

# Spring 2013 CONFERENCE/MEETING NOTICE

NARUC STAFF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

*April 21 – April 25, 2013*

**Oklahoma City, OK**

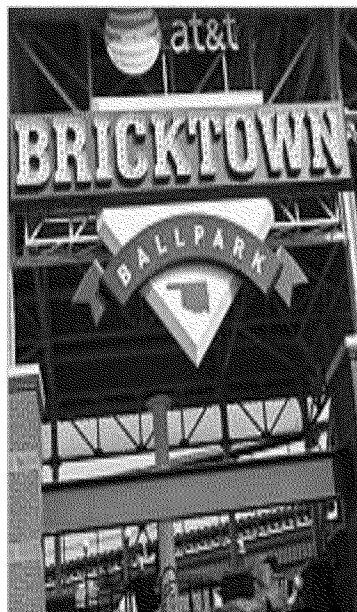
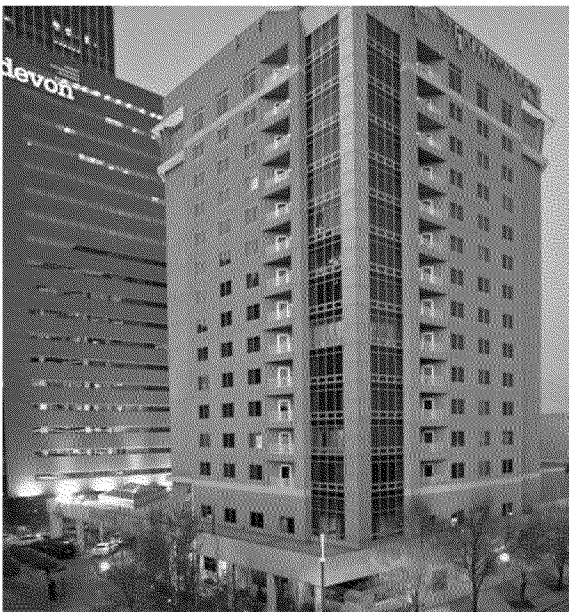
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**WHAT** The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance will be holding its spring 2013 conference/meeting at the **Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK**. The purpose of the conference/meeting is to provide accounting, finance, and utility regulatory information to personnel with all levels of experience who work in the ever -changing utility regulatory environment.

**WHEN** Open Session for all conferees Monday, April 22, 2013 through Noon on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. Closed Session (for subcommittee members and regulatory conferees) runs from Wednesday afternoon, April 24, 2013 through about Noon on Thursday, April 25, 2013. There is also a Closed session Sunday evening, April 21, 2013.

**WHERE** **Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel**  
10 North Broadway Avenue · Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102  
Front Desk: (405) 228-8000, Fax: (405) 228-2575  
Reservations (800) 468-3571  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/okcbr-renaissance-oklahoma-city-convention-center-hotel/> **HOTEL DEALINE – MARCH 31, 2013**



## HOTEL RATES and RESERVATION CODES

The hotel rates are separated into the government per diem rate of \$81 per night (Hotel Code NARNARA) and non-government rate of \$149 per night (Hotel Code RUCRUCA). Valid government identification may be requested at check -in. The room rates are subject to tax. Follow the links below to make an on-line reservation.

The following is a link to the **government** per diem rate of \$81 per night.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/okcbr?groupCode=narnara&app=resvlink&fromDate=4/20/13&toDate=4/26/13>

The following is a link to the **non-government** rate of \$149 per night.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/okcbr?groupCode=rucruca&app=resvlink&fromDate=4/21/13&toDate=4/25/13>

If calling the hotel to make a reservation, please identify yourself as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Accounting & Finance conference in order to obtain the appropriate room rate.

### **Reservation Block until March 31, 2013**

**A limited block of rooms has been reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. It is recommended that you book a room immediately. The cutoff date is March 31, 2013 for reservations at these rates. However, once the block of rooms is filled, depending on overall room availability at the hotel, rooms may not be available at the contracted rate. Failure to make your reservation prior to the cutoff date may result in rooms not being available or available, but at a higher rate.**

CONFERENCE COST      Early Registration must be received by **COB April 8, 2013** or pay a late fee.  
Regulatory Personnel, \$200.  
Industry or Consulting Personnel, \$250.  
Late Fee for Registration after April 8, 2013, \$25.

REGISTRATION      **Mail the enclosed registration form and attach your check (made out to "NARUC") as soon as possible, but early registration must be received no later than April 8, 2013. Sorry, credit cards are not accepted.** After that date, the \$25 late fee applies. You may fax late registration forms as well as register on-site, please bring full payment with you. Requests for refunds must be received in writing by April 15, 2013. No refunds can be granted after that date. For more information regarding administrative policies such as complaints and refunds, please contact Marci Norby, Chair, at (307) 777-5720 or by e-mail at [marci.norby@wyo.gov](mailto:marci.norby@wyo.gov).

PARKING      Valet parking is \$25 per day. Self-parking (off-site) is \$10 per day.

### TENTATIVE AGENDA TOPICS

Closed session Sunday – FASB Meeting for Regulatory Conferees

Open sessions      FASB initiatives and projects, Accounting Specific Presentations, Electric Presentations, FERC, RUS, Gas Presentations, FCC, Telecommunications' Presentations, Financial Presentations, Rating Agency reviews, Water Presentations

Closed session – for regulatory conferees Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning  
Regulatory Projects/Updates, Regulatory issues and Committee Business

A more complete agenda is being developed and will be emailed.  
Contact Marci Norby at (307) 777-5720 or [marci.norby@wyo.gov](mailto:marci.norby@wyo.gov).

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completion of this conference you will be able to:

- Identify the current accounting initiatives, standards and projects at FASB relevant to utilities.
- Determine the impact from recent and planned auditing standards and inspection findings at PCAOB.
- Identify the characteristics of programs funded by the Rural Utilities Service.
- Identify the emerging issues at the FCC, FERC and legislative actions.
- Identify challenges from a changing environment in which utilities operate.
- Identify the tools for mitigating price volatility in the natural gas market.
- Identify new management credit rating factors.
- List current regulatory issues of water utilities and telecommunication utilities.

## CPE CREDITS

Historically, participants that attend all sessions of the program earn an average of 5 CPE hours in the accounting field of study and 18 CPE hours in the specialized knowledge field of study. Based on previous experience, 19 to 21 hours of CPE credits will be available to participants attending the open sessions, with an additional 2 to 3 hours available in the closed sessions. Final CPE earned will be determined based on the length of participation in the program as evidenced through completed attendance forms for each session attended.

This conference provides a general review of new accounting pronouncements and issues that affect regulated utilities. The conference presentation method is group-live and the course level is intermediate. Prerequisite: Background in Accounting and Regulatory Issues. There is no advance preparation needed for this conference. The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE Credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors through its website: [www.learningmarket.org](http://www.learningmarket.org).



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## WEATHER

The average April temperature for Oklahoma City is usually in the low 60's.

## Oklahoma City TOURIST INFORMATION

Travel Oklahoma:  
[http://www.travelok.com/Oklahoma\\_City?CMP=KNC-Google10\\_OKCity](http://www.travelok.com/Oklahoma_City?CMP=KNC-Google10_OKCity)

If you have questions regarding this conference, please contact Marci Norby, Chair, at (307) 777-5720 or [marci.norby@wyo.gov](mailto:marci.norby@wyo.gov)



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITY  
COMMISSIONERS  
STAFF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE  
SPRING 2013 CONFERENCE / MEETING REGISTRATION FORM  
*April 21 – April 25, 2013*  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK**

**Please complete this form and submit with payment before April 8, 2013. Checks should be made payable to NARUC. Sorry, credit cards are not accepted. REGISTRATION FEES SHALL NOT BE REFUNDABLE AFTER APRIL 15, 2013, ABSENT AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT. Registration and payments should be mailed to:**

**Mike Diller  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480  
Phone Number: (701) 328-4079  
Fax Number: (701) 328-2410**

*Payments or registrations mailed directly to NARUC in Washington, D.C. may delay registration.*

Please print or type

Name:	Title:
Company/Firm/Agency:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
E-mail address:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Do you wish to obtain CPE Credit Hours? (please circle one)      YES                      NO	

<b>Registration Fees</b> (Please check all that apply.)			
	Number	Amount	Total
Regulatory/Government Employee		\$200.00	
Company/Consultant		\$250.00	
Late Fee after <b>April 8, 2013</b> (Receipt Date)		\$25.00	

<b>Special Activities (Open to Attendees and Guests)</b>			
	Number	Amount	Total
Group Dinner Wednesday night		\$25.00	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	██████████	██████████	

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