

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

2019 MID-YEAR MEETING

Benson Hotel
Portland, OR
June 19-22, 2019

Registration and all sessions will be in the Mayfair Room unless otherwise noted in the agenda. Dress is business casual or casual (no ties allowed)

Tuesday – June 18, 2019

Optional – EV Roadmap Conference – Oregon Convention Center (- <http://roadmapforth.org/>)

“The Roadmap Conference is the leading electric and smart mobility conference in the United States. Held each summer in the Pacific Northwest, Roadmap includes over 100 national and international speakers, dozens of exhibits, regional smart mobility tours, and high-energy interactive breakout sessions. With over 800 participants in 2018, Roadmap continues to be the premier forum to explore emerging industry trends and best practices with a diverse mix of industry, utility, and government leaders.”

Contact David Springe about a special NASUCA Member Rate to attend the EV Roadmap Conference/Reception on Tuesday.

Wednesday – June 19, 2019

Noon – 5:30 pm **Registration**
-Please pick up your meeting material and name badges

10:00 am – 12:45 pm Executive Committee Board Meeting (*Regency Boardroom - Lunch Provided*)

NASUCA Meeting Begins – Open Sessions

1:15 pm – 1:20 pm **Welcome**
Mark Schuling -Iowa Consumer Advocate - NASUCA Vice-President

1:20 pm – 1:55 pm **Evaluating and Shaping the Impacts of EVs on Customers**

Synapse’s new guidebook for consumer advocates describes how to evaluate the potential impacts of EVs on customers’ electricity rates, jobs, and health. It also describes some of the policies that can be implemented to help ensure that transportation electrification occurs in a manner that allows all customers, particularly low-income and other vulnerable groups, to share in the benefits while not unfairly bearing the costs.

Bruce Biewald CEO, Synapse Energy Economics
Melissa Whited Principle Associate, Synapse Energy Economics

2:00 pm – 2:25 pm **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with Electric Transportation**

Sergio Lopez Program Manager, FORTH

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2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

The Future of Electric Vehicles and Transportation

This panel will address the future of electric vehicles and electric transportation in the United States. In this panel, major auto and bus manufacturers will give us their vision for the future, discussing the timeline for how they see electric transportation developing, what they are bringing to market and discussing some of the barriers that might limit their success.

Moderator:

Thor Hinckley Senior Program Manager, FORTH

Speakers:

Spencer Reeder Director, Government Affairs, Audi USA
Sam Jammal Senior Manager, Government Relations, BYD
Jamie Hall Manager, Advanced Vehicle Infrastructure, General Motors

3:30 pm – 3:40 pm

Break-Light Refreshments

3:40 pm – 4:40 pm

DC Fast Charging – The Current and Future Business Case

This panel will explore the use cases and business model for non-utility service providers that focus on the publicly-accessible high-powered (over 50 kw) DC fast charging market segment, both for intercity corridor charging, as well as denser urban and suburban locations

Moderator:

Phil Jones Executive Director, Alliance for Transportation Electrification

Speakers:

Chris King Chief Policy Officer, Siemens Digital Grid
Rob Barrosa Director, Utility Strategy and Operations, Electrify America
Colin Murchie Director, Business Development, EVgo
Kent Leacock Senior Director, Government Relations and Policy, Proterra

4:45 pm – 5:30 pm

Three Revolutions and the Future

In his book “Three Revolutions: Steering Automated, Shared, and Electric Vehicles to a better Future” Dr. Daniel Sperling looks at how automated, shared, and electric vehicles are transforming the transit landscape and how policymakers can steer this technology in a sustainable, equitable direction.

Dr. Daniel Sperling Distinguished Professor and Director, Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California, Davis

5:30 pm – 6:30pm

Wine and Cheese Reception – London Grill Room – Benson Hotel
Open to All NASUCA Meeting Registrants and Speakers

Dinner on your own

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Thursday – June 20, 2019

7:00 am – 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast (*Kent Room*)
Breakfast available to NASUCA meeting registrants and Speakers

8:00 am – 9:30 am **Closed Business Session – NASUCA members only**

Association Business:

- Welcome: Mark Schuling -NASUCA Vice President
- Officer Reports
 - Secretary’s Report (Vote on Minutes, New Members)
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - President’s Report
- Committee Reports
 - Work Resolutions
- Rollcall of the States

9:30 am – 9:45 am Break

Open Session Begins

9:45 am – 10:00 am ***Welcome***
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10:00 am – 10:55 am ***The Ever-Mounting Upward Pressures on Utility Bills and the Ever-Increasing Affordability Challenge: What Can Be Done?***

Affording utility service is a challenge for some. This panel examines the current status of affordability and makes suggestions about how to help consumers keep utility service. The panel also discusses the importance of a year-long effort that NASUCA and NARUC have undertaken to look at affordability of utility service and the collection of appropriate utility data for regulators to be able to knowledgeably address the problem.

Moderator:

Gabriela Sandoval Director of Strategic Initiatives, TURN - The Utility Reform Network

Speakers:

John Howat Senior Policy Analyst, National Consumer Law Center
Mary Grant Campaign Director, Public Water for All, Food and Water Watch
Maida Coleman Commissioner, Missouri Public Service Commission, Chair, NARUC Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest

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11:05 am – 12:00 pm

Telecommunications: Evolving Networks and New Realities

The panel will explore the ramifications of changing telecommunications networks for universal service, public safety and consumer protection in an all-IP world.

Moderator:

Regina Costa Telecommunications Policy Director, TURN -The Utility Reform Network

Speakers:

Elizabeth Uzelac Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice
Samuel Pastrick Outreach Manager, Citizens Utility Board of Oregon
Pamela Marsh Representative, 5th District, State of Oregon

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch Break – on your own

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Heads of Office Lunch (*Kent Room*)

1:30 pm – 2:25 pm

Water Panel - Fair Value Acquisitions Are Here – Now What?

Panelists will provide advice for dealing with fair value acquisition issues, including elements to consider when challenging an appraisal, how the transaction should be booked, return of investment implications (depreciation expense), as well as other lessons learned.

Moderator:

David N. Dittmore Financial Analyst, Consumer Advocate Unit, Tennessee Office of Attorney General

Speakers:

Ashley Everette Regulatory Analyst, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate
Margaret Stull Senior Utility Analyst, Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor's Office
Dan Kermod Assistant Director for Water and Transportation, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

2:30 pm – 3:25 pm

Current and Future Trends in Gas Markets and Regulation

Panelists will identify and discuss the major issues in the natural gas industry including upstream infrastructure challenges, issues at the market level and the challenges meeting distribution level infrastructure needs.

Moderator:

Joe Rogers Assistant Attorney General, Massachusetts Office of Ratepayer Advocacy

Speakers:

Jeffery Stein Policy Advisor, Power and Gas, American Petroleum Institute
David Dismukes Professor, Louisiana State University, Acadian Consulting Group
Daniel Lapato Senior Director of State Affairs, American Gas Association

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3:25 pm – 3:40 pm

Break

3:40 pm – 5:00 pm

“Vignettes”

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1. EPRI’s advanced buildings research program, understanding how buildings act as a point of integration to scale emerging customer technologies.
- Ram Narayanamurthy, Technical Executive – Energy Utilization, EPRI
2. RTO Governance Principles – The Electric Consumer Coordinating Council
-Tom Hassenboehler – Partner, The Coefficient Group
3. How Electric Cooperatives and NASUCA Members Share Common Goals
-Jim Horan – Regulatory Affairs Director, National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association
4. Lifeline and the Impact of the National Verifier, Minimum Service Standards, and other FCC Actions
-Geoffery G. Why – Partner, Verrill Dana, LLC

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

NASUCA Reception

Open to All Meeting Registrants and speakers

Location: Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Ave
Portland, OR
(a short 10-minute walk from the hotel down Park Avenue)

Dinner on your own

Friday – June 21, 2019

7:00 am – 7:50 am

Executive Committee Meeting (*Regency Ballroom*)

7:00 am – 8:30 am

Registration and Breakfast (*Kent Room*)

Breakfast available to NASUCA meeting registrants and speakers

Open Session Begins

8:00 am – 9:50 am

DOE/LBNL Technical Training

Session 1: 8:00 – 8:50

Impact of rate design on the customer economics of behind the meter storage.

Naim Darghouth

Principal Research Associate, Electric Markets and Policy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

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Session 2: 8:55 – 9:50

Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings and Time-Sensitive Value of Efficiency for Electricity Planning and Programs

Natalie Mims Frick Energy Efficiency Program Manager, Electricity Markets and Policy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Lisa Schwartz Deputy Leader, Electricity Markets and Policy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

9:50 am – 10:00 am Break-Coffee and Tea

10:00am – 10:45am *Working Toward Common Goals - A Conversation with Maria Pope, CEO, Portland General Electric Company and Robert Jenks, Executive Director of the Citizens Utility Board of Oregon*

Moderator:

Martin Rosenberg President, Hippo Energy Media

Speakers:

Maria Pope CEO, Portland General Electric Company
Robert Jenks Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board of Oregon

10:50 am – 12:00 am *The New Oregon Trail – Decarbonize the Electric Grid*

Oregon has been moving away from coal towards clean energy and is now committing itself to reduce economy-wide carbon emissions by 80%. We will discuss what this entails on the electric sector, the benefits of reducing carbon risk, and the challenge of maintaining a reliable grid with enough capacity to serve the coldest and hottest days of the year.

Moderator:

Robert Jenks Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board of Oregon

Speakers:

Elaine Hart Manager, Integrated Resource Planning, Portland General Electric
Angus Duncan Chair, Oregon Global Warming Commission
Jason Eisdorfer Utility Program Director, Oregon Public Utility Commission
Susan Stratton Executive Director, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch on your own.

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1:30 pm – 2:40 pm

Going All the Way With Renewables - How Will It Work?

An increasing number of states are raising renewable portfolio requirements to 50 and even 100 per cent over the coming years. What will a high renewables grid look like? How will it work? We'll explore the issues from the standpoint of a renewables advocate, a grid operator, and from the utility perspective.

Moderator:

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

Speakers:

Tom Darin Senior Director, Western State Affairs, American Wind Energy Association (AWEA)

Gary Helm Lead Market Strategist, Applied Innovation, PJM Interconnect.

Mary Wiencke Vice President of Market, Environmental, and Transmission Policy, PacifiCorp

Anne Hoskins Chief Policy Officer, Sunrun

2:45 pm – 3:30pm

Retail Supplier Abuses and High Prices for Consumers: Does Retail Choice Make Sense?

Panelists will examine the widespread deceptive marketing and sales conduct and high prices in many retail choice states adopted as a result of restructuring. Several state advocates are sponsoring legislation to eliminate retail choice, at least for residential customers. Other states are considering moving towards retail choice. What are the lessons for other states considering customer choice options? Can retail suppliers be adequately regulated?

Moderator:

Richard Berkley Executive Director, New York Public Utility Law Project

Speakers:

Susan M. Baldwin SMBaldwin Consulting

Barbara R. Alexander Barbara Alexander Consulting

3:30 pm – 3:45pm

Break

3:45pm – 5:00 pm

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1. Enhancing customer value through IRPs & system planning: the increasing role of storage and renewables

-Edward Burgess, Director, Strategen Consulting

2. What can we learn about customer profiles using mete data

-David Kolata – Executive Director, Illinois Citizens Utility Board

-Jeff Zethmayr– Research Director, Illinois Citizens Utility Board

3. FERC Update – Transmission Incentives, ROE, NGA

-Jason Gray – Partner, Duncan & Allen

End of Open Sessions - Dinner on your own

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Saturday – June 22, 2019

8:30 am – 10:00 am Continental Breakfast (*Brighton Room*)
Breakfast open to NASUCA meeting registrants and speakers

9:00 am – 11:00 am *Closed Session for Members of NASUCA*
-Informal NASUCA Member Roundtable Discussion

Meeting End

Save the dates:

NASUCA Annual Meeting – November 17-20, 2019 – San Antonio, Texas

NASUCA Mid-Year Meeting – June 14-17, 2020 – Portland, Maine