32nd National Regulatory Conference  
May 15-16, 2014  
Marshall-Wythe School of Law  
Williamsburg, VA  
March 10, 2014  

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 32nd National Regulatory Conference (NRC). This year’s NRC is Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16, at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law in Williamsburg.

The theme of this year’s NRC is “The Changing Regulatory World: Taking Stock of the Past 10 Years While Looking to the Future.” The 2014 NRC will present an innovative program featuring diverse panels and speakers who will explore the state of organized electricity markets and regional electric transmission planning, today and in the coming decade. We will address threats to the Internet and energy infrastructure and present an informative panel on emerging energy technologies. The conference will also feature a special panel on electric cooperatives and their future.

It has been ten years since the Virginia General Assembly directed investor-owned utilities in the Commonwealth to join regional transmission organizations, followed by their integration into PJM Interconnection. It’s time to examine where those landmark changes have taken us over the last decade while also contemplating what we are likely to experience over the next ten years relative to PJM. Our consideration of these issues will include an examination of the past and future of transmission planning and an evaluation of how organized markets have functioned and will function with their unique multi-layered oversight.

Another cutting-edge panel will detail how new technologies, including distributed generation and microgrid, are impacting the utility industry. Cybersecurity issues, remaining at the forefront with recent issues of credit card breaches and Internet hacking, will be examined by Joel Brenner, a former top-level National Security Agency insider, through a “Threat Briefing” and discussion. As in previous years, a two-hour block of legal ethics will round out the NRC, this year with a nationally recognized speaker on legal ethics presenting a program on the unique and quickly evolving issues concerning “The Ethics of Email and Social Media.”

This year, over nine hours of CLE 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. Business casual attire is encouraged for all conferees. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Martin at (804) 371-9141.

Sincerely,

Judith Williams Jagdmann  
Chairman  
State Corporation Commission

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