2015 ANNUAL MEETING

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

NOVEMBER 8-11, 2015, J W MARRIOTT HOTEL, AUSTIN, TX

**Sunday, November 8, 2015**

Noon – 2 pm, Executive Committee Meeting, Room 306

1 pm Registration – Outside Salon F

2 pm – 3:45 pm, Salon F

* Department of Energy workshop on the Future of the Grid
* Joe Paladino, Senior Advisor, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE
* Eric Lightner, Director, Federal Smart Grid Task Force, DOE; Becky Harrison, GridWise Alliance; Steve Hauser, GridWise Alliance; Tanya Burns, Arara Blue Energy and Sonja Berdahl, NREL

3:45 - 4 pm, Break

4 pm, Salon F

* Presentation by Jon Wellinghoff, partner, Stoel Rives LLP, former FERC chairman and Nevada consumer advocate, “Five Principles for Tomorrow’s Electricity Sector,” Public Utilities Fortnightly, October 2015

5 pm – 6:30 pm NARUC President’s Reception with NASUCA

7 pm Dinner on your own

**Monday, November 9, 2015**

7:45 am – 9:15 am Executive Committee meeting, Room 311

7:45 am – 9:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast, outside Salon F

9:30 am – 9:50 am, Salon F

* Greetings from DeAnn Walker, Senior Policy Analyst, Texas Governor Greg Abbott's advisor on PUC/OPUC
* Greetings from NARUC President Lisa Edgar
* Recorded greetings from Vinton G. Cerf, Chief Internet Evangelist, Google
* Recorded greetings from Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Minnesota

9:50 am – 11:30 am, Salon F - Closed session for members of NASUCA

* Secretary’s Report/Adoption of Minutes
* Treasurer’s Report/Presentation of FY2016 Budget
* President’s Report
* Executive Director’s Report
* Committee Reports
* Vote on amendment to constitution and by-laws
* Election of Officers
* Discussion of Resolutions
* Roll Call of the States

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Heads of Office lunch, Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill, 303 Red River St., (512) 236-9599. Lunch on own for other registrants.

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Salon F

* The Three Rs: The Need for Reliable, Redundant and Resilient Telecommunications in the New Age, Regina Costa, TURN, moderator
* Stefanie A. Brand, Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel
* Simon ffitch, Public Counsel, Washington Office of Attorney General
* Susan Baldwin, Susan M. Baldwin Consulting, Newburyport, MA

2:30 – 2:45 pm Break

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm, Salon F

* “Understanding Ratepayer Impacts with Long Term Natural Gas Capacity Issues” – David Dismukes, Louisiana State University, moderator
* George Roesch, Marketing Advisor, Anadarko, Denver
* JR Kelly, Public Counsel, Florida Office of Public Counsel

3:45 pm – 4 pm Break

4 – 5 pm, Salon F

* Consumer issues – Craig Graziano, Iowa Consumer Advocate’s Office, moderator
* Prepaid Residential Gas and Electric Service Update:  the Continuing Concerns for Low Income Consumers
* John Howat, Senior Energy Analyst, National Consumer Law Center
* Barry Gold, Director, Government Relations, AARP Nevada
* David Springe, consumer counsel, Kansas CURB
* Gas Furnace Energy Efficiency Standards: the Need for DOE to Act Promptly
* Marianne DiMascio, Outreach Director, Appliance Awareness Standards Project.

6:30 pm NASUCA Dinner Event in the Riverside North, East and West Ballroom at the Radisson – Austin Downtown, 111 E Cesar Chavez St – Sponsored by AARP

**Tuesday, November 10, 2015**

8 am Continental breakfast, Outside Salon F

9 am – 10:15 am, Salon F

* Synapse presentation on final report on clean power plan, Liz Stanton and Sarah Jackson, Synapse

10:15 am – 10:30 am Break

10:30 am – noon Closed Business Session, Salon F

* Adoption of 2016 Budget
* Vote on Resolutions
* Additional roll call of the states

Noon – 1:30 pm Lunch (on your own)

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Salon F

* The Electric Utility of the Future: What do consumer advocates need to know? - Kristin Munsch, Illinois Citizens Utility Board, moderator
* Rich Sedano, Regulatory Assistance Project
* Diane Munns, Environmental Defense Fund
* Sonia Aggarwal, Energy Innovation Foundation

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm, Salon F

* What are demand charges and how would they impact consumers, if implemented? - Karen Lusson, Public Utilities Bureau, Illinois Attorney General’s Office, moderator
* Ryan Hledik, Principal, The Brattle Group
* Scott J. Rubin, Public Utility Attorney and Consultant
* Barbara Alexander, Consumer Affairs Consultant
* David Springe, Consumer Counsel, Kansas CURB

4 pm – 4:15 pm Break

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm, Salon F

* Tracker trouble: shifting risk to ratepayers - Bill Malcolm, State Advocacy and Strategy, AARP, moderator.
* Claudia Earls, General Counsel , NIPSCO, Indianapolis
* Dr. Janice Beecher, Michigan State University Institute of Public Utilities
* John Coffman, Attorney and energy consultant, St. Louis

**Wednesday, November 11, 2015**

9 am – 10:30 am, Room 401

* Informal state roundtable discussion of issues
* Discussion with new executive director

NARUC has panels during NASUCA’s meeting where NASUCA members are scheduled to participate as panelists:

**Sunday**

Consumer protection and telecom staff subcommittees – Lifeline, 10:30 am

Barrett Sheridan, Assistant Consumer Advocate, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate

Consumer protection staff subcommittee – Demand charges, 3:30 pm

David Springe, Consumer Counsel, Kansas Citizens’ Utility Ratepayer Board

**Monday**

Protecting Consumers, Public Safety and Competition during the IP Technology Transition, 3:30 pm

Elin Swanson Katz, Consumer Counsel, Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel

**Tuesday**

NARUC Consortium on Consumers, Convergence, and Change, 9 – 10:15 am

Robert Nelson, Montana Consumer Counsel and NASUCA president

All Under One Roof, Solar alternatives, 10:15 – 11:30 am

Nicole W. Sitaraman, Assistant People’s Counsel, Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Section, DC Office of the People’s Counsel

Raters of the Lost Ark, Distributed Generation, 11:45 am – 1 pm

Michele Beck, Director, Utah Office of Consumer Services