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The 13th Annual National Conference on Current Issues in

Electric Utility Rate Cases

Adapting rate setting approaches to new market and federal political realities

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8:00 Registration Opens

8:30 Introduction & Overview

Kirk H. Gibson, Esq., Program Co-Chair
McDowell Rackner & Gibson PC ~ Portland, OR

Frederick J. Schmidt, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Holland & Hart LLP ~ Carson City, NV

8:45 **A New President, a New FERC, a new EPA: Impact on Implementation Clean Power Policies in the Western Grid and the Resulting Anticipated Rate Impacts of Those Policies**

Overview of Oregon’s Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Plan, California’s push for 50% carbon-free renewables, clean power policy developments in other states, and the impact of environmental policy regulations on the economics of coal

Carl B. Linvill, Ph.D., Principal
Regulatory Assistance Project ~ Sacramento, CA

Perspectives on the prospects for getting to 50 percent renewables and the best ratemaking approaches

Marc L. Spitzer, Esq.
Step toe & Johnson LLP ~ Washington, DC

Greg Patterson, CPA, Director
Arizona Competitive Power Alliance ~ Phoenix, AZ

10:30 Break

10:45 **The Impact of State Cost Recovery Policies for Payments to Qualifying Facility (QF) Generators Under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA)**

Is it a dying mechanism for co-generation and renewable power development by third parties due to state rate setting decisions? What are the implications for development of third-party resources for meeting state clean power goals?

Jeffrey S. Lovinger, Esq.
Lovinger Law ~ Portland, OR

Abigail C. Briggerman, Esq.
Holland & Hart LLP ~ Greenwood Village, CO

12:15 Lunch (on your own)

1:30 **Market Operations: Cost Advantages of an RTO for the West and Whether it will be Possible to Develop One**

Update on the economics of utility participation in Energy Imbalance Markets and the politics surrounding proposals for expansion of the California ISO

Philip D. Pettingill, Director, Regional Integration
California ISO ~ Folsom, CA

Regulatory perspective on regional markets and expansion of the ISO

The Hon. Thad LeVar, Chair
Utah Public Service Commission ~ Salt Lake City, UT

3:00 Break

3:15 **Transmission: The Interplay Between FERC Rate Setting at the Wholesale Level and Allocation to Retail Customers by States**

Economic friction points between FERC’s methodology for determining revenue requirements and state cost allocation methodologies: Key differences and an economist’s perspective on how to reconcile them

Bente Villadsen, Ph.D., Principal
The Brattle Group Inc ~ Cambridge, MA

Legal perspective on resolving the conflicts

Monica A. Schwebs, Esq.
Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP ~ San Francisco, CA

Regulatory perspective

Paul Maguire, Manager, Engineering
Public Utilities Commission ~ Carson City, NV

5:00 **Continue the Exchange of Ideas: Reception for Faculty and Attendees**

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About the Conference

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What previous attendees have said:

“It was one of the best conferences I’ve attended; lots of interesting information. I certainly enjoyed the opportunity to participate.”

“Very in-depth discussion around energy issues.”

“These seminars are so well done and so on point, and that isn’t always true, I’ve been to 4 of these.”

Breaking news! 2017 will bring us a new President, a new FERC, and a new EPA. All of that will magnify the ratemaking implications of what was already happening in the electric sector.

The resulting ratemaking environment will be even more challenging for regulated electric companies, for regulators, utilities, customer groups, and those who represent them. Changes to the generating mix caused by environmental concerns and the increased use of renewables, evolving power markets, and the increasing desire for customer choice and self-generation are creating new and more complex ratemaking issues. How are regulators, regulated utilities, their customers, and environmental and other public interest advocates dealing with these challenges?

This is the 13th year we have come together to examine and discuss the current issues, which drive the increasingly complex rate filings generated by these challenges. We have assembled a distinguished faculty comprised of industry experts, lawyers, and government officials to help the energy professional understand how these issues are affecting cost recovery, rate setting, and the rate case process. The Commissioners panel will again provide a fresh look at the challenges from the perspective of regulators.

The exchanges of ideas are always lively and educational and we expect this year will be no different. Please make plans to join us as we discuss these important issues affecting the modern utility rate case.

~ Program Co-Chairs: Kirk H. Gibson, Esq. of McDowell Rackner & Gibson PC and Frederick J. Schmidt, Esq. of Holland & Hart LLP



- 8:30 Introduction to Day 2
Kirk H. Gibson, Esq., *Program Co-Chair*
Frederick J. Schmidt, Esq., *Program Co-Chair*
- 8:45 **The Growth of Rooftop and Community Solar: Ratemaking Challenges Arising from Customer Self-Generation**

Practical considerations: What's been tried in the field, and how those early experiments have worked out
Ross C. Hemphill, President
RCHemphill Solutions ~ Saint Charles, IL

Overview of economic policy options: The theoretical possibilities
Kurt G. Strunk, Associate Director
NERA Economic Consulting ~ New York, NY
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 **Ratemaking Challenges Arising from Pressures for Retail Competition**

Pressures from customers for the ability to leave their distribution utility: What's a state utility commission to do about stranded costs?
Samuel D. Castor, Esq., *Associate General Counsel*
Switch ~ Las Vegas, NV
Vicki M. Baldwin, Esq.
Parsons Behle & Latimer ~ Salt Lake City, UT
- 12:00 Lunch (on your own)



- 1:15 **Utility Business Models: Is the Sun Setting on the Rate Base Rate of Return Model?**

How to best address the cumulative impact of the trends towards an emphasis on efficiency, demand management, net metering, and customer choice at the retail level
Frederick J. Schmidt, Esq., *Moderator*
Jon B. Wellinghoff, Esq., *Chief Policy Officer*
SolarCity Corporation ~ San Mateo, CA
Pamela Morgan, Esq., *President and Principal Consultant*
Graceful Systems ~ Lake Oswego, OR
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 **Special State Commissioners Panel**

The challenge of stitching together a coherent overall policy to address economic and political changes for the electric utility industry
Kirk H. Gibson, Esq., *Moderator*
The Hon. Doug Little, Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission ~ Phoenix, AZ
The Hon. Paul Kjellander, Commission President
Public Utilities Commission ~ Boise, ID
The Hon. Thad LeVar, Chair
Utah Public Service Commission ~ Salt Lake City, UT
- 4:30 Evaluations and Adjourn

Related Seminars & Webcast Replays:

Addressing Climate Change in the West	February 16-17, 2017	Seattle, WA
Buying & Selling Electric Power in the West	January 23-24, 2017	Seattle, WA
Electric Power in California	November 3-4, 2016	Los Angeles, CA
Renewable Energy in the Midwest	October 3-4, 2016	Minneapolis, MN

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Faculty: Electric Utility Rate Cases Conference

Kirk H. Gibson, Program Co-Chair, is a partner at McDowell Rackner & Gibson PC. He has been involved in all facets of utility business operations and the development of generation facilities for utilities and independent power producers throughout the West and Alaska. This includes handling major regulatory cases before public utility commissions in Alaska, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington.

Frederick J. Schmidt, Program Co-Chair, is a partner at Holland & Hart LLP. His experience includes having twice been appointed commissioner on the Nevada Public Service Commission (currently the PUCN) and over a decade as Nevada's Consumer Advocate creating and leading the Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Vicki M. Baldwin is a shareholder at Parsons Behle & Latimer and concentrates her practice on energy, utility regulatory matters, and commercial and environmental litigation. She represents industrial and municipal utility clients in energy-related transactions and before public service commissions.

Abigail C. Briggerman is Of Counsel at Holland & Hart LLP. She represents large electric consumers, consumer coalitions, and independent power producers before state regulatory agencies throughout the West and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Samuel D. Castor is Associate General Counsel of Switch, which is the developer and operator of the SUPERNAP data center facilities. In 2015, the company became the first data center provider in the U.S. to participate in President Barack Obama's American Business Act on Climate Pledge by announcing that they would join the second round of private sector companies participating in this effort. It is currently constructing the first of two solar farms, which will provide renewable energy to its data centers.

Ross C. Hemphill is the President of RCHemphill Solutions. He was Vice President of Regulatory Policy & Strategy for Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) until the end of 2015. In that capacity he was responsible for revenue policy including the development of annual revenue requirements and retail rates.

The Hon. Paul Kjellander is the Commission President of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. As a member of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC), he served as Chairman of the Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations. He formerly served as Idaho's administrator of the Office of Energy Resources.

The Hon. Thad LeVar is the Chair of the Utah Public Service Commission. He has served as a member of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment of NARUC.

Carl B. Linvill, Ph.D. is a Principal with the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP). He leads RAP's work on renewable energy integration and transmission planning in the Western United States. Prior to joining RAP, Dr. Linvill served as a public utilities commissioner in Nevada, the economic and energy advisor to Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn, an academic economist at the Sam Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas, and Director of Integrated Energy Analysis and Planning with Aspen Environmental Group.

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Jon B. Wellinghoff is Chief Policy Officer at SolarCity Corporation and oversees regulatory and legislative affairs on federal and state policy for the company. He was the longest serving Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In that role he was known for his international expertise and thought leadership in energy policy, electric markets and the interface of disruptive energy systems with traditional utility structures.

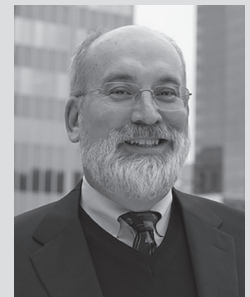
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Attorneys, utility executives, rate department professionals, industrial and customer representatives, consumer advocates, and government officials involved in the ratemaking process

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