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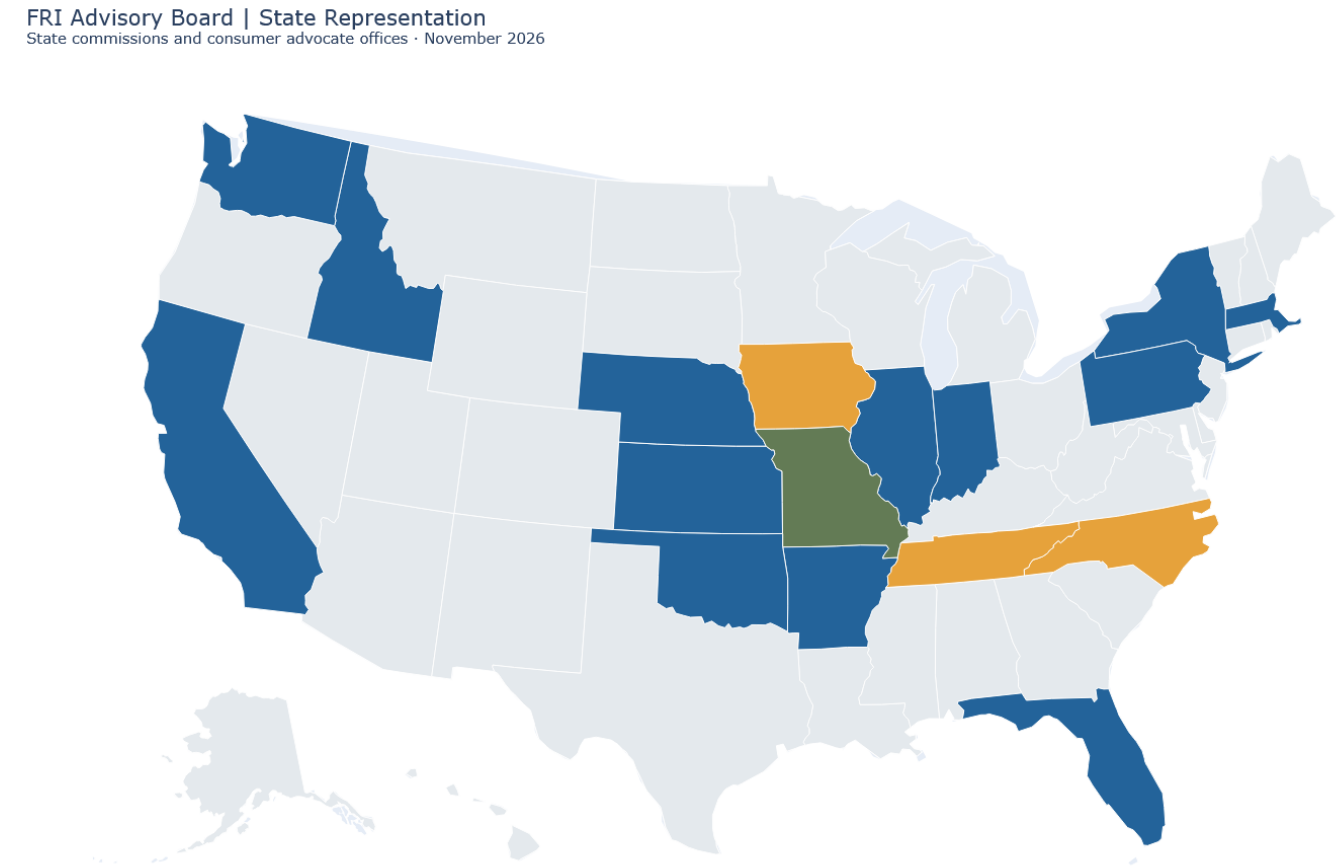
Mission

The Financial Research Institute, through its Public Utilities Division, serves as a neutral environment for the comprehensive examination of sound regulatory policy and provides interactive forums for consumers, regulators, industry, and educators to facilitate innovation, understanding, and education in public utility policy issues.

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FRI Advisory Board

- Our Advisory Board provides leadership for FRI's educational programs and funds FRI's operations.
- Currently 39 members
  - 14 State Commissioners
    - IA, GA, NJ, VA coming soon
  - 5 Consumers Advocates
  - 20 Industry Organizations



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Industry & Executive Education in 2027

- **Annual Public Utility Symposium** (September 15)
  - A 1-day symposium addressing current issues selected by our Advisory Board
  - 2024 was our 33rd annual symposium
- **Advanced Seminar on Transformational Pricing & Rate Design** (March 16-18)
  - A 3-day seminar led by industry experts addressing current trends and alternative models for pricing & rate design
  - Held annually since 2018 (except for 2020); focus generally on electricity/gas
  - Register Now!!
- **Regulated Utilities Leadership Institute** (June 7-10)
  - A 4-day workshop led by academic staff explaining the whys and hows of public utility regulation for industry newcomers and non-regulatory personnel
  - Held annually since 2021; plans to add additional offerings as early as Fall 2025
- **Hot Topic Hotline** webinar series
  - Occasional webinars addressing various timely issues. Recordings are archived on FRI's YouTube channel: @FRI-MIZZOU

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Other FRI Notables

- One of only five university educational partners of the National Association of Regulated Utility Commissioners (NARUC)
- Awarded annually since 2013, FRI's **Crystal Award for Distinguished Contribution** has become a nationally recognized honor for regulated utility professionals
- Very first awardee was Consumer Advocate Sonny Popowski



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Distinguished Contribution

The FRI Crystal Award for Distinguished Contribution recognizes an individual who has made recent outstanding and significant contributions to the design, implementation or analysis of public utility regulatory policy. It provides an opportunity to recognize excellence and achievement across regulated industries and further promotes the mission and purpose of the FRI - to serve as a neutral environment for the comprehensive examination of sound regulatory policy.

Congratulations
Stan Wise
2024 Crystal Award Recipient

Join us as we recognize **Stan Wise**, former Georgia Public Service Commissioner, as this year's Crystal Award Recipient during the **2024 FRI Public Utility Symposium** on September 18th in St. Louis, Missouri. Register today at **https://fri.missouri.edu.**

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