



**Monday – June 10, 2024**

7:30 am – 8:15 am Registration and Breakfast (*University Room*)  
\*\*Breakfast available to NASUCA meeting registrants and Speakers\*\*

**Open Session Begins**

8:15 am – 8:30 am ***Welcome***

Michael Moody	Division Chief, Special Litigation Division, Michigan Department of the Attorney General, NASUCA President
Tom Content	Executive Director, Wisconsin Citizens Utility Board, NASUCA Vice President
Hon. Kristy Nieto	Commissioner, Public Service Commissioner of Wisconsin

8:30 am – 9:25 am ***Consumer Protection panel – Increasing Customer Protections to Reflect Increasingly Extreme Weather***

Consumers are facing more frequent and extreme heat waves in the summer and polar vortices in the winter. This panel will address the impact these weather extremes are having on consumers and review strategies and targeted efforts around the country to enhance consumer protections around service shut offs and bill arrearages.

**Moderator:**

Patrick M. Cicero	Consumer Advocate, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate
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**Speakers:**

Karen Lusson	National Consumer Law Center
Erin Ford Faulhaber	Deputy Director, Arizona Residential Utility Consumer Office
Kaja Rebane	Senior Associate, Electricity - RMI

9:35 am – 10:30 am ***Cocktails to Convictions, Regulatory Capture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

The recent FirstEnergy and ComEd scandals in Ohio and Illinois have made headlines and provided a window into money, power, and influence in utility regulation. However, not all attempts to influence regulatory outcomes rise to the level of criminal activity or result in criminal prosecution. This panel will discuss the concept of regulatory capture and examine the many subtle and not-so-subtle ways many parties try to influence regulatory outcomes.

**Moderator:**

Susan Satter	Chief, Public Utilities Bureau, Office of the Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul
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**Speakers:**

Robert Kelter	Senior Attorney, Environmental Law and Policy Center
Mark Toney, Ph.D.	Executive Director, TURN—The Utility Reform Network
Angela O'Brien	Deputy Consumers' Counsel, Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel

10:30 am – 11:00 am Coffee Break

11:00 am – 11:55 am

***Asking the Right Questions About Water Cybersecurity***

Cybersecurity is a top concern for our nation’s critical infrastructure. However, commissions and consumer advocates are not likely to have in-house expertise on cybersecurity. So, what do we need to know to ask the right questions when facing this issue in a commission case? This panel will help us get to the right questions. *“If you do not know how to ask the right question, you discover nothing.” – W. Edwards Deming*

Moderator:

Angela Schaben Missouri Office of Public Counsel

Speakers:

Nicholas W. Santillo Jr. Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer, American Water  
Ben Bolton Senior Energy Programs Administrator, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
Justin Vargas, Esq. Policy Advisor, Cybersecurity & Risk Management Illinois Commerce Commission

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

***Heads of Office Lunch (Conference I)***

-Open to office heads or their assigned deputy if the office head is not in attendance

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Others - Lunch Break – grab a friend and go. No one eats alone!

1:30 pm – 1:55 pm

***Fireside Chat – North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) – Member Representatives Committee (MRC)***

Michael Moody Division Chief, Special Litigation Division, Michigan Department of the Attorney General, NASUCA Representative, NERC MRC

Jennifer Flandermeyer Director, Cybersecurity Public Policy, NextEra Energy, Chair, NERC MRC

2:00 pm – 2:55 pm

***Planning for Hyperscale Load***

America’s manufacturing resurgence, data center growth due to artificial intelligence, electric vehicle load and other electrification efforts are pushing the limits of what our current electric system can provide. This panel will identify the generation and transmission planning challenges we will face meeting this load growth and will discuss strategies for how advocates can best protect consumers.

Moderator:

Chris Ayers Executive Director, North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff

Speakers

Greg Poulos Executive Director, Consumer Advocates of the PJM States  
Stan Blackwell Director – Data Center Practice, Dominion Energy Virginia/North Carolina  
Matthew J. Satterwhite Senior Vice President, Regulatory Services, American Electric Power

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3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

***FERC Update – Current Litigation Issues***

Jason T. Gray                      Partner, Duncan & Allen, Washington, DC

3:30pm – 4:00 pm

Coffee and Snack Break

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

***“Vignettes”***

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1. Western RTO Governance Proposal – Consumer Advocate Issues  
Michele Beck – Director, Utah Office of Consumer Services
2. EPRI EV Update  
Katherine Stainken – Team Lead, Principal, Electric Transportation, EPRI
3. Declining Reserves for U.S. Electric Grid – Blackouts Predicted  
Thomas Popik - Chairman and President of the Foundation for Resilient Societies

5:30pm – 7:30pm

***NASUCA Reception***

*\*\*Open to All Meeting Registrants and Speakers\*\**

**Location:**                      Monona Terrace – overlooking Lake Monona  
   Outside – Upper Deck (inside if it rains)  
   1 John Nolen Dr, Madison, WI 53703 (about at 12-minute walk)

**Awards to Be Presented**

**Robert F. Manifold Award (Lifetime of Public Service)**

- Christine Maloni Hoover – Former Deputy Consumer Advocate, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate.
- Craig F. Graziano – Iowa Office of Consumer Advocate and former NASUCA Consumer Protection Committee Chair

**Irwin “Sonny” Popowsky Award (Exceptional Service to NASUCA)**

- Lisa W. Gafken – former Washington State Public Counsel and NASUCA Executive Committee Member

**Service Award (Service to NASUCA)**

- Blake Kruger – Iowa Office of Consumer Advocate and current NASUCA Accounting and Finance Committee Chair
- Corey Singletary – Wisconsin Citizens Utility Board and current NASUCA Electric Committee Co-Chair
- Steve Kihm - Wisconsin Citizens Utility Board

Dinner on your own

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**Open Session Begins**

8:30 am – 10:30 pm      *DOE/LBNL Technical Training*

Session 1: 8:30am – 9:25 am

Achieving Large-Scale Resource Flexibility from Distributed Energy Resources

- Can the orchestration of distributed energy resources (DER) deliver scalable value to customers and to the grid?
- What types of barriers could limit the cost-effective deployment of virtual power plants (VPPs) and aggregated DER?
- What tools are available to states to address these barriers and help realize the potential for VPP deployment at scale?
- How can jurisdictions leverage best practices to turn VPPs from a niche opportunity to a large-scale solution.

-Samir Succar – Senior Director, ICF

Session 2: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

What Should Grid Resilience Plans Include? Planning Requirements, Emerging Best Practices, and Template

-Josh Schellenberg – Berkeley Lab Affiliate, Principal and COO, H&S Insights

10:30 am – 11:00 am      Break-Coffee and Tea

11:00 am – 12:00 am      *Certified and Renewable Natural Gas, and Other Low Carbon Technologies*

Gas Utilities have proposed using certified and renewable natural gas to continue to provide gas service for customers while meeting emission reduction mandates. This panel will explore these and other technologies the gas industry thinks will help meet net-zero emission goals and provide a critical look at what the implementation challenges may be.

Moderator:

Blaise Michna                      Public Utility Engineer, North Carolina Utilities Commission  
Public Staff, Natural Gas Committee Co-Chair

Speakers:

John Gunnells                      Senior Manager, State Affairs, American Gas Association  
Daniel LeFevers                      Director, State and Consumer Programs, GTI Energy  
Brad Cebulko                      Founding Partner, Current Energy Group

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm      Consumer Advocates of the PJM State (CAPS) – Board Meeting  
(*University Room*) – Contact Greg Poulos

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1:30 pm – 2:00 pm *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – Order 1920*

Allison Clements – Commissioner, FERC

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm *Electric Transmission – FERC’s New Transmission Order 1920*

On May 13, 2024 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued Order 1920, establishing a new long-term transmission planning process. Is Order 1920 revolutionary? Or does it simply add a few new requirements to the current planning process? This panel will examine what’s new, what’s expanded and what was left on the cutting room floor, with an eye towards examining how states and state consumer advocates can participate in the new process.

Moderator:

Corey Singletary Director, Regulatory Affairs, Wisconsin Citizens Utility Board

Speakers

Rob Gramlich President, Grid Strategies LLC

Lauren Azar Azar Law

Karen Onaran President and CEO, Electricity Consumers Resource Council

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm *Update on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Office of Public Participation*

Nicole Sitaraman – Director, FERC Office of Public Participation

Joseph A. Rosenthal – Senior Policy Advisor, FERC Office of Public Participation

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4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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1. RMI – Useful Tools for Consumer Advocate Offices – Update  
- Joseph Daniels – RMI

2. Methods for Evaluating Solar Compensation  
- Aidan Glaser Schoff – Synapse Energy Economics

3. AARP Update  
-William Malcolm - Government Affairs Director-Utilities, AARP

**End of Open Sessions - Dinner on your own**

**Wednesday – June 12, 2024**

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast –

*\*\*Breakfast open to NASUCA meeting registrants and speakers\*\**

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Closed Session for Members of NASUCA

-Informal NASUCA Member Roundtable Discussion

*Meeting End*

**Save the dates:**

**2024 NASUCA Annual Meeting – November 10-13, 2024 – Anaheim, CA (with NARUC)**

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