The Public Utility Research Center

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Research
Expanding the body of knowledge in public utility regulation, market reform, and infrastructure operations (e.g. benchmarking studies of Peru, Uganda, Brazil and Central America)

Education
Teaching the principles and practices that support effective utility policy and regulation (e.g. PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy offered each January and June)

Service
Engaging in outreach activities that provide ongoing professional development and promote improved regulatory policy and infrastructure management (e.g. in-country training and university collaborations)
The Body of Knowledge on Infrastructure Regulation

- Leadership in Regulation
- Translated Glossaries
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Regulation of State-Owned Enterprises

Funding Provided By:
- PPIAF
- NTFPSI
- World Bank
- Public Utility Research Center
- University of Florida
PURC’s Role in UF Community

• PURC is a “soft money” center
• Receives some sponsorship from utilities and the regulator in the state
• Most of PURC’s revenue is generated through our education and outreach programs and sponsored research
Selected Research

• Analysis of the Impact of Carbon Pricing in Florida (with CEFA at FSU)
• Evaluation of Florida’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (with PREC at UF)
• Analyses of Florida’s Opportunities in Multifamily Energy and Water Efficiency (with PREC at UF and FSEC at UCF)
• Benchmarking of water utilities
Education

- Two-week program on utility regulation and strategy every January and June (over 3000 participants from 152 countries) + Leadership
- One-week advanced programs on energy pricing, benchmarking, and next generation networks every August
- Online courses in pricing for sustainability and regulatory impact analysis every fall and spring
Outreach

- Specialized training programs delivered in-country (3 days to 2 weeks)
  - Bermuda (Principles of Regulation)
  - Brazil (Principles of Regulation)
  - Curacao (Cost of Service)
  - Grenada (Impact of Regulation)
  - Nigeria (Market Structure and Regulation)
  - Rwanda (Utility Strategy)
  - St. Lucia (Impact of Regulation)
  - Thailand (Broadcast Regulation)
  - Florida (Leadership)
  - Uganda (Energy, telecoms, broadcast, postal regulation)
Thank You!

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