Registration and all sessions will be in the *Frank Capra ABC Ballroom*, unless otherwise noted in the agenda.

**Sunday, November 13, 2016**

Noon - 5:30 pm  
Registration

Noon - 1:20 pm  
Executive Committee Meeting (Lunch Provided)  
*Griswold Room – Morgan’s Restaurant*

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Energy N-Group Dialog:**  
*In conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy, several national associations are working on projects in the energy space and developing useful resources and tools to support their member’s state level activities. This dialog is an opportunity to learn about those projects and resources and to discuss how our state level members might benefit through greater interaction.*

**Moderator:**
Robert Nelson, Consumer Counsel, Montana, NASUCA President

**Panelists:**
Caitlin Callaghan  
Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy

Miles Keogh  
Research Lab Director, National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC)

Sue Gander  
Director, Energy, Environment & Transportation Division, National Governors Association (NGA)

Fred Hoover  
Senior Director, National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)

Glen Andersen  
Energy Program Director, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) *(invited)*
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm  Break-Light Refreshments

3:15 pm - 5:00 pm  Closed Session-NASUCA Members only

-Introduction of Resolutions, Constitution and By-Laws, 2017 Budget, Minutes from past meetings
-Roundtable of States

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  NARUC Opening Reception

Dinner on our own

Monday, November 14, 2016

7:30 am – 9:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 am -10:45 am  Closed Session for Members of NASUCA

Association Business:

- Welcome: Robert Nelson-NASUCA President

- Officer Reports
  - Secretary’s Report (vote on Minutes, New Member)
  - Treasurer’s Report (vote on 2017 Budget)
  - President’s Report

- Nominating Committee Report
  - Election of 2017 Officers

- Executive Director Report

- Committee Reports

- Work Resolutions

10:45 am -11:00 am  Break
Open Session Begins

11:00 am – 11:05 am Welcome: Robert Nelson, NASUCA President

11:05 am -12:00 pm Gas Hedging – Do Low Natural Gas Prices Support Scaling Back Hedging Programs at Local Distribution Companies?

Programs that hedge the price of natural gas at local distribution companies have had varying levels of success. With the price of natural gas projected to remain low into the future, and with low price volatility in the market, should these hedging programs continue? This panel takes a critical look at market fundamentals and hedging strategies to provide a framework for advocates to determine whether hedging continues to make sense.

Moderator:
Joseph W. Rogers Assistant Attorney General, Massachusetts Office of Ratepayer Advocacy

Panelists:
L. Craig Dowdy Senior Vice President, External Affairs, Spire
Melisa Whitten Senior Consultant, Daymark Energy Advisors
Kara Brighton Commissioner, Wyoming Public Service Commission

12:00 pm -1:30 pm Heads of Office Lunch (All others- lunch on your own)
Morgan’s Restaurant

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm NASUCA Markets Paper: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory – Future Electric Utility Regulation Series.

Moderator:
Robert G. Mork Deputy Consumer Counselor for Federal Affairs, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

Panelists:
Lisa Schwartz Electricity Markets and Policy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Paul Peterson Principal Associate, Synapse Energy Economics

2:05 pm - 2:30 pm Alison Kutler Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

2:50 pm - 2:40 pm Steve Mitnick Editor-in-Chief, Public Utilities Fortnightly
2:45 pm - 3:45 pm  **Broadband: A Necessary Element of Converging Utility Services.**
*This panel will explore the importance of broadband as crucial infrastructure for consumers and for the provision of essential energy and water services, conservation, economic development and emergency response. These industries are evolving and becoming more interdependent. Advanced telecom data and broadband are playing an increasingly pivotal role in energy and water industries and are vitally important to public safety.*

**Moderator:**
Regina Costa  Telecommunications Policy Director, The Utility Reform Network

**Panelists:**
Elin Swanson Katz  Consumer Counsel, State of Connecticut
Robert Tse  Broadband Coordinator for California, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Jeff Shields:  Former General Manager: South San Joaquin Irrigation District

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm  **Break**

4:00 pm – 4:40 pm  **Energy Storage, a Primer.**
*What should advocates know about the technological feasibility and use cases of new energy storage technology*

Jason Burwen  Policy and Advocacy Director, Energy Storage Association (ESA)
Lon Huber  Director, Strategen Consulting, LLC

4:45 pm – 5:30 pm  **“The FCC’s New Broadband Lifeline Program”  
A Dialog with USAC on possible implementation issues.**

Regina Costa  Telecommunications Policy Director, The Utility Reform Network
Michelle Garber  Universal Service Administrative Company
Jessica Zufolo  Universal Service Administrative Company
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  Wine and Cheese Reception  
*Dunes Clubhouse*

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm  NASUCA Dinner Event  
*Dunes Clubhouse*

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

7:50 am - 8:30 am  Executive Committee Meeting  
*Grayich Room – Morgan’s Restaurant*

8:00 am - 9:30 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 am -10:30 am  *Closed Session for Members of NASUCA*

Association Business:
- Constitution and By-Laws
- Strategic Planning
- State Roundtable

10:30 am -10:45 am  Break-Coffee and Tea

**Open Session Begins**

10:45am -12:00 pm  *Are Time-of-Use Rates the Answer?*

Rate design for electric utilities is contentious. Faced with proposals to raise residential customer charges or proposals to implement demand rates, commissions appear to be looking for middle ground through time-of-use rates. This panel will examine successes and failures in using time-of-use rates, and provide a guidance for advocates faced with time-of-use rate proposals.

**Moderator:**  
Robert G. Mork  
Deputy Consumer Counselor for Federal Affairs, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

**Panelists:**  
Kristin Munsch  
Director of Policy and Senior Attorney, Illinois Citizens’ Utility Board

Jane S. Park  
Vice-President, Regulatory Policy & Strategy,  
Commonwealth Edison Company

Jim Lazar  
Regulatory Assistance Project
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  Lunch on your own.

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  **Optional Event:** Test drive® electric vehicles from BMW, Nissan, Tesla, and more.

This in-depth, hands-on educational experience gives you an opportunity to ask EV ambassadors about what it is truly like to own and operate an electric vehicle.

**Registration:** This event is first-come, first-served. Registration is available onsite. On the day of the event, drop by the Plug In America booth located directly outside the Fiesta Ballroom next to the main hotel lobby.

®Valid driver’s license required.

1:30 pm - 2:20 pm  **Integrating Electric Vehicles into the Grid, a Ratepayer Perspective**

Various jurisdictions are moving forward with EV integration plans as part of their grid modernization efforts. This panel will explore the cost of Integrating EV’s into the grid, examine reliability concerns and discuss the equity of allowing EV’s infrastructure cost into consumer rates.

**Moderator:**
Nicole Sitaraman  Assistant People’s Counsel, Office of People’s Counsel, District of Columbia

**Panelists:**
Bob Jenks  Executive Director, Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon
Katherine Stainken  Policy Director, Plug In America

2:25 pm – 3:15 pm  **Lead in the Water, a Critical Look**

The challenges facing Flint, Michigan, and its problems with lead contaminated water supply, have raised the issue of lead piping to a national level. This panel explores what advocates need to know about the causes and severity of the lead problem, what practices can prevent similar problems elsewhere and what possible regulatory responses may result from increased public scrutiny of the lead problem.

**Moderator:**
Edward Kaufman  Chief Technical Advisor, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

**Speaker:**
Gary A. Naumick  Vice President - American Water Engineering & Asset Management
Randy Randall  Commissioner, Third District, Public Service Commission of South Carolina
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm   Break

3:30 pm - 4:20 pm   **Understanding Utility Pre-Paid Pension Assets: Why it Matters in the Rate Setting Process**

*Explore why accounting for pre-paid pension assets in the correct manner can create a potential long term benefit to utility customers. Learn why every consumer advocate should look at pre-paid pension assets in the next utility rate case.*

Moderator:
Margaret Stull  Senior Utility Analyst, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

Speaker:
David G. Pitts    Independent Actuarial Services

Jamie McGovern  Senior Economist, Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon

4:25 pm - 5:30 pm   **“Vignettes”**

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1. Wind update: On-shore and off-shore
   Tom Darin, Senior Director of Western State Policy, American Wind Energy Association (AWEA)

   L. Craig Dowdy  Senior Vice President, External Affairs, Spire

   Johanna Zetterberg, Coordinator, State and Local Energy Efficiency Action Network, US Department of Energy

**Dinner on your own**

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

8:30 am - 10:00 am   Continental Breakfast

8:30 am - 10:00 am   **Closed Session:** Informal NASUCA Member Roundtable Discussion

10:00 am - 11:00 am   Joint Closing Session with NARUC (*Fiesta Ballroom*)

Meeting closed

Save the date: NASUCA Mid-Year Meeting - June 3-7, 2017 - Denver, Colorado