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1:20 pm – 2:15 Concurrent Sessions

Panel 1  
*Accounting Committee: Is Securitization the Answer? Maybe..But Only if We Do It Right*

Increasingly, securitization is being discussed as a way for utilities to recover the costs of shutting down legacy generation, recovering storm and disaster costs and even recovering the costs caused by the COVID-19. This panel will offer an overview of the benefits of securitization, explain the process to establish a securitization statute, and identify best practices and pitfalls to watch out for.

**Moderator:**  
Shawn Dellinger  
Utility Analyst - Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

**Speakers:**  
Joe Fichera  
CEO - Saber Partners

Senator Chris Hansen  
State of Colorado

Mark Cichetti  
Bureau Chief, Division of Accounting and Finance - Florida Public Service Commission

Panel 2  
*Telecom Committee: Is Broadband the New Public Utility? The Role of State Regulators and Consumer Advocates in Achieving Affordable, Ubiquitous Broadband in The New World Order*

Ten years ago, at the request of Congress, the Federal Communications Commission released *Connecting America: The National Broadband Plan* aimed at connecting 100 million U.S. homes to affordable broadband with download speeds of at least 100 megabits per second and upload speeds of at least 50 megabits per second. The U.S. is not close to achieving the objective, while affordable broadband access has become more and more an essential service. The experience with Covid-19 has made this clear. This panel addresses a question now being posed: Should broadband be considered an essential public utility? We address the case for broadband as a public utility, examine the challenges to successfully bring broadband service to low income communities and explore the tools available to state consumer advocates and regulators to address broadband deployment and access in their states.

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

**Speakers:**  
Trevor Roycroft, Ph.D.  
J. Warren McClure School of Emerging Communication Technologies, Ohio University

Harold Feld  
Senior Vice President - Public Knowledge.

TBD

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm Break
2:45 pm – 3:40 pm Concurrent Sessions

Panel 1  
*Consumer Protection Committee: COVID-19 Impacts on Consumer Load*

This panel will examine the changes in regional utility load and resource requirements due to changes in customer usage during the COVID-19 economic shutdown. What are the implications for state level rate cases and to end use customers and how can advocates best prepare for the cases that will inevitable be filed their local utilities?

**Moderator:**
Richard Berkley  
Director - New York Utility Law Project

**Speakers:**
Paul F. McGlynn  
Executive Director - System Operations, PJM Interconnection

TBD

Panel 2  
*TBD*

**Moderator:**

**Speakers:**

3:40 pm – 4:15 pm Break

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm  
*Vignettes or Short Panel (TBD)*
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  **NASUCA Virtual Social**  
**Open to All Meeting Registrants and speakers**

*Let's Get Cooking - We're Making Seafood Paella!*

![Seafood Paella Image]  

**Food and Beverage, Shared Among Friends:** Join NASUCA ED David Springe as he walks us through cooking this traditional Spanish rice dish. By join...we mean you should get cooking too! Shopping list and recipe will be provided. Prizes for the best (looking since we can’t taste it) paella will be awarded.

Special Guest: William Jensen – Owner and Beverage Director of Washington DC’s Michelin Star’d restaurant “Tail Up Goat” – will get us started with a brief overview of some Spanish wines to accompany our paella.

**Tuesday - November 10, 2020**

12:00 pm – 12:55 pm  Concurrent Sessions

Panel 1  **Natural Gas Committee: Assessment of Local Natural Gas Distribution System Safety: The Merrimack Valley Incident**

The Panel will discuss the over-pressurization of the low-pressure natural gas distribution system in the City of Lawrence and the towns of Andover and North Andover in Massachusetts. This over-pressurization resulted in death and serious injuries to the public. The panel will focus on the probable cause of the over-pressurization, the repair of the mains involved and the settlement agreement with Eversource Energy, that will result in a safer natural gas system.

**Moderator:**  
Joseph Rogers  
Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General

**Speakers:**  
William J. Akley  
President, Gas Business - Eversource Energy  
Ashley Gagnon  
Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General  
Mathew H. Nelson  
Chairman - Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities


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Panel 2  
**DER Committee: Regulatory Considerations and Barriers to Distributed Energy Resource Integration**

This panel will discuss regulatory policy considerations and barriers for efficient integration of DERs to the electrical grid, with a focus on energy storage. With decreasing energy storage costs and increasing DER penetration levels, the need for regulatory framework that accurately evaluates energy storage is becoming increasingly important. Likewise, the continued growth of DERs impact the need for continued consideration of current policies, especially at state levels. The evaluation of real costs and value of energy storage, and the need for regulations, is moving to the forefront of many state agendas.

**Moderator:**  
Autumn Proudlove  
Senior Policy Program Director - North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center

**Speakers:**  
Jeremy Twitchell  
Energy Research Analyst - Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Jason Burwin  
Vice President, Policy - Energy Storage Association

Jordy Fuentes  
Director – Arizona Residential Utility Consumer Office

12:55 pm – 1:20 pm  
Break

1:20 pm – 2:15 pm  
Concurrent Sessions

Panel 1  
**Electric Committee: Rate Design for the Customer of the Future**

Grid modernization initiatives, and increasing levels of renewable energy, DER’s, electric vehicles and other technologies are giving customers more control over their energy usage but are also challenging traditional rate design concepts. This panel will examine innovative rate designs features that could benefit customers (and not just utilities) and rate design principles that advocates should continue to encourage irrespective of what the energy future looks like.

**Moderator:**  
Anjali G. Patel  
Senior Assistant People’s Counsel - Washington DC Office of People’s Counsel

**Speakers:**  
David Dismukes  
Consulting Economist - Acadia Consulting Group

Lon Huber  
Vice President, Rate Design and Strategic Solutions - Duke Energy

Bradley Klein  
Senior Attorney - Environmental Law and Policy Center

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Panel 2  

**Water Committee: Further Examination of Options in Addressing Distressed Water & Wastewater Systems**

States continue to face an increasing number of distressed systems, which many would argue need oversight and new mechanisms to provide safe and reliable services to its consumers. Panelists will build upon the discussions from our last annual meeting regarding different approaches states are using to address these distressed systems, that run the gamut from case specific action to new program initiatives.

**Moderator:**
Karen Stachowski  
Tennessee Office of Attorney General

**Speakers:**
- Bill Teichmiller  
EJ Water Cooperative
- Jason Hewitt  
Sustainability Partners
- Brittany Koenig  
Kentucky Office of Attorney General

2:15 pm – 2:40 pm  
Break

2:40 pm – 3:40 pm  
General Session

**Consumer Advocate Spotlight**

What do twenty NASUCA office leaders have to say about the future of the utility industry, utility regulation and consumer advocacy? What issues do they believe are most pressing and which technologies have the greatest potential to impact consumers? What is the biggest change the future will bring to the regulatory process?

**Moderator/MC:** Steve Mitnick – Editor-in-Chief, Public Utilities Fortnightly

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  

Vignettes” “noun /vin-jett/ a brief evocative description, account or episode”

1. 2021 CCIF Kickoff Re-cap  
Katrina McMurrin - Chris Ayers – Executive Director, North Carolina Utilities Commission  
Public Staff

2. Update on the Renovate Project  
Janet Gail Besser – Managing Director, Smart Electric Power Alliance

3. Current State of Electric Transportation  
Nick Nigro – Founder, Atlas Public Policy

4. Protecting Utility Infrastructure from External Threat  
Paul Stockton – Managing Director, Sonecon, LLC

End of Open Sessions

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**Wednesday - November 11, 2020**

Veterans Day Holiday – No Sessions

**Closed Sessions**

**Thursday - November 12, 2020**

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm  *Closed Business Session – NASUCA Members Only*

- Welcome: Welcome – Jackie Roberts (WV) – NASUCA President
- Officer Reports
  - Secretary’s Report (Vote on Minutes)
  - Treasurer’s Report (Vote on 2020 Budget and Assessment)
  - Nominating Committee Report (Vote on Officers, Board)
  - President’s Report
- Executive Director’s Report
- Committee Reports
  - Work Draft Resolution
  - Roundtable of the States

**Save The Date:**