

MACRUC

Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners

Policy, Process, and People

26th Annual Education Conference

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

Draft Agenda as of Monday, May 17, 2021

Sunday, June 27th, 2021

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Registration for on-site attendees

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Welcome Reception for on-site attendees

Grand Ballroom

Monday, June 28th, 2021

9:00 – 9:50 am

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

26th 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)

Moderator: Hon. Jehmal Hudson, VA,

Participants: Hon. Richard Glick, FERC Chairman,

along with some surprise guests from the audience!

9:50 – 10:20 am Networking Break (more information to come)

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

Since the pandemic began, millions of Americans have struggled to pay rent and utility bills, placing a strain on utility revenues. More than half of U.S. states issued moratoriums on utility shutoffs as millions of Americans lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic's impact on businesses and the economy. For example, lockdowns and stay-at-home orders showed an increase in electricity and natural gas use in comparison to the prior year, which produced additional burdens on households. This session will explore how thought leaders view the lessons of this pandemic and how to move forward through and beyond this crisis. We will specifically examine the moratorium impact, bill assistance, consumer outreach, and arrearage management programs

Moderator: Hon. Willie Phillips, District of Columbia

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

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
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- 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

Participants: Jeff Dennis, Managing Director and General Counsel,
Advanced Energy Economy

12:10 – 12:30 pm Networking Break

12:15 – 12:25pm Virtual Break Ten Minute Topic :
Tariff Primer on Depreciation: Hon. Judy Jagdmann

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

1:15 pm **Adjourn**

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

Tuesday, June 29th, 2021

9:00 – 10:20 am **New Administration & Regulations impacting
MACRUC Commissions and Utilities**

Co- Moderators:

Hon. Beth Trombold, Ohio

Hon. Talina Matthews, Kentucky

10:20 – 10:40 am Networking Break

10:25 – 10:35 am

Virtual Break Ten Minute Topic :

Chatting with Chatterjee: Hon. Neil Chatterjee

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

The off-shore wind topic has many facets, but this panel will present only a few facts about the subject, which are important for the MACRUC states.

This panel will present a list of planned, off shore wind projects by coastal states, along with a summary of the policy drivers. We'll take a view of initiative(s) by the state of Maryland, including off-shore energy generation, as well as associated economic development goals.

Panelists will provide a description of the New Jersey off-shore wind initiative, which includes energy generation, as well as the State agreement approach to offshore wind deployment.

PJM is currently modeling and analyzing optimal locations for interconnection of off-shore energy into the transmission grid, within the PJM footprint. The panel will provide an overview of the PJM, Off Shore Wind (interconnection) study goals and calendar milestones.

Other panel topics may include the three state, Governors' consortium (N.C., VA, MD) for off-shore wind, as well as concerns for cross-state cost allocations, and community opposition about siting, sighting, etc.

Moderator: by Hon. Harold Gray, Delaware

Participants:

Hon. Joseph Fiordaliso, New Jersey

Hon. Mindy Herman, Maryland

*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.

Moderators:

Hon. Judith Jagdmann, Virginia

Hon. Charlotte Lane, West Virginia

Participants:

Brad Hall, VP, External Affairs, AEP

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

**11:30 – 12:00
pm**

**From the
Live Stage**

Conserve Energy: Find & Plug Leaky Pipes and Avoid Disaster

New Jersey is attacking aging water and wastewater infrastructure from a new direction! Attendees will learn how NJ's Clean Energy Program is providing a first-in-the-nation incentive program to public and private companies for leak detection, pipe blockages, combined-sewer overflows, and public safety through pipeline monitoring.

Attendees will hear how billions of kilowatt hours of electricity can be saved in addition to conserving precious resources – water and money.

Moderator: Hon. Mary-Anna Holden, New Jersey

Participants:

Don Shields, Vice President & Director of Engineering, American Water
John Marciszewski, Vice President Business Development, SmartCover, Inc.

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.

Moderator: Hon. Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Pennsylvania

Participants:

Gregory R Knerr, Commodity Manager, Pennsylvania Department of General Services

Geoff Bristow, Regional Energy Program Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Mark Szybist, Senior Attorney & Advocate, National Resources Defense Council

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

12:10 – 1:00 pm **Confidentiality: Strength and Scope of the Duty**

From the Live Stage

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 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

1:00 pm

Adjourn

7:00 – 8:45 pm

Installation Dinner

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

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

Ari Peskoe, Director, Electricity Law Initiative, Harvard Law
School
