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New challenges and expert strategies for cost recovery, rate setting and the rate case process

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**About the Conference**

The current ratemaking environment for regulated electric companies is challenging and complex. Utilities are facing many issues that heretofore were not even under consideration. How are regulators, regulated utilities, customer groups, and other public interest advocates dealing with the challenges of introducing more clean energy into the resource mix, new air quality rules, increased energy efficiencies, transmission cost recovery, tech companies desiring to go green, and customers opting to leave utility services and, which rate policies can be used address these issues?

This conference is in its 11th year. We pride ourselves for the thoughtful, sometimes lively, and always engaging discussions by and between recognized experts in utilities, regulation, and customer interests brought together to examine and discuss the challenges currently facing the utility industry. We have again assembled a distinguished faculty comprised of lawyers, industry experts, and government officials in a program designed to help the energy professional understand how these issues are affecting cost recovery, rate setting, and the rate case process. A special utility commissioner’s panel will be addressing the use of stipulations and other creative dispute resolution methods. Come to Las Vegas and join us as we explore the modern and ever changing utility rate case.

~ Program Co-Chairs: Kirk H. Gibson, Esq., McDowell Rackner & Gibson PC, and Frederick J. Schmidt, Esq., Holland & Hart LLP
Friday, March 06, 2015

Case study of the Southwestern Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP): Approaches for addressing rate impacts of programs promoting energy efficiency

Howard Geller, Ph.D., Executive Director
Southwest Energy Efficiency Project ~ Boulder, CO

Case study of Louisiana’s Quick Start Energy Efficiency program

Philip Hayet, Director of Consulting
J. Kennedy and Associates, Inc. ~ Roswell, GA

Alternative approaches to regulation: Revenue decoupling and performance-based regulation (PBR) including the new RIIO (Revenue = Incentives + Innovation + Outputs) approach to PBR that is used in Britain

Mark N. Lowry, Ph.D., Principal
Pacific Economics Group ~ Madison, WI

10:00 Load Forecasting Challenges for Utilities
Challenges for utilities as distributed generation steals some load and energy efficiency causes others to evaporate

Robert E. Young, Co-Founder and Managing Director
Economists.com ~ Portland, OR

10:30 Break

10:45 Customer Choice of Service Provider and the Potential for Additional Investor-Owned Utility Load Loss
Update on municipalization activity

Kirk H. Gibson, Esq., Program Co-Chair, Moderator

The City of Boulder’s efforts to municipalize electric service: Update on progress, and what is next?

Heather Bailey, Executive Director of Energy Strategy
City of Boulder ~ Boulder, CO

Investor-owned perspective on purchase price: Who should get the premium?

Jason T. Kuzma, Esq.
Perkins Coie LLP ~ Bellevue, WA

Customer perspective on the implications of who gets the premium for utility ratemaking

Lisa W. Gafken, Esq., Assistant Attorney General
Washington State Attorney General’s Office ~ Seattle, WA

12:15 Lunch (on your own)

1:30 A Brave New World for Return on Equity
Trends in the economic analysis and ratemaking policies in an era of low interest rates and acquisition of publicly traded utilities by privately owned entities; impact on strategies for approaching rate of return issues

Kurt Strunk, Vice President
NERA Economic Consulting ~ New York, NY

Customer perspective

Craig W. Silverstein, Esq.
Stinson Leonard Street LLP ~ Washington, DC

2:30 Rate Design: New Players and New Dynamics
Rate issues within a class on peak demand vs. energy usage allocations: How higher load factor customers subsidize others and why large commercial customers are increasingly intervening in rate proceedings

Kevin C. Higgins, Principal
Energy Strategies LLC ~ Salt Lake City, UT

3:00 Ratemaking Treatment for Complying with New Pension Requirements
Evolving industry trends for post-retirement compensation and how they create new cost recovery challenges for utilities

Lisa F. Rackner, Esq.
McDowell Rackner & Gibson PC ~ Portland, OR

3:30 Break

3:45 State Commissioners Panel:
Practicum for planning rate case strategies

Kirk H. Gibson, Esq., Program Co-Chair, Moderator

The Hon. Alaina C. Burtenshaw, Esq., Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ~ Las Vegas, NV

The Hon. Paul Kjellander, Commissioner President
Idaho Public Utilities Commission ~ Boise, ID

The Hon. Pamela J. Patton, Commissioner
Colorado Public Utilities Commission ~ Denver, CO

5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

Registration & Other Conference Information

Tuition: Regular tuition for in person or webinar attendance for this program is $1245 with a group rate of $935 each for two or more registrants from the same firm. For government employees, we offer a special rate of $830. For students, people in their job for less than a year, and public interest NGO’s, our rate is $622.50. All rates include admission to all seminar sessions, food and beverages at breaks, and all course materials. Make checks payable to Law Seminars International. Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Contact our office for more information.

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