



Colleagues in utility regulation:

Washington State Utilities and Transportation Chairman Dave Danner, Commissioner Phil Jones, and I invite you to join us for the annual conference of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners, June 1-4, 2014, in Seattle. It will be held at the beautiful [Fairmont Olympic Hotel](#).

Some of the agenda highlights so far include:

- The latest from FERC from Washington State's own Commissioner Phil Moeller;
- A discussion with four western utility CEOs about the future of the utility business;
- A Commissioners' Roundtable to get up-to-date happenings from each of our 13 states;
- A session entitled "Crossfire – the Future of Coal Generation in the West" adapting the format of CNN's popular Crossfire program; and
- Concurrent sessions to allow for deeper dives into topics relating to energy, telecommunications, water, and pipeline safety.

We will continue the tradition of dedicating one afternoon for substantive field trips. Options so far include a trip to see Puget Sound Energy's hydroelectric facilities at Snoqualmie Falls, a tour of Bullitt Foundation headquarters building that is the most energy efficient commercial building in the world, and a trip to Microsoft's campus to visit the "City of the Future."



And you won't want to miss Tuesday night's dinner at the [Seattle Aquarium](#) with a chance to eat with the Sea Otters and a Sunday afternoon trip to Safeco Field for to watch the Mariners shut out the Tigers!