel Paula Carmody to provide insight to any questions and issues raised by other Commissioner members. The session will also hear from a member of FERC staff who will provide information and answer questions regarding FERC's synchrophasor order.

*Moderator* Rich Sedano - Regulatory Assistance Project

*Panelists* Scott Hempling - NRRRI  
Hon. Bob Anthony - Commissioner - Oklahoma CC  
Hon. Carlito Caliboso - Commissioner - Hawaii PUC  
Paula Carmody - Maryland Office of People's Counsel  
TBD - FERC

10:15 AM **Networking Break**

10:30 AM **Technical Conference on NIST Standards**

Exact agenda to be finalized. See Notice of FERC Technical Conference here:  
<http://ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/smart-grid/RM11-02-NOTICE.pdf>.  
Individual State commissions may also notice this Conference.

11:30 AM **Discussion of NIST Standards and Federal and State Collaboration in Standards Adoption**

Facilitated discussion.

*Moderator* Rich Sedano - Regulatory Assistance Project

*Panelist* TBD

12:30 PM **Adjourn**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Committee/Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure** International B

9:00 AM **CI Strategic Planning Initiative**

At this session, the Committee on Critical Infrastructure and its Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure will convene their membership in a strategic planning session to provide focus and direction for the next several years, re-establishing overall goals and objectives to meet the needs of the members and the wider NARUC body. All members are invited to participate in this effort and should arrive prepared to address the following: Who are we? What do we plan to do? How do we plan to achieve it?

Hon. Lib Fleming - Chairman - South Carolina PSC  
Thom Pearce - Staff Subcommittee Chair - Ohio PUC  
Miles Keogh - Director, Grants and Research - NARUC

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Staff Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs** Grand A

9:00 AM **Introduction and Welcome**

Sandra S. Sloane - Director - Consumer Services, NYSPSC

9:05 AM **Reports**

- Lifeline Awareness Week
- Anyone Serve Campaign
- SNAP

9:15 AM **Georgia Call Center Best Practices**

*Speakers* Mike Nantz - Director of Consumer Affairs - Georgia Public Service Commission  
Bill Edge - Public Information Officer - Georgia Public Service Commission  
Will Culbreath - Operations Analyst - Georgia Public Service Commission

10:00 AM **Networking Break**

10:15 AM **Discussion: Winter/Summer Consumer Protections**

11:00 AM **Resolutions**

11:10 AM **State Roundtable (Closed Session)**

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications** Grand E

9:00 AM **Panel III - Carrier of Last Resort Obligations**

*Moderator* Peter Pescosolido - CT

*Panelists* Joe Gillan - Consultant - Gillan Associates  
Mark Brown - Senior Director & Senior Counsel - Charter Communications  
David Bergmann - Chairman, NASUCA Telecom Committee - Ohio Office of Consumer Counsel  
Jeff Lanning - Director of Federal Regulatory Affairs - CenturyLink  
Glenn Brown - McLean & Brown and the Rural Alliance

10:30 AM **Final Resolution Discussion**

12:00 PM **Lunch**

1:30 PM **Panel IV - Where Have All the Minutes Gone?**

*Moderator* Gene Hand - NE

*Panelists* Bob Gnapp - National Exchange Carrier Association  
Tom McCabe - TDS Telecom  
Brian Benison - AT&T

3:00 PM **Adjourn**

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Networking Break...sponsored in part by PERI** Grand Foyer  
**Software Solutions**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM    **Staff Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues**                      Walnut Room

10:00 AM **Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal Subcommittee: "What's Next for Nuclear Waste?"**

The Staff Subcommittee and those Commissioners who are available will take stock of the current unsettled nuclear waste situation in an informal discussion, touching on:

- Yucca Mountain license application withdrawal status
- Progress of the Blue Ribbon Commission
- MIT Fuel Cycle Study conclusions
- NRC Waste Confidence decision
- Nuclear Waste Fund fee suspension litigation

What should States and NARUC be doing during this policy hiatus?

Sarah Hofmann - Staff Subcommittee Chair

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM    *New Commissioner Forum and Luncheon (New Commissioners Only)*    Cypress Room

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM    **Committee on Gas**    Grand C

11:00 AM **Welcome and Introductions**

Hon. Timothy Alan Simon - Commissioner - California PUC

11:10 AM **Business Meeting** (Walnut Room)

- Opening Comments

Ceremonial Passing of the Gavel

Remarks by Commissioner Westbrook, new Chair of the NARUC/DOE LNG Partnership

- Resolutions (including one honoring Chair Emeritus Hamilton)

Hon. Timothy Alan Simon - Committee Chair - Commissioner California PUC

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM    **Subcommittee/Staff Subcommittee on Clean Coal and CCS**                      Grand C

1:00 PM **Committee Business**

Future Gen update

AEP Sequestration Update

DOE update

Review of Subcommittee direction/strategy plan

2:15 PM **Adjourn**

1:00 PM - 3:45 PM    **Committee on Consumer Affairs**    Grand A

1:00 PM **Welcome Remarks**

Hon. Anne Boyle - Commissioner - Nebraska PUC

1:05 PM **Getting Older Adults Online - Project GOAL**

Debbie Berlyn - Executive Director - Project GOAL

1:15 PM **Project Share - Helping Low-income Consumers Pay their Electric Bills since 1985**

Since its inception in 1985, the Salvation Army's Project SHARE has collected donations from customers when they pay their electric bill. Georgia Power then matches customer contributions dollar-for-dollar and forwards the monies, through Salvation Army Corps Community Centers, for distribution to needy people in all 159 Georgia counties. Money collected stays in the county from which it originates, so your dollars go to work right in your own back yard, truly neighbors helping neighbors! Last year, Project SHARE provided assistance to more than 50,000 Georgians, with Georgia Power and its customers contributing \$2.3 million to the program.

Michael J. Bradford - Director, Project Share - The Salvation Army Georgia Division

1:25 PM **Consumer Issues with Smart Grid**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 helped spur critical and targeted deployments of smart grid technology throughout the nation. The Act made clear that the Smart Grid is a major part of the White House's energy policy. The Administration has reached out to States and NARUC specifically, and NARUC has remained engaged with the White House Subcommittee on Smart Grid for the past several months. While States are moving ahead, there are concerns as to how certain elements of the smart grid will impact consumers. What kind of feedback are States and utilities receiving since deployment of smart metering programs? How are consumers responding to programs that couple dynamic rate structures with smart meters? Do the varied retail customer classes respond differently to these programs? Attendees will hear from a panel of experts about these and other issues, including cyber security and privacy concerns.

*Moderator* Hon. John Betkoski - Commissioner - Connecticut DPUC

*Panelists* John Howat - Sr. Policy Analyst - National Consumer Law Center  
Mary Healey - President - NASUCA

Lisa Wood - Executive Director - Institute for Electric Efficiency

Wayne Harbaugh - VP - Pricing & Regulatory Svcs. - Baltimore Gas & Electric

2:50 PM **Consideration of Resolutions**

3:15 PM **Let there be light! What do Consumers and State Commissions need to know about the Phase out of the Incandescent Light Bulb (Joint Session with Staff Subcommittees on Electricity and Electric Reliability in International Ballroom D)**

Americans are increasingly purchasing energy efficient lighting and are aware of the energy-saving benefits -- but most are "in the dark" about the required phase-out of incandescent bulbs. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 included phasing out the 125 year-old light bulb in favor of a new generation of low-wattage, energy efficient lights as part of a larger national effort to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. About 15 percent of electrical use in homes is from lighting. New light bulbs will cost more, last longer, cut consumption and lower energy costs. The phased in transition begins nationally on January 1, 2012 when



**2:40 PM NARUC International Programs - Overview of Design, Donor Involvement, and Commissioner/Commission Staff Engagement**

Link to draft IRC Strategic Plan: Goal 3 (The stated goals of our international programs are achieved)

Erin Skootsky - Director, International Programs - NARUC

**2:50 PM Commissioner Roundtable on Current and Future International Activities**

Link to draft IRC Strategic Plan: Goal 1 (NARUC member commissions acquire practical knowledge they use to continually improve their regulatory work) and Goal 4 (The international utility regulatory community is increasingly inter-connected and finds concrete responses to common challenges and opportunities)

Commissioners & commission staff are invited to give short (3-5 minutes) testimonials about their recent international activities on the following perspectives:

- \* The greatest challenge they faced
- \* The greatest benefit achieved (by NARUC participants and host country)
- \* What didn't work
- \* How any of this may inform regulatory improvement within the NARUC membership

**Regulatory Partnerships**

- \* Colorado – Jordan
- \* Illinois – Kosovo
- \* Iowa – Armenia
- \* Kentucky – Georgia
- \* Michigan – Nigeria
- \* Missouri – Moldova
- \* New York – Ukraine
- \* Organization of MISO States – Black Sea regulators
- \* Pennsylvania – Serbia

**Regional Association Collaboration & Activities**

- \* ABAR (Brazil, Landfill Gas to Energy Project)
- \* ACERCA (Central America)
- \* AFUR (Africa)
- \* CAMPUT (Canada)
- \* CEER (European Union)
- \* ERRA (Central/Eastern Europe & Eurasia)
- \* RERA (Southern Africa)

**International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER)'s Working Groups**

- \* Reliability and Security of Supply (Chaired by MEDREG)

NARUC members: Hon. Ron Binz (CO), Hon. Robert Clayton (MO), Kim Wissman (OH), Martina Schwartz (NARUC)

- \* Regulatory Role in Climate Change (Chaired by CEER)

NARUC members: Hon. Rick Morgan (DC), Hon. Pat Oshie (WA), Ed McNamara (VT), Matt Gardner (NARUC), Bevan Flansburg (NARUC)

- \* Competitiveness & Affordability (Chaired by CAMPUT)

NARUC members: Hon. Orjiakor Isiogu (MI), Hon. Brad Molnar (MT), Denise Parrish (WY), Chris Mahon (NARUC)

- \* Training, Education & Best Practices (Chaired by NARUC – Hon. John Betkoski (CT))

Additional NARUC Members: Hon. Colette Honorable (AR), Hon. Susan Parker (AL), Erin Skootsky (NARUC)

**3:30 PM Update from Educational & Research Partners**

Link to draft IRC Strategic Plan: Goal 1 (NARUC member commissions acquire practical knowledge they use to continually improve their regulatory work)

Dr. Mark Jamison - Director, Public Utilities Research Center - University of Florida

Dr. Jan Beecher - Director, Institute of Public Utilities - Michigan State University  
Scott Hempling - Executive Director - NRRI

**3:45 PM Development of Draft IRC Business Plan**

Link to draft IRC Strategic Plan: Our values of efficient use of resources and responsiveness

Hon. Gaétan Caron - Committee Co-Vice Chair - Chair and CEO, NEB, Canada

**4:30 PM Adjourn**

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Ad Hoc Committee on Utility Market Access** Grand B

**1:00 PM Welcome Remarks and Introduction** (Grand Ballroom )

Hon. Harold D. Williams - Committee Chair/Commissioner - Maryland PSC

**1:05 PM Panel 1: An Historical Overview of the Utility Market Access Partnership**

This panel will discuss the historical overview of the migration of DOE/NARUC Market Access Energy Partnership Board (EMAP), a forerunner to the current Utility Market Access Partnership Board (UMAP); challenges and successes.

*Moderator* Wendell F. Holland - Commissioner Emeritus, PA and Partner - Saul Ewing, LLP

*Panelists* Jeffrey Thorsen - Supplier Diversity Manager - Sempra Energy  
Will Johnson - Chairman & President - Visage Energy  
Christopher J. Freitas - Senior Program Manager - U.S. Department of Energy  
Ed Holmes - Ehico Consultants  
Gwen Moore - Former Assembly Member of California and Chair of Utility of Commerce

**2:05 PM UMAP Future and Structure Update**

Hon. Harold D. Williams - Committee Chair/Commissioner - Maryland PSC

Hon. Timothy Alan Simon - Commissioner - California PUC

**2:35 PM Panel 2: New Connections - A Financial Services Symposium for Diverse and Emerging Firms - a National Partnership**

This panel will discuss the evolution of New Connections through GO 156 to national prominence and shared successes.

*Moderator* The Hon. Timothy Alan Simon - Commissioner - California Public Utilities Commission

*Panelists* Brian Chew (Invited) - Director, Pension & Trust Investments - Sempra Energy Utilities  
TBD - Utility Representative  
Martin Cabrera (Invited) - CEO - Cabrera Capital Markets, Inc.  
Cynthia Ringo (Invited) - Managing Partner - DBL Investors  
Gary L. Rozier (Invited) - Senior Vice President - Ariel Investments

Thurman White (Invited) - CEO - Progress Investment Management Company

**3:35 PM Update on the CPUC's Rulemaking on General Order 156 (The Supplier Diversity Program)**

Hon. Timothy Alan Simon - Commissioner - California PUC

**4:00 PM Presentation: In their Own Words-Success Stories**

PERI's GridMax is the only comprehensive end to end Smart Grid Solution available in the market that encompasses hardware, software, communications, data collection and analysis, administrative and consumer applications (HAN) and systems integration. PERI continues to be the only small diversity company in the Smart Grid. The President & CEO of this company plans to speak on the advanced stage of developing a geographically-utility and regulatory agency specific tool, that can be provided to IOUs and other utilities to calculate and demonstrate the return on investment to ratepayers when applying for regulatory approval of Smart Grid funding.

NDR Energy Group, LLC is an energy/fuel marketer and services company. Its core business is the marketing and sale of natural gas to a diverse group of clients in the continental U.S. NDR provides energy management services to assist its clients in finding efficient and economic solutions to reducing dependency on foreign energy supply, and reducing their energy cost. NDR supplies other energy products and solutions, including propane (HD-5), energy efficient lighting systems, and sustainable, alternative and renewal energy solutions to reduce clients' carbon footprint. NDR has also closed a deal with Universal Bioenergy and projects an estimated \$1 billion in fuel sales over the next 12 months based on contracts with 22 major utilities.

Sarav Periasamy - President & CEO - PERI Software  
Rickey Hart - NDR Energy Group

**5:00 PM Adjourn**

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM      **Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety**      Willow Room  
Agenda will be provided during meeting.

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM      **Staff Subcommittee on Electric Reliability**      International D

**1:30 PM Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Larry Chaset - Subcommittee Chair - California PUC  
Diane Barney - Chair, Staff Electric Reliability Subcommittee - New York State PSC

**1:35 PM FERC NOPR On Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation: Staff-to-Staff Roundtable Discussion**

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discussion focusing on state interests and perspectives on the NOPR.

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*Moderator* Hon. Anne Boyle - Commissioner - Nebraska PUC

*Panelists* Marianne DiMascio - Appliance Standards Awareness Project

Phil Mosenthal - Optimal Energy of Vermont on behalf of NASUCA

3:45 PM **FERC NOPR On Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation: Staff-to-Staff Roundtable Discussion (continued)**

5:30 PM **Adjourn**

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM **Staff Subcommittee on Electricity**

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1:30 PM **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

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Diane Barney - Chair, Staff Electric Reliability Subcommittee - New York State PSC

3:00 PM **Break**



5:30 PM - 6:30 PM **Wine and Cheese Reception (NASUCA Members and Commissioners)** International C

7:00 PM - **Board of Directors Dinner (by invitation)**

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**Monday, November 15**

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7:30 AM - 8:45 AM **Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting** Grand A

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM **Continental Breakfast...sponsored in part by NRECA** Grand Foyer

8:00 AM - 7:00 PM **On-Site Registration** Grand Foyer

8:30 AM - 11:45 AM **Committee on Electricity** International D

**8:30 AM Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal**

The primary focus this morning will be on research and development for commercial nuclear energy from both DOE and EPRI. Exemplary of the successful federal and State support is the development by the Southern Company at its Plant Vogtle in Georgia.

*Moderator* Hon. David C. Boyd - Chairman - Minnesota

*Panelists* Dr. Peter Lyons - Deputy Asst. Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy  
- U.S. Department of Energy  
David Modeen - Electric Power Research Institute  
Cheri Collins - Southern Company

**9:15 AM Discussion of Stray Voltage Issues**

*Moderator* Hon. Garry Brown - Chairman - New York  
PSC

*Panelist* Connie Hughes

**9:35 AM Update on NIST Standards and White House Smart Grid Subcommittee**

*Moderator* Hon. Garry Brown - Chairman - New York PSC

*Panelist* George Arnold - National Coordinator for Smart Grid Interoperability -  
NIST

**9:45 AM Committee Business Meeting**

Miscellaneous Reports

\* Brad Ramsay, Legal Update

\* Chris Mele, NARUC Washington Report

\* Scott Hempling, NRRI Report

Discussion of Resolutions

Hon. Garry Brown - Chairman - New York  
PSC

**10:15 AM Networking Break**

**10:30 AM Say Hello to an Old Friend: The Future Role of Natural Gas in the Electrical Sector**

When natural gas cost \$14/mcf a few years ago, electricity generated from natural gas was generally seen to be uneconomic in comparison to coal-fired generation. However, recent developments in the production of natural gas have opened up the possibility that increased use of natural gas as a power plant fuel can be both cost-effective and can address a variety of major environmental and public policy concerns. For example, increased reliance on gas generation could reduce our nation's emissions of carbon dioxide, as well as criteria and hazardous air pollutants, although it does not eliminate such emissions. Additionally, because of the ease of transporting natural gas, gas-fired generation can be built closer to load centers, thereby reducing the need to build long transmission lines, but siting new power plants close to load is not without its challenges. Finally, the development of new, domestic natural gas production will have a positive effect on employment in a variety of vocations, especially in the construction sector, although the development of new shale gas supplies has raised environmental concerns. In light of these considerations, this session will explore the enhanced role that natural gas can play in the nation's future power mix and the uncertainties associated with expanded reliance on gas for power generation.

*Moderator* Hon. David Ziegner - Commissioner - Indiana URC

*Panelists* Hon. Lee Solomon - President - New Jersey BPU  
Mark Kresowik - Campaign Representative, Northeast States - Sierra Club  
Carol Glenn - Executive Assistant to the President and CEO - Calpine Corporation  
Richard Smead - Director - Navigant Consulting  
Don Mason - Attorney at Law

**11:45 AM Adjourn**

9:00 AM - 11:45 AM **Committee on Energy Resources and Environment** Grand C

**9:00 AM Welcome and Introductions**

**9:05 AM Mary Kilmarx Award**

Hon. Rick Morgan - Commissioner - DC PSC

**9:15 AM Distribute, Discuss and Vote on Resolutions**

**10:15 AM Miscellaneous Reports**

- \* Chris Mele, NARUC Washington Report
- \* Miles Keogh, NARUC Grants and Project Updates
- \* Scott Hempling, NRRI Report
- \* Barbara Tyran, EPRI Activity Update
- \* Ron Edelstein, GTI Activity Update

**10:45 AM Energy Efficiency reports**

- \* Alliance to Save Energy
- \* International Committee on Energy Regulation - Best Practices Report -- Hon. Rick Morgan
- \* Energy Efficiency Policy Grids database -- Regulatory Assistance Project
- \* Committee updates on energy efficiency programs

11:45 AM **Adjourn**

9:00 AM - 11:45 AM **Committee on Gas**

International BC

9:00 AM **How Current and Proposed Energy Policy affects American Consumers/Ratepayers**

This panel consists of senior representatives of key consuming organizations representing the majority of U.S. energy consumers. Their objective will be to assist commissioners in understanding how current and proposed energy policies affect American consumers/ratepayers.

*Moderator* Hon. James M. Field - Commissioner - Louisiana PSC

*Panelists* Constantinos Apostolakos - General Manager, Fuel Supply Chain Management - Delta Air Lines

Ford West - President - The Fertilizer Institute

James A. Tramuto - Vice President, Government and Regulatory Strategies - Southwestern Energy Company

Dr. David E. Dismukes - Professor & Associate Director, Center for Energy - Louisiana State University

Richard McMahon - Executive Director-Energy Supply - Edison Electric Institute

Kenneth S. Bromfield - U.S. Commercial Director - Energy Business - Dow Hydrocarbons and Resources, LLC

11:45 AM **Adjourn**

9:00 AM - 11:45 AM **Committee on Telecommunications**

Grand E

9:00 AM **Welcoming Remarks and Approval of Meeting Minutes from Summer Session**

Hon. Ray Baum - Committee Chair

Hon. Maureen Harris - Committee Vice-Chair

Hon. John Burke - Committee Vice-Chair

9:10 AM **Committee Reports**

9:30 AM **Report from the Federal Communications Commission**

*Speakers* Sharon Gillett - Chief - Wireline Competition Bureau

Carol Matthey - Deputy Chief - Wireline Competition Bureau

Joel Gurin - Chief - Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

Tim Peterson - Chief of Staff - Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau

10:00 AM **Report from the Rural Utilities Service**

Jessica Zufolo - Deputy Administrator - Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

10:30 AM **Consideration of Resolutions**

10:45 AM **Intercarrier Compensation Reform: Really? Will it Actually Happen this Time?**

To address inefficient and outmoded intercarrier payment rules, in Q4 2010 the FCC is scheduled to propose rules for long-term intercarrier compensation reform, including implementation of a glide path for reducing per-minute charges, establishment of appropriate cost-recovery mechanisms, and implementation of

interim solutions to address arbitrage. What does it mean to the States?

*Moderator* Hon. Maureen Harris - Commissioner - New York State PSC

*Panelists* The Hon. Steve Kolbeck - Commissioner - South Dakota PUC  
Steven Morris - Vice President & Associate General Counsel - National  
Cable & Telecommunications Association  
Rebekah Goodheart - Associate Bureau Chief - Wireline Competition  
Bureau, Federal Communications Commission  
John Duda - Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer -  
American Broadband Communications  
Jonathan Banks - Senior Vice President, Law & Policy - U.S. Telecom  
Association  
Brian Silvestri - President - Connectiv Solutions

11:45 AM **Adjourn**

9:00 AM - 11:45 AM **Committee on Water**

International A

9:00 AM **Welcoming Remarks and Approval of Meeting Minutes from Summer Session**

*Speakers* Hon. John E. (Butch) Howard - Committee Chair - SC PSC  
Hon. Patricia L. Acampora - Committee Co-Vice Chair - NY PSC  
Hon. John A. Bohn - Committee Co-Vice Chair - CA PUC

9:10 AM **Committee Introduction**

*Speakers* Jeff Sterba - New President & CEO - American Water Works Company,  
Inc.  
Floyd Wicks - New CEO - Southwest Water

9:30 AM **Dividend Tax Matter**

*Speaker* Nick DeBenedictis - Chairman, CEO and President - Aqua America

10:00 AM **Best Practices in Water Utility Plant Design and Build**

*Speakers* John Young - Chairman of the Board, the Design Build Institute -  
President of American Water Works Service Company; Chief Water  
Technology Officer, American Water

10:30 AM **Status Reports**

*Speakers* Janice A. Beecher, Ph.D. - Director - Institute of Public Utilities --  
Michigan State University  
Michael Deane - Executive Director - National Association of Water  
Companies  
Ken Costello - Principal - National Regulatory Research Institute

10:50 AM **Utility Performance Merits: Where Does Your Utility Stand? A Regulator's  
Guide to Defining and Measuring Performance -- NRRI Report, August 2010**

*Speakers* Scott Hempling - Executive Director - NRRI  
Ken Costello - Principal - NRRI

11:45 AM **Adjourn**

9:00 AM - 11:45 AM **Staff Subcommittee on Law**

Willow Room

9:00 AM **Committee Business**

Welcoming Remarks  
Member introductions  
Consideration of minutes of June 20, 2010, meeting  
Review of 2010 National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys - Charleston, West Virginia  
Discussion of future National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys sites  
Consideration of Subcommittee Vice-Chair  
Planning for 2011 National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys - Missoula, Montana  
Update on venue/contracts  
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Review of financials and operations  
Session and speaker ideas  
Rehearsal for NARUC ethics program  
Paul Duffy - Chair - Ohio

11:45 AM **Adjourn**

- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Networking Break.... sponsored in part by AUS** Grand Foyer  
**Consultants**
- 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM **Commissioner and Staff Luncheon...sponsored in part by Comverge** Grand AB  
This event is the annual luncheon for commissioners and staff only.
- 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM **Commissioners Emeritus Luncheon** Walnut Room  
This event is open to Commissioners Emeritus Only. Additional Fee applies.
- 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM **OPSI Luncheon (invitees only)** Sycamore Room
- 1:00 PM - 3:15 PM **General Session and Election of Officers** International D

1:00 AM **Opening of the 122nd Annual Meeting**

The 122nd Annual Meeting will include welcome remarks by NARUC President, The Hon. David Coen of Vermont, the election of the NARUC 2010-2011 officers, a Constitutional Amendment and confirmation of the incoming NARUC Board of Directors. *NOTE: the order and duration of presentations are subject to change.*

The **National Anthem** by The **Hon. Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Jr.**, Georgia Public Service Commission

**Election of 2010 - 2011 Officers**

Office of President

Nomination by: The Hon. Colette Honorable of Arkansas

Second by: The Hon. David Boyd of Minnesota

Office of 1st Vice President:

Nomination by: The Hon. Stan Wise of Georgia

Second by: The Hon. Eddie Roberson of Tennessee

Office of 2nd Vice President:

Nomination by: The Hon. Maureen Harris of New York

Second by: The Hon. Kevin Gunn of Missouri

### **Keynote Address**

The **Hon. Gary Locke**, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce

### **The FCC Perspective**

Remarks by The **Hon. Julius Genachowski**, Chair, Federal Communications Commission

### **Meeting Customer Expectations with Common Sense Solutions**

Remarks by: **Thomas A. Fanning**, President, Southern Company

Lights on, affordable prices and a growing economy - that's what U.S. electricity consumers want and expect. To make that happen, utilities, regulators and policymakers must work together in tackling the challenges of rising costs, environmental concerns and a sluggish economy. Tom Fanning will discuss how Southern Company is engaged in maintaining constructive relationships with stakeholders in seeking the right solutions to meet customer expectations.

*In lieu of gifts for our speakers at the 122nd Annual Meeting, NARUC is making a donation in their name to Project SHARE.*

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM      *Networking Break...sponsored in part by*      Grand Foyer  
*Hiscock and Barclay*

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM      **Concurrent Sessions**

### 3:45 PM **A Brave New World?: How Would Reclassifying Broadband Impact Communications Service (Grand A & B)**

The heated debate over the regulatory classification of broadband services has continued unabated since the Summer Meeting. Both sides of the debate have prognosticated a calamitous outcome if their opponents' proposal is implemented. How these services are classified could impact on competition and State authority going forward. This panel will seek to determine the true impacts and ramifications of the regulatory classification options facing the FCC on carriers, consumers and State PUCs.

*Moderator* Hon. Betty Ann Kane - Chairman - District of Columbia PSC

*Panelists* Kathleen Abernathy - Chief Legal Officer & Executive Vice President, Regulatory & Government Affairs - Frontier Communications  
Jennifer Hightower - Vice President, Regulatory Affairs - Cox Communications

Sherry Lichtenberg, - Telecommunications Research & Policy - National Regulatory Research Institute

Randolph J. May - President - The Free State Foundation

Hon. Geoffrey Why - Commissioner - Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Cable

Matt Wood - Associate Director - Media Access Project

**3:45 PM Dazed and Confused? Getting Your Agency Ready for Social Media (Grand B)**

As the means for connecting with each other is shifting through the widespread adoption of new and "social" media technology, State agencies - including PUCs - are trying to see where they fit into this new and rapidly-evolving arena. Should PUCs be considering new media technologies in their communications and outreach? What are their primary objectives to do so? This session will explore how some PUCs have begun to utilize new media technologies, obstacles and limitations they've encountered, and the importance of learning about ways of connecting with the 21st Century-Consumer. Experts from GMMB (a national leader in cause and social marketing), ESource, and OPOWER will discuss how social influence is changing how people are getting and sharing information. Whether a PUC, federal or other State agency, attendees will learn what kinds of tools are most useful and some pitfalls to avoid in implementing their own new media strategy.

*Moderator* Hon. Patricia Acampora - Commissioner - New York PSC

*Panelists* Toby Vann - Sr. Vice President of Engagement Planning/Digital Director - GMMB

Andrew Heath - Director of Customer Satisfaction Services - ESource

Michael Sachse - Sr. Director of Regulatory Affairs - OPOWER

**3:45 PM Infrastructure, Oversight and Disaster Response Issues in Natural Gas Pipeline Safety (Grand E)**

The tragic pipeline accident in San Bruno, Calif., is causing regulators, the public and Congress to ask questions about pipeline safety. This session will consist of a review of the current pipeline safety regulatory regime, and a report on current federal legislative proposals and their potential impact on State commissions. With Congress debating the reauthorization of the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement and Safety Act (PIPES) of 2006, this panel will discuss how the tragedy at San Bruno may result in changes to the existing regulatory system. Experts from the U.S. Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the California Public Utilities Commission, the National Association of Pipeline Safety Regulators, and industry will discuss the San Bruno incident, the subsequent investigations, and how Congress may respond.

*Moderator* Hon. Timothy Alan Simon - Commissioner - California PUC

*Panelists* Jeff Wiese - Assoc. Administrator for Pipeline Safety - U.S. Dept. of Transportation PHMSA

Danny McGriff - Dir. Pipeline Safety Office - Georgia Public Service Commission

Julie Halligan - Deputy Dir. Consumer Protection & Safety - California Public Utilities Commission

Rocco D'Alesandro - Executive Vice President - NiCor Gas

Rick Kessler - Vice President - Pipeline Safety Trust

**3:45 PM Is our Long-Term Business Plan for Carbon Capture and Storage Correct? (Grand C)**

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) has often been discussed in terms of its ability to dramatically reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power, and the current business plan for its commercialization relies on its deployment with new coal power plants. Facing siting obstacles, new regulations, and the declining cost of alternatives, does the coal-driven CCS plan still make sense? Should those interested in advancing CCS focus on its application to gas? A panel of experts will discuss how

the changing landscape for energy costs, technologies, and regulations affects the factors regulators may consider when facing decisions about coal, gas and CCS.

*Moderator* Hon. Jon McKinney - Commissioner - West Virginia PSC

*Panelists* Hank Courtright - Senior, VP - EPRI

Ron Edelstein - Dir. Reg and Govt Relations - GTI

Eugene Trisko - Attorney - ACCCE

3:45 PM **Smart Meters? Smart Rates? What Really Works for Consumers?** (Grand A)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 helped spur the development of millions of smart meters throughout the country. As this rollout continues, other elements will be essential if the smart grid is going to come to fruition. Will you need a smart meter to implement dynamic pricing? What technologies do consumers need to be effective participants in demand-response programs? Is the "smart meter" a necessary component of the overall Smart Grid? Attendees will learn whether we are asking the right questions of our ratepayers as we move forward. What should regulators consider when implementing "smart rates" for the smart grid?

*Moderator* Hon. Jeanne Fox - Commissioner - New Jersey BPU

*Panelists* Katherine Hamilton - President - GridWise Alliance

Ahmad Faruqui - The Brattle Group

Nancy Brockway - Consultant

Paula Carmody - Consumer Advocate - Maryland Office of Peoples Counsel

Kenneth Mercado - Div. Sr. Vice President - CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM **Presidents Reception...sponsored in part by** Atrium Terrace - South Tower

**America's Natural Gas Alliance**

The Presidents Reception is open all attendees. Tickets required:registrants who selected the Presidents Reception on their registration forms will be given tickets at the NARUC registration desk upon check-in. Entry tickets will be traded at the door for beverage tickets. Guest tickets can be purchased for this event.

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**Tuesday, November 16**

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7:15 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>MACRUC Breakfast</b>	Cypress Room
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>MARC Breakfast</b>	Sycamore Room
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>NECPUC Breakfast</b>	Walnut Room
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>SEARUC Breakfast</b>	Chestnut Room
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>WESTERN Breakfast</b>	Magnolia Room

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<b><i>Continental Breakfast...sponsored in part by NRECA</i></b>	Grand Foyer
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<b><i>On-Site Registration</i></b>	Grand Foyer
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>General Session</b>	International D

**8:30 AM The Rural Broadband Challenge: The Recovery Act and Beyond**

Hon. Jonathan Adelstein - Administrator - USDA Rural Utilities Service

**9:00 AM The Regulators: Is the Existing Model Well-suited for the Future?**

The utility industry is facing three major challenges: climate-change investments, a decline in sales/the need for more energy efficiency, and developing the "smart grid." These challenges are putting new and unprecedented pressures on the system, its regulators, and, most importantly, its consumers. As a result, there are significant questions as to whether the traditional regulatory model is capable of managing these changes. Dr. Peter Fox-Penner, author and Principal and Chairman Emeritus of The Brattle Group, will discuss these concerns as outlined in his new book, Smart Power. Dr. Fox-Penner will analyze what he sees are the two main alternatives to maintaining the status quo. Attendees will learn whether hybrids of these alternatives exist and how quickly and easily adjustments can be made. Will the regulators' core competencies need to change? Find out by attending this session.

Dr. Peter Fox-Penner - Author and Principal and Chairman Emeritus - The Brattle Group

**9:30 AM Cyber Security: Who, What, Where, When, How**

Now more than ever, cyber security is on the forefront of the utility regulatory agenda. Because Cyber vulnerability is not an option, taking ownership of security at the local level is essential. State regulators are not security experts, but neither is the federal government. As State and utilities strive to make the grid "smarter," cyber security must be addressed, and fast. In this panel, attendees will learn about the importance of cyber security as emerging reliability criteria for regulated utilities. Participants will hear about groundbreaking approaches taken by some State to address vulnerability issues. This session will have an exchange of opinion on where the authority lies to assure and reinforce cyber security - federal, State or somewhere else. The following questions will be posed: Is the smart grid making the vulnerability greater? How do we assure reliable service for consumers while discerning valid cyber security investments?

Howard Schmidt - White House Cyber Security Coordinator - National Security Council, Executive office of the President

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<b><i>Networking Break...sponsored in part by Dow Chemical Co.</i></b>	Grand Foyer
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11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>	
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11:00 AM **Brother, Can You Spare \$3 Trillion? Financing Electric Power in the 21st Century** (Grand B & C)

Maintaining, modernizing and decarbonizing the power plant fleet in North America is going to cost a lot of money, by some estimates over \$3 trillion by 2050. Moreover, many of the technologies will be unproven or will face new applications and scales of deployment. Will banks back these investments given the sums involved? And if not banks, who? What financial models and partnerships will work better for demand-side resources, renewables, nuclear energy, and other energy resources? How does market restructuring accommodate or obstruct this? This session will explore the possibilities and raise innovative concepts for raising the capital required to provide reliable, affordable and clean power for America in the coming decades.

*Moderator* Hon. Garry Brown - Chair - New York PSC

*Panelists* Jay Horine - Mng Dir. Head of Power and Utilities - J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

Carl Seligson - Commissioner Emeritus - Chairman, Utility Financial Experts

Ethan Zindler - Head, US Policy - Bloomberg

11:00 AM **Gone with the Wind? Federal Impasse, State Leadership on Renewable Energy** (Grand A)

Renewable energy standards may be back in play during the "lame duck" congressional session. Meanwhile, States have already taken the lead, as more than 30 have implemented clean energy standards and goals. Many renewable energy proponents believe that a national standard will promote cleaner forms of energy while reducing the overall costs nationwide. But some are unsure congressional action is necessary. What would congressional action mean for the 30-plus States that have already acted? How would it impact those who haven't? What happens to the renewable market if Congress doesn't adopt legislation? Attendees will discuss these and other issues during this panel.

*Moderator* Hon. Dian Grueneich - Commissioner - California PUC

*Panelists* Hon. Rebecca Wagner - Commissioner - Nevada PUC

Hon. Robert Kenney - Commissioner - Missouri PSC

Michel di Capua - Lead REC Markets Analyst - Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Mark Sinclair - Clean Energy States Alliance

11:00 AM **School of Shale Rock: Hydraulic Fracturing and the Debate over its Impact** (Grand E)

As the nation seeks out additional domestic sources of energy the use of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") to extract natural gas and oil out of shale rock has increased. While this process has been around for decades its exponential growth has raised concerns about its true impact. Chemicals and additives, such as kerosene, mineral spirits and others that contain known carcinogens, added to water in the fracking process may contaminate ground water. In some cases, waste water is sent to local water treatment facilities before being recirculated into lakes, rivers and streams raising questions if treatments are effective in removing these additives. Potential environmental and health concerns have caused New York State to consider a ban on fracking for a year to conduct further analysis. Attendees will hear gas, water and environmental experts debate the concerns that have been raised and what actions are being taken to mitigate them.

*Moderator* Hon. Robert Powelson - Commissioner - PA PSC

*Panelists* Hon. Tyrone Christy - Vice Chairman - PA PSC  
Kathy Pape - President - Pennsylvania American Water  
Dr. Robert Myers - Chair, Dept of English - Lock Haven University  
John Richardson - President and COO - Energen Resources Corp.

11:00 AM **Show me the Money! Can USF fund Ubiquitous Broadband?** (International A & B)

Chapter 8 of the FCC's National Broadband Plan recommends a major transformation of the nearly \$9 billion a year (\$4.6 billion of which is high-cost fund) federal Universal Service Fund (USF) that subsidizes traditional narrowband communications. The Plan proposes transitioning the current USF to a new Connect America Fund (CAF) that will support wireline broadband capable networks of a required minimum speed and creation of an additional mobility fund to improve access to fixed and mobile wireless broadband systems. In late 2009, an FCC task force said a nationwide broadband network would cost anywhere between \$20 billion and \$350 billion. Can this transition be managed without picking winners and losers in the market? Most importantly to State regulators, what will be the impact of these changes on the approximately 23 state level USF programs? What role will States and State commission's play in managing this transition and or addressing impacts on their individual States?

*Moderator* Hon. John Burke - Commissioner - Vermont PSB

*Panelists* Hon. Jim Cawley - Chairman - Pennsylvania PUC  
Joel Lubin - VP Public Policy - AT&T Services  
Terri Natoli - VP Regulatory Affairs - Time Warner Cable  
Mike Romano - Sr. VP - Policy - NTCA  
David Bergmann - Assistant Counsel - Ohio Consumers Counsel  
Carol Matthey - Deputy Chief - FCC

12:45 PM - 2:15 PM      **Installation Luncheon...sponsored in part by ITRON**      International DEF

The Annual Installation Luncheon is open to all attendees. Tickets required:registrants who selected the Installation Luncheon will be given tickets at the NARUC registration desk upon check-in. The Luncheon will include the official installation of the NARUC 2010- 2011 Leadership. The Anybody Can Serve 30/60/90 Day Challenge Awards will be presented.

2:30 PM - 5:00 PM      Board of Directors      International BC

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM      **Networking Break**      Grand Foyer

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM      **Workshop:**      Grand E  
**The Price is Right: Making Dynamic Rates  
Work for Efficiency, Consumers, and the  
Smart Grid**

3:00 PM **Two of a Kind: How are Smart Grid and Climate Change Connected?**  
Michael Jung - Policy Director - Silver Spring  
Networks

3:30 PM **Introduction to Methods: Tariff Design Options for Smart Grid and Case Studies  
EPA**  
Stacy Angel - Program Manager, Climate Protection Partnerships Division - EPA  
Chris King - Chief Regulatory Officer - eMeter  
Lisa Wood - Executive Director - Institute for Electric Efficiency

4:40 PM **The Commissioners Roundtable: The Smart Grid Checklist for Utility  
Regulators**  
*Moderator* Hon. Sherman Elliott - Commissioner - Illinois CC  
*Panelists* Hon. Dian Grueneich - Commissioner - California PUC  
Hon. Valerie Lemmie - Commissioner - Ohio PUC  
Hon. Matt Baker - Commissioner - Colorado PUC  
Hon. Lawrence Brenner - Commissioner - Maryland PSC  
Hon. Phyllis Reha - Commissioner - Minnesota PUC

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**Wednesday, November 17**

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7:30 AM - 9:00 AM      ***Continental Breakfast...sponsored in part by  
NRECA***      Grand Foyer

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM      ***On-Site Registration***      Grand Foyer

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM      **Concurrent Sessions**

9:00 AM **Building Consensus Among Diverse Parties: SPP Case Study** (Grand B & C)  
Transmission planning and cost allocation are among the top issues facing the  
electricity sector. As Congress continues debating whether the federal government  
needs more authority in this area, the States and regions are working closely to  
implement sound transmission pricing and planning decisions. A case in point: The  
Southwest Power Pool. SPP's work on transmission cost allocation and planning has  
won kudos from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the sector as a  
whole. This panel will explore how the SPP reached consensus between diverse  
parties on these controversial topics. Attendees will learn from those who made the  
tough decisions and compromises that made this work.

*Moderator* Hon. Paul Suskie - Commissioner - Arkansas PSC

*Panelists* Hon. Kenneth Anderson - Commissioner - Public Utilities Commission  
of Texas  
Phil Crissup - Dir. Regional Transmission - Oklahoma Gas & Electric  
Mike Palmer - Vice President, Commercial Operations - The Empire  
District Electric Co.  
Nick Brown - Southwest Power Pool

Steve Gaw - Policy Director - Wind Coalition

9:00 AM **The Climate Syndrome: Without Congressional Action, What Do State Regulators Need to Know?** (Grand E)

For the past several years, congressional action on reducing carbon seemed inevitable. NARUC and many other organizations in the utility sector encouraged Congress to enact a workable federal climate-change program to reduce the uncertainty that is plaguing infrastructure investment. But more than three years later, it is unlikely that lawmakers in Washington are anywhere closer to enacting legislation. This leaves the industry, its regulators, and consumers in limbo. With tough decisions looming over the future of the existing generation fleet, regulators find themselves in an unenviable situation: having to approve massive expenditures in an uncertain legislative atmosphere. In this panel, analysts will lay out forthcoming administrative regulations from federal government that will be implemented in the near future. In the face of these regulations, participants will learn about the economic issues facing utilities and regulators, regarding whether utilities will upgrade or retire aging coal plants. What could the cost be to the ratepayer? This session will explore options and provide State utility regulators with best practices to move forward.

*Moderator* Hon. Ron Binz - Commissioner - Colorado PUC

*Panelists* Hon. Ken Quesnelle - Commissioner - Ontario Energy Board  
Sam Waters - Director of System Planning & Reg Performance - Progress Energy Carolinas  
Sue Tierney - Managing Principle - Analysis Group

9:00 AM **The Ethics of Good Regulatory Decision-Making** (Grand A)

Regulation is a complex public process that demands all participants to maintain high ethical standards. This session will show (not tell) why ethical lapses by any of these participants are detrimental to a correct and sustainable regulatory decision. Members of the Staff Subcommittee on Law will portray, in a lively and spirited manner, a number of fictional characters in compromising situations that test good judgment, ethical resolve and adherence to the codes of conduct. A noted expert in the field will discuss elements of these entertaining skits, review the relevant rules, and explain how ethical compliance reaffirms the values of honesty, independence, impartiality, and due process that bring about public respect and confidence for the regulatory order. This is a session that should not be missed!

*Moderators* Hon. James Cawley - Chairman - Pennsylvania PUC  
Diane Munns - Commissioner Emeritus, Vice President Regulatory Relations & Energy Efficiency - MidAmerican Energy Co.

*Panelists* Paul Duffy - Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Eve Moran - Retired ALJ - Illinois Commerce Commission  
Cheryl-Walker Davis - Pennsylvania PUC  
Jason Zeller - California PUC

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council - International AB  
Listening Session

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Networking Break....sponsored in part by Echelon** Grand Foyer

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM **General Session (Closing)** International EF

**10:30 AM NARUC Members Business Meeting**

The 122nd Members Business Meeting will include the Report of the Board of Directors on Resolutions and Convention Action on Resolutions.

Hon. David Coen - NARUC President - Vermont PSB

**10:45 AM The State of our Infrastructure - How Water and Energy Utilities are Providing Solutions and How Wall Street is Responding**

The panel would explore the current state of our nation's critical infrastructure water, gas and electric utilities, and look at the investment needed to improve it going forward to meet the growing and changing needs in an increasingly complex and interconnected system. Attendees will learn about potential innovative funding solutions available to address these needs taking into consideration the economic downturn and the sensitivity of consumers to rate increases. Attendees will also learn what innovative best practices and other solutions may be brought to the table to assure reliability in maintained. In addition, are utilities effectively communicating these messages to consumers and/or what more can be done to educate consumers on the cost of investment in infrastructure? Finally, attendees will learn how Wall Street is reacting to the current infrastructure activity and what funding programs or models do analysts feel are most effective?

*Moderator* Hon. John Bohn - Commissioner - California PUC

*Panelists* Mary Healey - President, NASUCA - Connecticut Office of Peoples Counsel

Nick DeBenedictis - CEO - Aqua America, Inc.

Kevin B. Marsh - President and COO - South Carolina Electric and Gas

**11:45 AM Adjourn**

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM      **Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council**      International AB

Agendas will be distributed during the meeting.

Final Meeting: Thursday from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

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**Thursday, November 18**

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7:00 AM - 8:30 AM      *New Mexico State Advisory Board Breakfast  
(Board Members only)*

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM      Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council      International AB