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The Twenty-Seventh National Regulatory Conference

“The Future Ain't What it Used to Be”

Evaluating what lies ahead for utilities, industry and ratepayers in today's challenging times
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May 19 and 20, 2009
Marshall-Wythe School of Law
The College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia
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Tuesday, May 19, 2009

8:00 a.m.  REGISTRATION and AMERICAN BREAKFAST  Marshall-Wythe School of Law

8:30 a.m.  WELCOME:  The Honorable Mark C. Christie, Chairman
           Virginia State Corporation Commission
           Lynda Butler, Interim Dean and Chancellor Professor of Law
           The College of William and Mary
           Kiva Bland Pierce, Chair
           Administrative Law Section
           Virginia State Bar

8:45 a.m.  OPENING ADDRESS

           Robert Bryce, Author of Gusher of Lies: The Dangerous Delusions of Energy Independence

9:45 a.m.  BREAK

10:00 a.m.  The Future of Fuel in Virginia -
             “I wish I had an answer to that, because I’m tired of answering that question.”

             The panelists will look five to ten years into the future of electric generation in Virginia and predict
             the likely fuel mix taking into account national policies, market conditions, fuel supply and prices
             and projected energy demands. Panelists will opine on what the ideal fuel mix should be based on
             their perspectives. Electric utility, gas industry, renewable energy and environmental viewpoints
             will be represented.

11:30 a.m.  LUNCH  University Center, Tidewater Rooms A & B
             College of William and Mary
             (Transportation provided)

1:30 p.m.  35 Cents, Please -Telecom Regulations and Resources: 2008-2012.
           “If you don’t know where you’re going, you’ll wind up somewhere else.”

           This panel will provide insight into the new federal administration's approach to
           telecommunications regulation. Panelists, including representatives from wireline, wireless and
           cable industries, will share their unique views on what will change and what will remain the same
           with the transition at the Federal Communications Commission level, and any direct or indirect
           ramifications that could affect communications providers' operations in Virginia or regulation by
           the State Corporation Commission.

3:00 p.m.  BREAK
Frozen Credit: What Awaits Us When the Credit Markets Thaw?
“...A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore...”

The downturn in the world economy and the current credit crisis have impacted the ability of some companies to procure financing for various generation and environmental projects. Entities are delaying or canceling renewable power projects, and other projects may be jeopardized. There is also growing concern about GHG emissions. This panel will explore the short-term and long-term ramifications of the current credit crisis, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and other proposed legislation on energy infrastructure, renewables projects, and climate change.

Immediately following the conclusion of the program, members of the Administrative Law Section of the Virginia State Bar will hold their annual meeting to elect officers.

COMMISSIONERS’ RECEPTION

Everyone attending the National Regulatory Conference is cordially invited to this reception. Come and meet the Commissioners as well as the panelists and speakers on the conference program.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

AMERICAN BREAKFAST

Integrated Resource Plans
“It’s déjà vu all over again.”

Making the most effective decisions is critically important in developing long-term strategies and plans for meeting the energy needs of the nation and Virginia. An integrated Resource Plan, or IRP, is an important analytical process and tool used by a number of stakeholders to evaluate and support a cost-effective and efficient long-term energy supply plan. IRP is often the basis for choosing between conventional and alternative supply equivalent options.

This panel will introduce and discuss various perspectives on the use of IRPs. The panel will present a brief introduction of the concepts and vocabulary associated with IRP. The IRP process will then be examined from the various perspectives of a multi-state utility, the consumer, an environmentalist, and a regulator. Presenters will discuss techniques, lessons learned, and best practices related to development and use of IRPs based on their perspectives.

BREAK

Legal Ethics - Family Feud
"If you ask me anything I don't know, I'm not going to answer."

This year's legal ethics session will feature a reprise of our popular game show format, with contestants grouped into families, battling it out in a Family Feud with the help of a learned ethics expert to guide fruitful discussion and debate. Included in this year's topics will be the impact of the financial crisis on trust account management as well as the ethical impact of eFiling at the State Corporation Commission. This year's ethics session promises to be informative and entertaining. The two-hour program will review not only late-breaking information but also a healthy dose of perennial information of use to us all.

If any of our contestants don't know the answers, it's three strikes...

PROGRAM CONCLUDES
CONFERENCE INFORMATION

- Parking is available at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law.
- The number of registrants will be limited to 140. Registrations will be processed in the order of receipt.
- Registration Fee: $250 per person.
- Mail payments to:
  National Regulatory Conference
  c/o Laura Martin
  Virginia State Corporation Commission
  P. O. Box 1197
  Richmond, Virginia 23218
- Business casual dress is encouraged for all attendees.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

A block of rooms is being held at the Williamsburg Hospitality House, 415 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185, and (757) 229-4020 until April 18, 2009.

*The program will be submitted for 8.5 hours Virginia Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit, including 2.0 hours of ethics credit.*
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