

2006 Florida Telecom and Energy Legislative Update

The Florida Chapter of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA), the University of Florida Public Utility Research Center (PURC), and the Florida Bar Public Utilities Law Committee will present a 2006 Florida Legislative Update program on November 16, 2006, in Tallahassee, Florida at the Mary Brogan Museum of Art & Science (www.thebrogan.org).

Confirmed speakers include representatives from Building Owners and Managers (BOMA) International/Florida Real Access Alliance, Comcast, Embarq, the Edison Electric Institute, Florida Digital Network, the Florida Energy Office of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Public Service Commission Staff, MDU Communications, Progress Energy, Sprint Nextel, and Vonage.

Panelists will discuss recent Florida telecom and energy legislation, including telecom rate rebalancing, universal service, real estate/telecom negotiations, renewable energy, and plant and transmission line siting, as well as policy making predictions in light of the November elections. The lunch program will feature a lively discussion of ethical issues involved in the Maryland Public Service Commission's consideration of the FP&L/Constellation merger. CLE credits, including an ethics credit, will be available for all attorneys. The event registration form is attached to this newsletter. For more information about this event, contact Florida FCBA Chapter Co-Chairs, Will Cox at wcox@abelband.com or Beth Keating at Beth.Keating@akerman.com.

Program Agenda

9-9:15

Welcome from Event Co-Chairs

9:15-10:15

Rate Rebalancing

10:15-11:15

Universal Service

11:15-11:30 - Break

11:30-12:30

Telecom/Real Estate Negotiations (COLR MDU)

12:30-2:00 - Lunch and FPL/Constellation Ethics program

2:15-3:15

Renewable Energy

3:15-3:30 - Break

3:30-4:30

Siting

4:30 - End of Program