

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

2023 ANNUAL MEETING Charlotte Marriott City Center Charlotte, North Carolina November 5-8, 2023

Registration and all sessions will be in the Charlotte Ballroom ABC unless otherwise noted in the agenda. Dress is business casual or casual (ties not necessary).

Sunday – November 5, 2023

Noon – 5:00 pm Registration
 -Please pick up your meeting name badges

Located at: <https://www.nasuca.org> or
<https://www.nasuca.org/event/2023-nasuca-annual-meeting/>
 -*Meeting Agenda*
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NASUCA Meeting Begins

1:30 pm – 5:00pm *Closed Business Session – NASUCA Members Only*

- Welcome – Chris Ayers (NC)
- Officer Reports
 - Cindy Schonhaut (CO) - Secretary's Report
 (Vote on Minutes from Mid-Year meeting)
 - Tom Content (WI CUB) – Treasurer's Report
 (Vote on 2024 Budget and Annual Dues Assessment)
- Nominating Committee Report
 (Vote on 2024 Officers and Board)
- Chris Ayers - President's Report
- Executive Director's Report – David Springe
- Committee Reports
- Short Discussion – Mark Toney (TURN) – Influence of the Financial Community
- Roll-Call of the States

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Wine and Cheese Reception (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Ward)
 Open to all NASUCA meeting registrants and Speakers

Dinner on your own

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Monday – November 6, 2023

7:30 am – 8:15 am Registration and Breakfast (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Ward)
Breakfast available to all NASUCA meeting registrants and Speakers

Open Session Begins

8:15 am – 8:30 am *Welcome*

Chris Ayers	Executive Director, North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff, NASUCA President
Andrew Bateman	Deputy Executive Director, South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff
Roger Hall, Esq.	Deputy Consumer Advocate, South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs

8:30 am – 9:30 am *Welcome to the Carolinas: Fasten Your Seatbelts*

The pace of change in utilities regulation rivals that of stock car drivers racing around a superspeedway. Everyone has the gas pedal pressed to the floor, there is a lot of bumping and weaving, and the goal is to avoid the big crash and cross the finish line in one piece. Carbon reduction goals, abandoned nuclear plant construction, competitive procurement, multi-year rate plans, performance-based ratemaking, broadband deployment, storm securitization, bilateral energy trading, fair market value for water/sewer systems, managed load shed events, low-income initiatives, queue reform, major mergers and acquisitions...these are just some of the regulatory changes and events the Carolinas have experienced in recent years. If you have not yet steered through these issues, they are likely headed your way. This panel will explore how utilities, regulators, and consumer advocates in the Carolinas have navigated these fast-paced changes while seeking to maintain safe, reliable, and affordable service.

Moderator:

Chris Ayers	Executive Director, North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff, NASUCA President
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Speakers:

Charlotte A. Mitchell	Chair, North Carolina Public Utilities Commission
Brian Weisker	Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Piedmont Natural Gas
W. Keller Kissam	President, Dominion Energy South Carolina

9:35 am – 10:15 am *The Future of Universal Service*

What does the future of federal universal telecommunication service? This panel will explore issues surrounding carrier of last resort and the evolution of the federal universal service programs.

Moderator:

Nanette Edwards	Former Executive Director, South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff
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Speakers:

Barrett Sheridan	Assistant Consumer Advocate, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate
Eric S. Cramer	President and Chief Executive Officer Wilkes Communications RiverStreet Networks

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10:15 am – 10:50 am	Coffee Break
10:50 am – 12:00 am	<p><i>A Host of Water Quandaries Around the US</i></p> <p>It's been an interesting year around the US for water, with some unexpected results, creating uncertainty for some in the areas of sport sponsorships, acquisitions, and rate increases. This panel will review current events and cases and discuss trends in consumer advocacy.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Karen Stachowski Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Advocate Division Office of Tennessee Attorney General</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Patrick M. Cicero Consumer Advocate, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate Thomas Wiehl Director of Utility Oversight and Regulatory Reform Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel Olivia Rivera Director of External Affairs, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor Dawn M. Hipp Chief Operating Officer, South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff</p>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Break – grab a friend and go...
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<p>Heads of Office Lunch (4th Ward)</p> <p>-Open to office heads or their assigned deputy if the office head is not in attendance</p>
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<p><i>Electric Panel – Predicting Electric Transportation and Data Center Loads – What This Means for Infrastructure Investment</i></p> <p>This panel will focus on two areas of load that are expected to grow in the near future – electric transportation load and data center load. The Electric Power Research Institute's (ERPI) will discuss its EVs2Scale2030 project and will review the initial EV load roadmaps. A large commercial EV fleet operator and a large data center customer will give a picture of what each thinks the future will hold. And EEI will speak to how utilities are responding to these challenges – leading to a discussion about how we meet this load growth, build what is needed, keep rates affordable and bridge the intergenerational equity gap between when this infrastructure is needed and when revenues will arrive to support the infrastructure.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Michael Moody Division Chief, Special Litigation Division, Michigan Department of the Attorney General</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Britta K. Gross Director, Transportation, Electric Power Research Institute Sujit Mandal Power Demand Lead, Amazon Brian George US Federal Lead, Global Energy Market Policy and Development, Google Philip J. Dion Senior Vice President, Customer Solutions, Edison Electric Institute</p>

- 2:50 pm – 3:30pm Speakers – on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- 2:50 – 3:10 Rob Thormeyer - Director, State, International, & Tribal Affairs
Division, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- 3:10 – 3:30 Jason T. Gray – Duncan & Allen, LLP
- 3:30pm – 4:00 pm Coffee and Snack Break
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm “*Vignettes*”
“*noun /vin-yet/: a brief evocative description, account or episode*”
1. Introduction to the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center
Brian Lips – Senior Project Manager, NC Technology Center
 2. Possible Changes to Department of Energy Rules on Appliance Efficiency and
Impacts on State Energy Efficiency Programs.
Jeremy Koster, Vice President, Planning and Optimization, Duke Energy
 3. Solar – What Does the Future Hold
Thad Cully, Director of Public Policy, Sunrun
- 5:30pm – 7:30pm ***NASUCA Reception***
Open to all NASUCA meeting registrants and speakers
- Location:** NASCAR Hall of Fame
400 E M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28202
(.6 miles from the Marriott – about a 15-minute walk)
- Awards to Be Presented**
- Popowsky Awards (Exceptional Service to NASUCA)**
- Chris Ayers - North Carolina and outgoing NASUCA President
 - Nanette Edwards - South Carolina and outgoing NASUCA Executive
Committee member
 - Regina Costa, TURN - Chair of the NASUCA Telecom
Committee
 - Barrett Sheridan - Pennsylvania - Vice-Chair of the NASUCA
Telecom Committee
- Service Award (Service to NASUCA)**
- Charles “Trey” Murphy - Illinois AG - Former Chair of the NASUCA
Consumer Protection Committee

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7:15 am – 8:00 am Registration and Breakfast (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Ward)
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Open Session Begins

8:00 am – 10:00 pm ***DOE/LBNL Technical Training***

Session 1: 8:00am – 8:55 am

The National Community Solar Partnership

- Anthony Sandonato, Energy Markets and Policy Department, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Session 2: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Evaluating Demand Under Increased Transportation Electrification

- Sean Morash, Principal, Telos Energy

10:00 am – 10:30 am Break-Coffee and Tea

10:30 am – 11:25 am ***Multi-Year Rate Plans and Performance Based Rates – Strategies for Consumer Advocates***

Multi-year rate plans and performance-based rates have been adopted in many states and seem to be the latest fad in alternative ratemaking. This panel will examine lessons learned from several offices dealing with these alternative rate plans to advise those offices that may soon face these plans. And to identify and talk about strategies to advocate in legislative and regulatory proceedings more effectively for consumer oriented controls on these alternative rate plans.

Moderator:

Chris Ayers

Executive Director, North Carolina Utilities Commission
Public Staff, NASUCA President

Speakers:

David S. Lapp

People's Counsel, Maryland Office of People's Counsel

Elizabeth A. Anderson

Chief of the Energy and Telecommunications Division

Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell

Paul Alvarez

President, Wired Group

11:25 am – 11:45 am Meet in Lobby - Board Bus to Tour Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Lab
-note – you must have been preapproved for the tour – unfortunately no last-minute walk-on's are allowed.

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Tour EPRI Lab – Lunch Provided

We will bus to the EPRI Lab, have lunch, hear from EPRI speakers, and tour the lab. We will return to the hotel by bus at 5:50.

The EPRI Specialized Lab Site visit will provide state consumer advocates with a unique opportunity to observe EPRI lab capabilities that highlight innovative technology in the energy sector and to better understand the research, development, and demonstration capabilities that EPRI has. State consumer advocates will have direct access to EPRI subject matter experts, who will be available to explain and discuss

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current advancements in technology at the Charlotte lab. EPRI's research priorities include accelerating R&D that will enable economy-wide decarbonization and building resilience and reliability across critical power system infrastructure while enabling an affordable and equitable clean energy future. EPRI's lab focuses on issues related to power generation, nuclear energy, reliability and resilience, and grid operations. See the attached information for a more detailed description of the lab.

EPRI Tour - Schedule

- 11:30-11:45 PM – Load Busses at Hotel- Transportation to EPRI offices and Labs
- 12:00 -1:15 PM - Lunch - Introduction to EPRI - EPRI Building 2 - Room 179
- 1:15-1:30 PM - Safety Briefing
- 1:30-3:30 PM - Lab Tour

EPRI's Charlotte campus offers state-of-the-art research facilities, serving EPRI utility members and energy industry stakeholders including the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and academic institutions. Charlotte labs support research and development related to the generation, distribution, and transmission of electricity.

Tour participants (6 groups) will visit the following:

- Corrosion Lab
- Materials Characterization Lab
- Cyber / Digital Instrumentation and controls lab
- Welding & Repair Technology Center
- Substation Diagnostics outdoor lab
- Salt / Fog Chamber
- 3:30-4:30 PM Dialogue with EPRI experts:
 - Grid-enhancing technologies
 - Low carbon technologies: Hydrogen, CCUS, Storage
 - Low carbon technologies: SMRs
- 4:30-5:30 PM - Transportation to back hotel

End of Open Sessions - Dinner on your own

Wednesday – November 8, 2023

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| 8:30 am – 9:00 am | Continental Breakfast – 3 rd Ward
<i>**Breakfast open to NASUCA meeting registrants and speakers**</i> |
| 9:00 am – 11:00 am | <u>Closed Session for Members of NASUCA</u> (3 rd Ward)
-Informal NASUCA Member Roundtable Discussion |

Meeting End

Save the dates:

2024 NASUCA Mid-Year Meeting – June 9-12, 2024 – Madison, Wisconsin
2024 NASUCA Annual Meeting – November 10-13, 2024 – Anaheim, CA (with NARUC)

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