

2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF REGULATORY ATTORNEYS

Schedule of Events

Hilton Harrisburg May 5, 2024

Commonwealth Keystone Building May 6 – 8, 2024
(400 North Street Entrance open to the public 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 – HILTON HARRISBURG	
1:30 – 5:00	Registration at Harrisburg Hilton (tables outside Juniata/Delaware or Lancaster Rooms)
2:00 – 2:45	NCRA Alumni Meeting – (Juniata/Delaware Room)
2:45 – 3:30	NCRA Subcommittee Meeting - (Juniata/Delaware Room)
3:30 – 5:00 (no CLE credit)	<p><u>Optional Introductory Session: Tour through Public Utility Law</u> (Juniata/Delaware Room)</p> <p>An introductory 1.5-hour tour of the entire body of the substantive law of utility regulation: its foundations, structure, intersections and frontiers. With this mental "file cabinet," newer attorneys can identify legal subjects deserving more study, and veteran attorneys can structure their mentoring efforts.</p> <p>The Honorable Scott Hempling, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission</p> <p><i>Author of Regulating Public Utility Performance: The Law of Market Structure, Pricing and Jurisdiction and Preside or Lead? The Attributes and Actions of Effective Regulators; Regulating Mergers and Acquisitions of U.S. Electric Utilities: Industry Concentration and Corporate Complication; Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University Law Center</i></p>
5:00 – 7:00	Welcome Reception in Harrisburg Hilton (Lancaster Room)

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MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024 – HR 1 COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING, 400 NORTH ST., HARRISBURG, PA	
8:00 – 8:30	<i>Registration and Continental Breakfast outside Hearing Room 1, Keystone Bldg.</i>
8:30 – 9:00 (.5 sub)	Welcome Elizabeth Barnes, Deputy Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and 2024 NCRA President Opening Remarks by Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
9:00 – 10:00 (1 sub)	Session 1: <i>Regulating Mergers and Acquisitions of U.S. Electric Utilities: Industry Concentration and Corporate Complication</i> The Honorable Scott Hempling, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission This book is downloadable for free at: https://scotthemplinglaw.com/books/
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:15 (1 sub)	Session 2: <i>Transitioning from State Regulator to Private Practitioner</i> Henry M. Walker, Partner, Bradley Law Firm (Tennessee) - Moderator Nanette S. Edwards, Partner, Burr & Forman LLP (South Carolina) Steven Denman, Assistant Counsel, Xcel Energy Services (Colorado) Susan Miller, Earthjustice (Maryland)
11:15-12:15 (1 sub)	Session 3: <i>IJA and IRA Federal Funding GRIP and TSED Programs</i> Dylan Reed, Senior Advisor for External Affairs, Grid Deployment Office Dr. Brian Regli, PhD., Executive Director, Critical Investments, Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania Daniel Eitzman, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Energy Programs Office Maura McClelland, Staff Attorney, Ohio Public Utility Commission, Office of Federal Energy Advocate
12:15 – 1:30	<i>Lunch (Olive Garden Pasta Stations) – Hearing Room 1</i>
1:30-2:00 (.5 sub)	Session 4 : <i>The Washington Report : Chevron and Field Preemption</i> James Bradford “Brad” Ramsay, General Counsel, National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC)
2:00-2:30 (.5 sub)	Session 5: <i>Pipeline Safety</i> Alanna Herron, J.D., Technical Advisor, Office of the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety US Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
2:30 – 2:40	Break
2:40-3:40 (1 sub)	Session 6: <i>Electric – Gas Coordination</i> Andrew Tubbs, Director of Regulatory Strategy, NiSource - Moderator Brian Fitzpatrick, Principal Fuel Supply Strategist, PJM Interconnection Matthew Agen, Chief Energy Regulatory Counsel, American Gas Association (AGA) Nancy Bagot, Senior Vice President, Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)
3:40 – 3:50	Break
3:50 - 4:50 (1 ethics)	Session 7: <i>Mindfulness for Lawyers</i> A discussion exploring how mindfulness develops both personal resilience and the skills lawyers need to succeed. Examine research on mindfulness and discuss ways we can apply mindfulness to our work. Rebecca Waldemar, Assistant Professor, Widener University School of Law Harrisburg
5:30 – 6:00	Reception at the Hilton Harrisburg (Lancaster Room)
6:00 -8:00	Dinner at Hilton Harrisburg (Lancaster Room)

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TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 – HR 1 COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING, 400 NORTH ST., HARRISBURG, PA				
8:00 – 8:30	<i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i>			
8:30 – 9:30 (1 sub)	Session 1: Legal Writing Louise Fink Smith, Assistant Counsel, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission – Moderator Peter Klein, Associate Counsel, Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) Adeline Gaydosh, Legal Assistant, Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB)			
9:30 – 10:00 (.5 sub)	Session 2: Trial Practice Kristen Edwards, Counsel, South Dakota Public Utility Commission			
10:00-10:15	Break			
10:15 – 11:15 (1 sub)	Session 3: Bankruptcy Matters Christopher L. Perkins, Counsel, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC John Herzog, Annuitant Counsel, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission			
11:15-12:15 (1 ethics)	Session 4 : Artificial Intelligence/ Breach of Personal Information Chris Van de Verg, Assistant Counsel, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission – Moderator Michael Holko, Director Office of Cybersecurity Compliance and Oversight, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Robert Gramola, Director Office of Administration, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Thomas G. Wilkinson, Jr., Member, Cozen O’Connor, Co-Editor of the Pennsylvania Ethics Handbook Deborah Winokur, Counsel, Cozen O’Connor			
12:15 – 5:00	<i>Panera Bread Boxed Lunch – Hearing Room #1 hallway grab and go</i>			
Breakaways	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bridges Out of Poverty</i> Jen Koppel</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Data Sharing Among Agencies and Utilities</i> Joe Magee (BCS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Low income programs</i> Elizabeth Marx (PULP) Brian Whorl (DHS LIHEAP)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Louise Fink Smith (PaPUC) - Moderator</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Forest Room – Plaza Level (est. 2.5 hours)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PEMA/CRCC Tour Jonathan Anschutz (PEMA) Dan Searfoorce (TUS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Van (seats 14) to PEMA departs at 12:45 pm and 1:00 pm at North Street Entance Return to Commonwealth Keystone Building by 3:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PA MUSEUM Tour Elizabeth Barnes (PaPUC) Museum is open until 3 p.m. Walk to round building next door to the Keystone Building. Tickets are paid by NCRA and include general admission, but not the planetarium shows.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">On your own Harrisburg Carlisle Hershey Gettysburg Lancaster</p>

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 – COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING, 400 NORTH ST., HARRISBURG, PA	
8:00 – 8:30	<i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i>
8:30 – 9:30 (1 sub)	Session 1: Regulation 101: Mentoring/Learning the Basics James Cawley, Former Chairman Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Harrisburg) Kristen Edwards, Commission Counsel, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 10:45 (1 sub)	Session 2: Forever Chemicals: PFAS The issue of PFAS like PFOS and PFOA, commonly described as “forever chemicals”, is making headlines across the nation as state and federal agencies work to establish standards and regulations. These standards and regulations will have impacts on water utility ratepayers as the sampling, testing and treatment costs may be significant. This presentation will discuss the science and potential health impacts of PFAS as well as review the applicable state and federal standards and regulations and how those may affect water utilities. James Kennedy, Bureau of Technical Utility Services, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-11:30	Closing Remarks