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PROGRAM

8:00 - 8:45
Registration and Continental Breakfast

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WELCOME

The Honorable Preston C. Shannon, Chairman
Virginia State Corporation Commission

Kenworth E. Lion, Jr., Chairman
Administrative Law Section
Virginia State Bar

Timothy J. Sullivan, Dean
Marshall-Wythe School of Law
College of William and Mary
OPENING ADDRESS - CURRENT CHALLENGES IN DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE PLANNING

Introduction by
Theodore V. Morrison, Jr., Commissioner
Virginia State Corporation Commission

Cheryl A. LaFleur, Esquire
New England Power Service Company

The last few years have seen rapid growth in utility demand-side management programs and integrated least cost planning. As Director of Demand-Side Management for the New England Electric System companies, Cheryl LaFleur provides an informed view of recent developments and current challenges in this area.

CONSERVATION AND LOAD MANAGEMENT - THE PROMISE OF TOMORROW

The members of this panel will address the fundamental questions which must be dealt with to optimize the contribution which can be made by cost effective conservation and load management to meet the future energy needs of Virginia. Those questions will include an assessment of which cost effective measure or measures should be used, the impact on competing regulated utilities, environmental externalities, rate design as a tool to promote cost effective conservation and load management, and DSM bidding.

Moderator: Deborah V. Ellenberg
Virginia State Corporation Commission

Panelists:

Elizabeth H. Haskell
Secretary of Natural Resources
Commonwealth of Virginia
Panelists:

The Honorable W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr.
Member, Virginia House of Delegates
Chairman of the Commission on Population
Growth and Development

Nathan H. Miller, Esquire
Miller & Hern

Jerry L. Causey, Vice President
Virginia Natural Gas, Inc.

June A. Whelan, Special Assistant to the
Secretary of Interior for Wetlands

Barbara A. Byron
Fairfax County Office of Comprehensive
Planning

Program Committee:

James C. Dimitri, Esquire
Christian, Barton, Epps, Brent & Chappell

Deborah V. Ellenberg, Esquire
Virginia State Corporation Commission

Guy T. Tripp, III, Esquire
Hunton & Williams

Stephen H. Watts, II, Esquire
McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe
12:15 - 1:45 - Luncheon - Williamsburg Lodge
West Terrace - Room DEF
(transportation provided)

1:45 - 2:45
APPROACHES TO INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING: Part II

The participants in IRP Part I return for a discussion of selected IRP issues led by two highly qualified "inquisitors" with somewhat different viewpoints.

Part I Panelists

The Inquisitors:
Gary L. Nakarado, Commissioner
Colorado Public Utilities Commission

John A. Anderson, Executive Director
ELCON

2:45 - 3:00 · Break

3:00 - 4:30
BUILDING NEW FACILITIES: THE EVER-EXPANDING PROCESS OF REGULATORY APPROVAL

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Part I: Voices of Experience
Panelists with extensive "hands-on" experience in formal and informal IRP processes will present their perspectives on successful strategies for preparing for and participating in IRP processes.

Panelists:

William C. Miller
Supervising Planner, Energy Efficiency Services
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Jennifer L. Miller, General Counsel
Boston Gas Company

Alexander ("Hap") Ellis, III
Vice President of Marketing
Kenetech, U. S. Windpower, Inc.

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