PLENARY SESSION

11 a.m. Registration
1:30 - 1:45 p.m. Welcome
Dr. Mark A. Jamison
Director, PURC

1:45 - 2:45 p.m.
Financing Florida’s Infrastructure Needs: Views from Wall Street
Moderator: The Honorable Lisa Polak Edgar (invited) Chairman, Florida Public Service Commission
Daniel F. Ford
Managing Director, Electric Utilities Research
Lehman Brothers
Jeff Halpern
VP and Senior Equity Research Analyst, U.S. Telecommunication Services, Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.
Q&A

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

3:30 – 5 p.m.
Florida’s Electricity Investment Needs
Discussant: Daniel F. Ford
Moderator: The Honorable Ken Littlefield
Paul Cutler
Treasurer - Corporate Finance
FPL Group Inc.

3:30 – 5 p.m.
New Technologies & Services in Telecommunications: Effects on Competition & Investment
Discussant: Jeff Halpern
Moderator: Jeremy Lawton Susac
Chief Advisor to Commissioner Katrina J. Tew
Florida PSC
AI Varner
Senior Director, Contracts and Regulatory
BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.
Kathleen Wallman
President
Wallman Consulting LLC

5 – 7 p.m.
Reception

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9 – 10:15 a.m.
Prospective Climate Change Policy: What Do We Know and Where are We Going?
Karen Palmer
Darius Gaskins Senior Fellow
Resources for the Future

9 – 10:15 a.m.
What about Telecommunications Deregulation?
Moderator: Beth Keating
Of Counsel, Akerman Senterfitt
Robert Loube
Director, Economic Research
Rhoads & Sinon Group LLC
William E. Taylor
Senior Vice President
NERA Economic Consulting

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Policies & Possibilities for Energy Efficiency from Electric & Gas Utilities
Moderator: The Honorable Isilio Arriaga
Commissioner, Florida PSC
David Dismukes
Professor and Associate Director
LSU Center for Energy Studies
David Pickles
Vice President
ICF International

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Universal Service: Current and Future Issues
Moderator: The Honorable Matthew M. Carter, II (invited) Commissioner, Florida PSC
Rob Frieden
Pioneers Chair and Professor of Telecommunications
Penn State University

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11:45 a.m.
Award Presentations
John Kraft
Dean, Warrington College of Business, UF
Telecoms Regulatory Reform, Then and Now
Gerald Faulhaber
Professor of Business & Public Policy, and Professor of Law, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

1:30 p.m.
Adjourn
Following last year's conference that explored what we've learned during our 100 years of regulation in the United States, this year's event looks to the decades ahead.

We know that new technologies, evolving policy initiatives, and changes in key input prices will alter the way infrastructure services are delivered in the future. Uncertain operating conditions and changing risk profiles of companies have financial implications for the cost and type of future infrastructure investments. These risks warrant attention as we consider likely scenarios in the years to come. One large source of uncertainty is potential climate change policy in the energy industry. Similarly, digital convergence and proposals for further deregulation create uncertainty regarding the likely structure of the telecommunications industry.

Our first session presents views from Wall Street: investor perceptions will affect the cost of capital and the type of investments that are viewed as financially sound. Technology investment choices have implications for the prices paid by Florida consumers and attributes of infrastructure service. In our electricity sessions, we'll explore climate change policy as well as the role of energy efficiency and demand-side management policies in meeting environmental concerns, security of supply, and investment needs. Our telecommunications sessions will focus on the effects of innovation and competition on investment and the contentious problem of universal service fund payments and allocations. There is no simple road map for the future, but good stewardship requires that we consider the implications of signposts that are beginning to appear along the way.

Join us as we examine these critical issues. Speakers and participants will engage in lively discussions on current policy issues and how public policy can provide the stable and efficient infrastructure services demanded by society.