

# MACRUC

Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners

## Policy, Process and People

### 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference

*This will be a hybrid event. The live portion will be at Nemaocolin Woods in Farmington, Pennsylvania.*

Draft Agenda as of Friday, April 23, 2021

## Sunday, June 27th, 2021

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4:30 – 6:30 pm

Registration for on-site attendees

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5:30 – 6:30 pm

Welcome Reception for on-site attendees

Grand Ballroom

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## Monday, June 28th, 2021

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9:00 – 10:00 am

Join MACRUC President Willie Phillips of DC  
for the kick-off the MACRUC

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference:

**Policy, Process and People**

*Followed by*

MACRUC & FERC 2021: Policies in Perfect Harmony

Attendees will decide the session topics LIVE by voting for

- Order 2222
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- Resource Adequacy
  - Minimum Offer Price Rule (MOPR)

This fast paced session will be moderated by the Hon. Jehmal Hudson, VA, along with some surprise guests from the audience!

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**10:00 – 10:20 am**    Networking Break ( more information to come)

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**10:20 – 11:10 am**    **COVID 19 Impact to Commissions and Utilities in the MACRUC Region**

Moderator: Hon. Willie Phillips, District of Columbia

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**11:10 – 11:30 am**    Networking Break ( more information to come)

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**11:30 – 12:10 pm**    **The Challenges of Interstate and Interregional Transmission- A Balancing Act**

This session will cover the following topics:

- How RTOs oversee interregional coordination among states with different decarbonization standards
- The MAPP project- what happened?
- PJM's Regional Transmission Plan (RTEP)- Addressing states' public policy objectives
- Environmental impacts of new transmission lines

Moderator: Hon. Kim Drexler, Delaware

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**12:10 – 12:30 pm**    Networking Break ( more information to come)

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**12:30 – 1:15 pm**    **State of the MACRUC States**

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**1:15 pm**                **Adjourn**

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**2:00 pm**                ***Networking Opportunities for onsite attendees. Information will be posted to website soon.***

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# Tuesday, June 29th, 2021

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9:00 – 10:20 am

## New Administration & Regulations impacting MACRUC Commissions and Utilities

Co- Moderators:

Hon. Beth Trombold, Ohio

Hon. Talina Matthews, Kentucky

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10:20 – 10:40 am

Networking Break ( more information to come)

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10:40 – 11:10 am

*The Live and Virtual sessions will be available for  
in-person and online audiences.*

*From the  
Live Stage*

## Offshore Wind Issues in the MACRUC Region

Moderated by Hon. Harold Gray, Delaware

*From the*

*Virtual Stage*

Creative Solutions Created by Covid: Broadband bands  
with electricity to provide essential services to

underserved areas in

MACRUC:

*A Look at the Virginias*

High-speed broadband service is quickly becoming a necessity for everyday life - from telehealth to enabling remote learning and working. Virginia and West Virginia have empowered electric companies to provide broadband directly to their customers or provide services that dramatically lower the cost to connect rural customers. How did policymakers do this, and how is it going? Come hear how the Virginias are leading.

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Moderators:

Hon. Judith Jagdmann, Virginia

Hon. Charlotte Lane, West Virginia

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**11:10 – 11:30 am**      **Networking Break ( more information to come)**

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**11:30 – 12:00 pm**

**From the  
Live Stage**      **Water Acoustic Testing**

Moderator: Hon. Mary-Anna Holden, New Jersey

**From the  
Virtual Stage**      **Here Comes the Sun... in PA**

The Pennsylvania government recently announced its entrance into a solar power purchase agreement, the largest solar PPA for any government entity in the country. The 191 MW agreement will result in approximately 50% of the state's government building load being powered by newly constructed solar facilities within Pennsylvania. This virtual panel will detail the particulars of this PPA and examine the role that state government operations can play as large electricity buyers.

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**12:00 – 12:10 pm**      **Networking Break ( more information to come)**

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**12:10 – 1:00 pm**

**From the Live  
Stage**      **Confidentiality: Strength and Scope of the Duty**

This interactive program uses hypotheticals to explore one of our profession's core duties -- maintaining client confidences. Among other things, the program will address: the strength of the duty; the source, timing and content of information lawyers must keep confidential (for instance, does the duty cover information in the public record, or the disclosure of which would not harm the

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client?); comparison with the attorney-client privilege; when the confidentiality duty begins (in the context of unsolicited emails and interviews with prospective clients); when the duty ends; what steps lawyers must take to protect client confidences, especially in the context of electronic communications.

Instruction by Tom Spahn, McGuireWoods LLP

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1:00 pm

**Adjourn**

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7:00 – 8:45 pm

**Installation Dinner**

***Tickets must be purchased in advance.***

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**Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

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9:30 – 11:00 am

**Strengthening State & Federal Regulatory Relationships: What Will It Take?**

Serving and protecting the public interest during a political and environmental transition should be a priority for all energy regulators. However, despite common interests and shared expectations in advancing policy objectives, the lack of formal channels to communicate openly can hinder the free exchange of information. This panel will explore ways to bridge the state-federal jurisdictional divide and develop forums where pressing policy issues can be discussed in a way that improves coordination and understanding across these jurisdictional lines.

Moderator: Hon. Jason Stanek, Maryland

Participants:

Hon. Neil Chatterjee, FERC

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