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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

2024 MID-YEAR MEETING

Madison Concourse Hotel

Madison, Wisconsin

June 9-12, 2024

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

Sunday – June 9, 2024

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

Located at: <https://www.nasuca.org> or
<https://www.nasuca.org/event/2024-nasuca-mid-year-meeting/>
-Meeting Agenda
-Bios and Headshots for Speakers
-Meeting Registrants List

NASUCA Meeting Begins

1:30 pm – 5:00pm *Closed Business Session*

- Officer Reports
 - Cindy Schonhaut (CO) - Secretary's Report
 (Vote on Minutes from the Annual meeting)
 - Patrick Cicero (PA) - Treasurer's Report
 - Michael Moody (MI) - President's Report
- Executive Director's Report
- Committee Reports
 - Work Draft Resolution
- Discussion on Artificial Intelligence
- Roundtable of the States

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Wine and Cheese Reception (*Wisconsin Ballroom*)
 Open to All Meeting Registrants and Speakers

Dinner on your own

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Monday – June 10, 2024

7:30 am – 8:15 am Registration and Breakfast (*University Room*)
Breakfast available to NASUCA meeting registrants and Speakers

Open Session Begins

8:15 am – 8:30 am ***Welcome***

Michael Moody Division Chief, Special Litigation Division, Michigan
Department of the Attorney General, NASUCA President
Tom Content Executive Director, Wisconsin Citizens Utility Board,
NASUCA Vice President

8:30 am – 9:25 am ***Consumer Protection panel – Increasing Customer Protections to Reflect Increasingly
Extreme Weather***

Consumers are facing more frequent and extreme heat waves in the summer and polar vortices in the winter. This panel will address the impact these weather extremes are having on consumers and review strategies and targeted efforts around the country to enhance consumer protections around service shut offs and bill arrearages.

Moderator:

Patrick M. Cicero Consumer Advocate, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer
Advocate

Speakers:

Karen Lusson National Consumer Law Center
Erin Ford Faulhaber Deputy Director, Arizona Residential Utility Consumer
Office

TBD

9:35 am – 10:30 am ***Cocktails to Convictions, Regulatory Capture in the 21st Century***

The recent FirstEnergy scandals in Ohio and Illinois have made headlines and provided a window into money, power, and influence in utility regulation. However, not all attempts to influence regulatory outcomes are as direct as the FirstEnergy case. This panel will discuss the concept of regulatory capture, and examine the many subtle and not-so-subtle ways many parties try to influence regulatory outcomes.

Moderator:

Susan Satter Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Public Utilities Bureau

Speakers:

Robert Kelter Senior Attorney, Environmental Law and Policy Center
Mark Toney, Ph.D. Executive Director, TURN—The Utility Reform Network
TBD

10:30 am – 11:00 am Coffee Break

11:00 am – 11:55 am

Water Panel - Asking the Right Questions About Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is a top concern for our nation’s critical infrastructure. However, commissions and consumer advocates are not likely to have in-house expertise on cybersecurity. So, what do we need to know in order to ask the right questions when facing this issue in a commission case? This panel will help us get to the right questions.

“If you do not know how to ask the right question, you discover nothing.” – W. Edwards Deming

Moderator:

Angela Schaben Missouri Office of Public Counsel

Speakers:

Nick Santillo, Chief Information Officer, American Water
Ben Bolton Senior Energy Programs Administrator, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Justin Vargas, Esq. Policy Advisor, Cybersecurity & Risk Management Illinois Commerce Commission

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Heads of Office Lunch (*Conference I*)

-Open to office heads or their assigned deputy if the office head is not in attendance

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Others - Lunch Break – grab a friend and go...

1:30 pm – 1:55 pm

Fireside Chat – North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) – Member Representatives Committee (MRC)

Michael Moody Division Chief, Special Litigation Division, Michigan Department of the Attorney General, NASUCA Representative, NERC MRC

Jennifer Flandermeyer Director, Cybersecurity Public Policy, NextEra Energy, Chair, NERC MRC - Invited

2:00 pm – 2:55 pm

Electric Panel – Planning for Hyperscale Load

America’s manufacturing resurgence, data center growth due to artificial intelligence, electric vehicle load and other electrification efforts are pushing the limits of what our current electric system can provide. This panel will identify the generation and transmission planning challenges we will face meeting this load growth and will discuss strategies for how advocates can best protect consumers.

Moderator:

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

Speakers

Greg Poulos Executive Director, Consumer Advocates of the PJM States
Stan Blackwell Dominion Energy
TBD Invited

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3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

FERC Update – Current Litigation Issues

Jason T. Gray Partner, Duncan & Allen, Washington, DC

3:30pm – 4:00 pm

Coffee and Snack Break

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

“Vignettes”

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1. Western RTO Governance Proposal – Consumer Advocate Issues
Michele Beck – Director, Utah Office of Consumer Services
2. EPRI EV Update
Katherine Stainken – Team Lead, Principal, Electric Transportation, EPRI
3. Declining Reserves for U.S. Electric Grid – Blackouts Predicted
Thomas Popik - Chairman and President of the Foundation for Resilient Societies

5:30pm – 7:30pm

NASUCA Reception

Open to All Meeting Registrants and Speakers

Location: Monona Terrace – overlooking Lake Monona

Awards to Be Presented

Robert F. Manifold Award (Lifetime of Public Service)

Irwin “Sonny” Popowsky Award (Exceptional Service to NASUCA)

Service Award (Service to NASUCA)

Dinner on your own

Tuesday – June 11, 2024

7:15 am – 8:00 am

Registration and Breakfast (*University Room*)

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Open Session Begins

8:30 am – 10:30 pm

DOE/LBNL Technical Training

Session 1: 8:30am – 9:25 am

Session 2: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

What Should Grid Resilience Plans Include? Planning Requirements, Emerging Best Practices, and Template

-Josh Schellenberg – Berkeley Lab Affiliate, Principal and COO, H&S Insights

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- 10:30 am – 11:00 am Break-Coffee and Tea
- 11:00 am – 12:00 am Gas panel – Certified and Renewable Natural Gas
- Gas Utilities have proposed using certified and renewable natural gas to continue to provide gas service for customers while meeting emission reduction mandates. This panel will explore these and other technologies the gas industry thinks will help meet net-zero emission goals and provide a critical look at what the implementation challenges may be.
- Moderator:
Blaise Michna Public Utility Engineer, North Carolina Utilities Commission
Public Staff, Natural Gas Committee Co-Chair
- Speakers:
John Gunnells Senior Manager, State Affairs, American Gas Association
Daniel LeFever Gas Technology Institute
TBD
- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Consumer Advocates of the PJM State (CAPS) – Board Meeting
Room Location TBD – Contact Greg Poulos
- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Others - Lunch Break – grab a friend and go...
- 1:30 pm – 2:25 pm *Electric Transmission – FERC’s New Transmission Order*
- What changes are required by the new FERC Transmission Order.
- Moderator:
TBD
- Speakers
Rob Gramlich President, Grid Strategies LLC
Lauren Azar Azar Law
Karen Onaran President and CEO, Electricity Consumers Resource Council
- 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm *Federal Speakers*
- 2:35 pm – 3:00 pm
Update on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Office of Public Participation
- Nicole Sitaraman – Acting Director, FERC OPP
- Joseph A. Rosenthal – Senior Policy Advisor, FERC OPP
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
TBD
- 3:30pm – 4:00 pm Coffee and Snack

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4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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1. RMI Tools – Update

- Joseph Daniels

2.

3. AARP Update

- William Malcolm - Government Affairs Director-Utilities

End of Open Sessions - Dinner on your own

Wednesday – June 12, 2024

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast –

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:

2024 NASUCA Annual Meeting – November 10-13, 2024 – Anaheim, CA (with NARUC)

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