THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006

9:30 a.m.  Registration and Refreshments

9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.  PURC Executive Committee Meeting and Committee Luncheon

PLENARY SESSION

1:15 p.m.  Welcome
John Kraft, Dean
Warrington College of Business
University of Florida
Mark A. Jamison, Director
PURC

1:30 - 2 p.m.  Energy Policy in the U.S.: What We've Learned & Future Directions
Nora Mead Brownell, Commissioner
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

2 - 2:30 p.m.  Telecom Policy in the U.S.: What We've Learned & Future Directions
Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission (invited)

2:30 - 3 p.m.  Q&A

3 - 3:15 p.m.  Refreshments Break

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.  Panel: Federal & State Issues in Utility Regulation
Moderator: Sanford Berg, Director of Water Studies, PURC
Bob Gee, President
The Gee Strategies Group, LLC
Lila Jafer, Of Counsel
Akerman Senterfitt
John W. Mayo, Professor of Economics, Business and Public Policy, Georgetown University

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  Panel: Florida Public Service Commissioners

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9 - 10:15 a.m.  Natural Gas Regulation and Markets
Donald F. Santa, Jr., President
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA)

9 - 10:15 a.m.  The Changing Demographics of Telecommunications' Customers
Sean Carton, Dean
School of Design + Media, Philadelphia University

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.  Refreshments Break

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.  Driving Forces Behind Generation Fuel Mix
J. Alan Beamon, Director
Coal & Electric Power Division,
Office of Integrated Analysis & Forecasting,
Energy Information Administration

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.  The Evolution of Telecommunications Competition
John W. Mayo, Professor of Economics, Business and Public Policy, Georgetown University

11:45 a.m.  Award Presentations:
PURC Distinguished Service Award
Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award

Luncheon Remarks
Bernie Machen, President
University of Florida

Securing Our Energy Future
Susan Story, President and CEO
Gulf Power Company

1:30 p.m.  Adjourn

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These are critical times for utility infrastructure for Florida and the nation. As Florida Governor Jeb Bush has observed, energy is central to Florida’s economic development, security, and social infrastructure, yet recent hurricanes have uncovered how susceptible we are to disruptions in the energy supply chain, the importance of energy prices to consumers and businesses alike, and the crucial roles that regulators play in providing stability in times of significant upheaval. This raises issues of our long-term commitment to energy conservation and of our ability to secure an adequate, reliable, diverse, efficient and affordable energy supply.

Likewise in telecommunications, we face issues of competition, universal service, and intercarrier payments that are crucial to the further development of advanced telecommunications. These issues’ complexities and complicated histories make resolution difficult and important progress is often delayed.

How can we resolve these difficult issues? Which lessons from the past guides us? Which options should we pursue for the future?

Please join PURC as we examine these critical issues in the context of 100 years of regulation by utility commissions in the United States. Speakers and participants will engage in lively discussions on what’s hot in current policy issues, what we have learned from disruptive events in the past, and how public policy can respond to provide the stable, efficient utility services that our economy and society need.