

# 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 Tuesday, June 22, 2021

## Sunday, June 27th, 2021

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4:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration for pre-registered attendees. There will be no onsite registration.	Marquis Ballroom
5:00 – 6:00 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	<b>Policy, Process, and People</b>	Marquis Ballroom
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Join MACRUC President Willie Phillips of DC for the kick-off the MACRUC 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference:

MACRUC & FERC 2021:*Policies in Perfect Harmony*

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**This will be an interactive session! Attendees will vote on the topics to be discussed and answer polls on the topics. Potential topics include -**

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

Moderator: Hon. Jehmal Hudson, VA,

Participants:

Hon. Richard Glick, FERC Chairman

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**10:00 – 10:20 am**      **Networking Break**

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

Marquis  
Ballroom

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

Participants:

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- Hon. Paul Kjellander, Idaho, NARUC President
  - Karen Harbert, President and CEO, American Gas Association
  - Phil Moeller, Executive Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Edison Electric Institute
  - Robert Powelson, Executive Director, National Association of Water Companies
  - Christine Springer, CEO, Rising Culture Group
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**11:10 – 11:30 am**      Networking Break      Foyer

**11:15 – 11:25 am**      **Virtual Break Ten Minute Topic :**      Online

***EV Innovations: Hon. Jason Stanek, MD***

The future of transportation is electric! We'll spend a few minutes discussing technological advancements and regulatory challenges as more EVs hit the road in the Mid-Atlantic region. This will be an INTERACTIVE Session – come with camera on and ready to engage.

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**11:30 – 12:10 pm**      **The Challenges of Interstate and**      Marquis Ballroom

**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

Participants:

- Hon. Tony O' Donnell, Maryland
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- Jeff Dennis, Managing Director and General Counsel, Advanced Energy Economy
  - Ken Seiler, VP of Transmission Planning, PJM
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**12:10 – 12:30 pm**      Networking Break      Foyer

**12:15 – 12:25pm**      Virtual Break Ten Minute Topic :  
*Depreciation Expense: A Primer for Utility Regulators:*  
*Hon. Judy Jagdmann*      Online

Com. Jagdmann will discuss how this Primer is designed to assist energy regulators working in emerging economies with building their understanding and knowledge of key concepts related to depreciation.

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

Tune in to hear what is happening in the MACRUC States! Attendees can virtually move between the participating States listed below.

- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- New Jersey
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia

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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**

Marquis Ballroom

The new administration has very aggressive goals with regard to infrastructure replacement/expansion. This panel will look at broadband, water/wastewater, electricity and natural gas infrastructure and will update the audience on issue that will impact regulators and utilities.

Co- Moderators:

Hon. Beth Trombold, Ohio

Hon. Talina Matthews, Kentucky

Participants:

- Hon. Mary Anna Holden, New Jersey
- Tony Clark, Senior Advisor, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP
- Kevin Gunn, Principal, Paladin Energy Strategies
- Kelly Speakes-Backman, Thunder#1
- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), and Acting Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Energy.

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10:20 – 10:40 am

Networking Break

Foyer

Online

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**10:25 – 10:35 am** Virtual Break Ten Minute Topic :  
**Chatting with Chatterjee:** Hon. Neil Chatterjee  
Join FERC Commissioner and former FERC Chair Neil Chatterjee to hear his thoughts and ask questions!

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**10:40 – 11:15 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

Marquis Ballroom

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
- Asim Haque, VP State Policy and Member Services, PJM

**Creative Solutions Created by Covid: Broadband bands with electricity to provide essential services to underserved areas in MACRUC: *A Look at the Virginias***

Online

*From the Virtual Stage*

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
- Joe Woomer, VP Grid and Technical Solutions, Dominion

**11:15 – 11:30 am**    Networking Break

Foyer

**11:30 – 12:05 pm**

Marquis Ballroom

*From the Live 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

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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:

- Geoff Bristow, Regional Energy Program Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Gregory R Knerr, Commodity Manager, Pennsylvania Department of General Services
- Mark Szybist, Senior Attorney & Advocate, National Resources Defense Council

*From the  
Virtual  
Stage*

## **Conserve Energy: Find & Plug Leaky Pipes and Avoid Disaster**

Online

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
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- John Marciszewski, Vice President Business Development, SmartCover, Inc.
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12:05 – 12:15 pm      Networking Break

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12:15 – 1:15 pm      **Confidentiality: Strength and Scope of the Duty**      Marquis Ballroom

**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.

Introduction by Hon. Judy Jagdmann, Virginia

Instruction by Tom Spahn, McGuireWoods LLP

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1:15 pm      **Adjourn**

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7:00 – 8:45 pm      **Installation Dinner**      Horizon Point  
*Tickets must be purchased in advance.*      Attendees will  
need to take  
hotel shuttles,  
drive or walk

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**Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

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**9:30 – 10:30 am**    **Strengthening State & Federal Regulatory Relationships: What Will It Take?**

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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
- Jack Bowles, Director of State & Local Relations, EPA
- Colette Honorable, Partner, Reed Smith LLP
- Ari Peskoe, Director, Electricity Law Initiative, Harvard Law School

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**10:30 – 10:45 am**    **Policy, Process, and People**

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At the close of this historic hybrid Annual Education Conference President Willie Phillips will reflect on the past year and draw names for five (5) \$50 and one (1) \$150 Amazon gift cards\*

Hon. Willie Phillips, District of Columbia

**\*Must be present to win.**

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