

Monday – July 20, 2026

7:30 am – 8:15 am Registration and Breakfast (Conrad A)
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

8:30 am – 9:25 am **Evaluating whether Natural Gas Utility Investments Are Prudent in the Era of
Affordability Concerns and Public Policy Challenges**

Natural gas utilities invest billions of dollars annually maintaining aging systems and in new construction. In an era where all policy makers are focused on the affordability of utility bills, how do we make sure all utility spending is prudent? This panel will be a conversation about what prudent investment means to utilities, commissioners, and consumer advocates? And does the analysis change if public policy directs investment to focus on resilience, gas to electricity transition policies, and affordability?

Moderator:

Clark Kaml Financial Analyst, Consumer Advocate Division,
Tennessee Attorney General's Office

Speakers:

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9:35 am – 10:30 am **Connected for All: Review of Telecommunications Utility Law in areas of COLR
Duties, Emergency Access, Affordable Rates, and Transparency Reporting.**

This panel will explore perspectives on whether and how competitive neutrality standards might be applied at the state level. The discussion will cover considerations such as regulatory differences across technologies, potential market impacts, and the role of state commissions

Moderator:

Katherine M. Kennedy Assistant Consumer Advocate, Pennsylvania Office of
Consumer Advocate

Speakers:

TBD

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TBD

10:30 am – 11:00 am Coffee Break

11:00 am – 11:55 am

How to Create Meaningful Conversations on Affordability

The affordability of utility bills has been placed under a microscope, and consumers, legislators, and the media increasingly turn to commissions and consumer advocates for information and explanations. In a world where much of the public feels disenfranchised, how can we make consumers feel heard on the topic of increasing bills? Regulators and consumer advocates sit down to talk about ways to communicate with consumers and the media about affordability and utility bills in a rapidly changing world.

Moderator:

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Speakers:

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12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch Break – grab a friend and go...

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Heads of Office Lunch (Conrad A)

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

1:30 pm – 2:25 pm

Panel 4 – TBD

Moderator:

Speakers

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Federal/National Speakers

2:30 pm - FERC Invited

3:00 pm - FCC Invited

3:30pm – 4:00 pm

Coffee and Snack Break

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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5:30pm – 7:30pm

NASUCA Reception

Open to All Meeting Registrants and speakers

Location: Hell's Kitchen
80 S 9th St
Minneapolis MN 55402

Awards to Be Presented

Manifold Awards (Lifetime of Public Service)

Popowsky Awards (Exceptional Service to NASUCA)

Service Award (Service to NASUCA)

Dinner on your own

Tuesday – July 21, 2026

7:15 am – 8:00 am

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Open Session Begins

8:30 am – 10:30 pm

DOE/LBNL Technical Training

Session 1: 8:30am – 9:25 am

Speed to Power: Solutions for Accelerating Large Load Connection

Rapid growth in demand from data centers and other large loads is creating a range of new challenges for electricity planners, investors, system operators, and regulators, leading to bottlenecks that slow the connection of large loads to the electric grid. In response, innovative solutions for accelerating large load connections are beginning to emerge across the U.S. During this session, LBNL will provide an overview of their new report which identifies actions states and utilities can take to accelerate load connection through five areas (load forecasting, interconnection, utility procurement, markets and operations and cost allocation and ratemaking). The remainder of the presentation will focus on the cost allocation and ratemaking solutions.

Natalie Mims Frick, Department Leader, Energy Markets and Planning Department,
Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Session 2: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Rates, Returns, and Regulation: What's the buzz?

Utility rate increase requests have increased in recent years, hitting a multi-decadal record in 2025, last surpassed in the early 1980s. Regulatory approval for those requests have also risen recently. Additionally, requested and authorized ROEs have increased over the last 5 years, as have approved WACCs; however, both remain low by historical standards. During this session, LBNL will provide an overview of cost-of-service regulation to illustrate potential incentive misalignment that could help contextualize recent rate and return increases.

Peter Cappers, Strategic Advisor: Energy Markets and Planning Department,
Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

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10:30 am – 11:00 am	Break-Coffee and Tea
11:00 am – 12:00 am	<p>Water - White Night? Snake oil Salesman? Or Something In between?</p> <p>Are acquisitions the magic elixir for addressing troubled or distressed systems? This panel will discuss their experiences with the sale/transfer of troubled systems, including observations on the quality and pace of infrastructure investments after a sale/transfer is approved. The panelists will discuss how their experience with such sale/transfers have impacted their analyses for determining if an acquisition/transfer provides benefits to the customers and whether it is in the public interest.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Karen H. Stachowski Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Advocate Division, Tennessee Attorney General's Office</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> TBD TBD TBD</p>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own.
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Consumer Advocate of the PJM States (CAPS) – Closed Board Meeting (Conrad A) - Contact Greg Poulos for details.
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Panel 6 - TBD
	<p><u>Moderator:</u> <u>Speakers</u></p>
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>Federal/National Speakers</p> <p>2:30 pm - 3:00 pm - FERC Update Jason Grey, Duncan & Allen</p>
3:30pm – 4:00 pm	Coffee and Snack Break
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p><i>“Vignettes”</i> <i>“noun /vin-yet/: a brief evocative description, account or episode”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
End of Open Sessions - Dinner on your own	

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Wednesday – July 22, 2026

8:30 am – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast – (Conrad A)
Breakfast open to NASUCA meeting registrants and speakers

9:00 am – 11:00 am Closed Session for Members of NASUCA (Conrad A)
-Informal NASUCA Member Roundtable Discussion

Meeting End

Save The Dates:

NASUCA Annual Meeting - November 15-18, 2026, New Orleans, LA

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