

2010 NASUCA Mid-Year Meeting
Marriott San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf
San Francisco, California
June 13-16th

Draft Agenda

Sunday, June 13th

Golden Gate Ballroom

- 2:30-5:00 p.m. Registration
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. **Issue Roundtable/Roll Call**
The National Broadband Plan: What it is, what it will take, and where its going. A discussion among NASUCA members of the Plan, which implicates not only broadband, but intercarrier compensation, universal service (high-cost and low-income), SmartGrid, and a lot more. The key purpose of the discussion will be developing a unified NASUCA strategy for the Plan and all of its parts.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner (Location to be announced at Roll Call)

Monday, June 14th

Golden Gate Ballroom

- 7:30-5:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- 8:00-9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. Closed Business Session/Introduce Resolutions
(members only)
Resolutions
Officers' Reports
- 10:30-12 noon ***"Still Cramming after All These Years: What Must Be Done To Stop It?"***
Telemarketing scams. Doctored verification recordings. \$7 directory assistance charges. Bogus Internet signups. "Sloppy"

billing practices. Inadequate dispute resolution. And that's on a good day! Why is this *still* a problem? What is the role of the LEC? the billing aggregator? enforcement authorities? Panelists will explore the nature, scope and sources of the cramming problem and suggest strategies to deal with it.

- 12:00-1:30 p.m. **Lunch** (*a list of nearby restaurants can be found in your folder*)
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. Smart Meters
- 3:00-3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15-4:00 p.m. ***"Full Credit Reporting on Residential Gas and Electric Accounts: Train Wreck for Essential Safety Net Public Policies"***
Like wolves in sheep's clothing, industry proponents of full credit reporting claim it will build credit histories and improve consumer access to credit. In actuality, far from delivering a benefit to consumers, full credit reporting poses a new and profound threat to the well-being of both low-income consumers and a wide swath of consumers who are not low income but who for reasons including illness and layoff are not always able to make gas and electric payments on time. The panel will explain and discuss the nature and breadth of the threat and what can be done to prevent the imminent threatened harm.
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Next Generation of Energy Efficiency
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. ***"Shale Gas Development's Impact on Energy Market Dynamics and Contracting Strategies"***
Melissa Whitten of La Capra Associates, Inc. will highlight the key issues, data and companies to monitor in order to understand the impact of shale gas on the build out and integration of the US natural gas pipeline grid, regional energy costs, and energy policy in general.
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. **Dinner Event**-*location TBA*

Tuesday, June 15th
Golden Gate Ballroom

- 7:00-5:00 p.m. Registration

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-10 a.m. Closed Business Meeting Vote on Resolutions/Roll Call
(members only)
- 10:00-11:00 am ***“Gas Distribution Company Rate Design: What Is In the Customer's Best Interest?”***
This panel will explore the various forms of gas distribution company rate design from straight fixed-variable to inclining block rates. The panelists will discuss how well these rate designs achieve the long-standing rate structure goals of: Efficiency, Simplicity, Continuity, Fairness and Earnings Stability, in an attempt to determine what is best for customers.
- 11:00-12 noon ***Transmission***
Discussion about the nuts and bolts of transmission planning as performed by RTOs and Utilities, in the context of a state approval docket. There will also be a discussion of how non-transmission alternatives fit into these cases.
- 12:00-1:30 p.m. **Lunch** (Heads of Office Luncheon)
- 1:30-2:15 p.m. Water Decoupling
- 2:15-3:00 p.m. Transition from PSTN to IP
- 3:00-3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15-4:00 p.m. ***“Throw me a Lifeline: Bringing low-income telephone assistance programs into the 21st century”***
As traditional wireline carriers seek to slough off their POTS service and as consumers (low-income and otherwise), due to lifestyle changes and simple economics, move away from such service, the need to assist low-income consumers in maintaining communications remains. The recent growth in wireless Lifeline USF funding shows one direction
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Greenhouse Gas Regulation
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Gas Rate Design
Moderator-Joe Rogers

Wednesday, June 16th

9:00-5:00 p.m.

Visit to Geothermal Plant