31st National Regulatory Conference
May 16-17, 2013
Marshall-Wythe School of Law
Williamsburg, Virginia

March 13, 2013

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 31st National Regulatory Conference (“NRC”). This year’s NRC is Thursday, May 16, and Friday, May 17, at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law in Williamsburg.

This year’s NRC will present an innovative program featuring diverse panels that will focus on gas and electric utility as well as telecommunications issues ranging from generation/production to transmission, distribution, emergency response, EPA regulations, cybersecurity, and grid reliability.

In light of many of the natural disasters and other emergencies that have affected the utility industry—locally and nationally—this past year, the program committee felt it appropriate to ask a broad, insightful question: “What if”? This year’s NRC panels will focus on planning for the next contingency, whatever it is. Our gas and electric panel will focus on issues confronting those industries in light of the past year’s events. The emergency response panel will cover issues of post-disaster restoration and communications.

The panel on EPA regulation will detail how that agency’s crucial role in regulating the operations of utility facilities will change with a new term for President Obama and a new Administrator. Cybersecurity issues, now at the forefront of the national discussion in light of the President’s Executive Order and the potential for federal legislative or regulatory action, will receive full treatment in a dedicated panel. Our last industry panel will have a forward-looking focus on grid reliability. As in previous years, a two-hour block of legal ethics will round out the NRC, in our much loved game show format.

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 NRC on Thursday, May 16. This year, over nine hours of CLE (one hour more than previous years) will be submitted for approval, including two hours of ethics.

Enclosed are an NRC registration form, a hotel reservation form, and other NRC 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. Business casual attire is encouraged for all conferees. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Martin at (804) 371-9141.

Sincerely,

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James C. Dimitri
Chairman
State Corporation Commission

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