Residual Regulation for Infrastructure Industries

This year, speakers will focus on how firms and regulators are adapting to new situations. Having regulators manage markets involves some potential inconsistencies, as their decisions try to balance the interests of various stakeholders. Often, policies attempt to ensure that entry does not unduly disrupt current price structures and returns on investment. Transitions to competition in some markets are complicated since markets do not necessarily have "balanced" outcomes. Adjustment processes are perturbed by innovations, new entrants, and differential impacts on market participants. We hope that attendees will consider how their decisions over the planning horizon will affect the performance of the telecommunications, energy, and water sectors in the years ahead.

Sanford V. Berg, Florida Public Utilities Professor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12
University Centre Hotel - 11th Floor

10:00-1:15 pm PURC Executive Committee Meeting and Luncheon (By invitation)
12:00-1:30 pm Registration and Refreshments

PLENARY SESSION
1:30-1:45 pm John Kraft, Dean, Warrington College of Business Administration Welcoming Remarks
Presentation of Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award
Presentation of PURC Distinguished Service Award to Larry Ruff

2:30-3:15 pm William Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission (Invited)

3:15-3:45 pm Discussion

3:45-4:15 pm Break and Refreshments

4:15-5:15 pm Julia Johnson, Susan Clark, J. Terry Deason, Joe Garcia, Leon Jacobs, Commissioners, Florida Public Service Commission Roundtable Discussion on Regulatory Issues

5:30-7:00 pm Reception - Ground Floor Atrium

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13
University Centre Hotel - 11th Floor

7:45-8:30 am Breakfast Refreshments

PLENARY SESSION
5:30-7:00 pm Reception - Ground Floor Atrium

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Current Issues: Energy Efficiency

8:30-9:15 am Richard O'Neil, Director, Office of Economic Policy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission "FERC and the States: Allocation of Residual Regulation"

9:15-10:00 am Dan Alger, Vice President, Economists Incorporated "Utilities and Market Power"

10:00-10:15 am Discussion

Current Issues: Telecommunications

8:30-9:15 am Barbara Cherry, Vice President for Policy, Ameritech Services "Limits to Regulation: Telecommunications Economics Meets the Law"

9:15-10:00 am Paul Hartman, Consultant "Rate Rebalancing Requirements of the Communications Act"

10:00-10:15 am Discussion

PLENARY SESSION
10:15-10:30 am Break and Refreshments

10:30-11:30 am Roundtable Discussion: Visions for the Year 2008

Julia Johnson, Chairman, Florida Public Service Commission

Paul Evanson, President and Chief Operating Officer, Florida Power & Light Co.

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