30th National Regulatory Conference  
May 17-18, 2012  
Marshall-Wythe School of Law  
Williamsburg, Virginia  

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On behalf of the State Corporation Commission, the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary, and the Administrative Law Section of the Virginia State Bar, you are cordially invited to participate in the 30th National Regulatory Conference (NRC). This year’s conference is Thursday, May 17, and Friday, May 18, 2012, at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law in Williamsburg. Business casual attire is encouraged for all conferees.

This year’s NRC will explore a variety of energy and telecom topics of current interest. The program opens with a keynote address by Blair Levin of the Aspen Institute entitled, “How Can State and Federal Telecom Policy Lead to a Strategic Bandwidth Advantage?” Mr. Levin should be an interesting and thought-provoking speaker. At the FCC, he oversaw the development of a National Broadband Plan. As Barron’s magazine noted, he “has always been on top of developing trends and policy shifts in media and telecommunications…and has proved visionary in getting out in front of many of today’s headline making events.”

Five diverse panels follow the keynote address over the next day and a half. The first focuses on how distributed generation technologies will be financed and regulated in the future and will impact our homes and businesses. The second will explore what the future holds for the communications marketplace and its regulation, as wireless services compete head-on with wireline services and consumer demand for innovative applications are creating new opportunities for Google and other innovators to add value to traditional telecom products and services. The third addresses regulatory issues in today's electricity and natural gas industry mergers, looking at both federal and state regulatory roles. The second day begins with a discussion of PJM’s expansion of its regional transmission planning process in accordance with FERC Order 1000. Finally, the conference concludes with a game of legal ethics in the format of “Jeopardy.”

Members of the Administrative Law Section of the Virginia State Bar should note that the annual meeting and election of officers of the Administrative Law Section will be held immediately following the conclusion of the first day of the conference on Thursday, May 17. As always, a significant number of CLE hours will be submitted for approval, including two hours of ethics.

Enclosed are a conference registration form, a hotel reservation form, and other conference information. Please make your registration check payable to the National Regulatory Conference and send the registration form and check to Laura Martin, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 1197, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Please make your hotel reservations directly with the Williamsburg Hospitality House. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Martin at (804) 371-9141.

Sincerely,

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Chairman  
State Corporation Commission

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