

Fall 2014
CONFERENCE NOTICE
NARUC STAFF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE
September 14 – September 18, 2014
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Marci Norby, Chair (307)777-5720
Tammy Turkenton, Co-Vice Chair (614)466-1825
Dolores Midkiff-Powell, Co-Vice Chair (517)335-5142

Patricia Harms, Secretary (208) 334-0361
Mike Diller, Registrar (701) 328-4079

WHAT The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance will be holding its fall 2014 conference/meeting at the **Omni William Penn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**. 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. *See registration form, below.*

WHEN Open Session for all conferees will be Monday, September 15, 2014 through Noon on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Closed Session (for subcommittee members and regulatory conferees) runs from Wednesday afternoon, September 17, 2014 through about Noon on Thursday, September 18, 2014. There is also a Closed Session Sunday evening, September 14, 2014 at 7 p.m.

WHERE **Omni William Penn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**
530 William Penn Place · Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
Front Desk: (412) 281-7100, Fax: (412) 553-5252
<http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/PittsburghWilliamPenn.aspx>

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE – August 25, 2014



HOTEL RATES and RESERVATION CODES

The hotel conference room rate is \$125 per night. The room rates are subject to tax. Follow the link below to make an on-line reservation.

The following is a link for hotel reservations for the conference group rate of \$125 per night:

<http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/PittsburghWilliamPenn/MeetingFacilities/NARUCStaffSubcommitteeonAccountingFinance9.aspx>

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 open until August 25, 2014

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 August 25, 2014 for hotel 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. If you don't make your reservation prior to the cutoff date rooms may not be available, or may be available, but at a higher rate.

- CONFERENCE COST Early Registration must be received by **COB September 8, 2014** or pay a late fee.
Regulatory Personnel, \$200.
Industry or Consulting Personnel, \$250.
Late Fee for Registration after September 8, 2014, \$25.
- REGISTRATION **Please mail the enclosed registration form and attach your check (made out to "NARUC") as soon as possible . Early registration must be received no later than September 8, 2014. Sorry, credit cards are not accepted.** After September 8, 2014, 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 September 8, 2014. 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.
- PARKING Valet parking is \$29 per day. Self-parking is offered in the Mellon Square parking garage across from the hotel at \$14 per day Monday through Friday and \$5 per day on Saturday and Sunday.
- TRANSPORTATION The hotel is approximately 17 miles from the airport (approximately 20 minutes via taxi). Airport shuttle and taxi service is available . Shuttle reservations must be made 6 – 12 hours in advance by calling 1 -800-258-3826. The cost of the shuttle is \$25 one way per person or \$50 round trip. The hotel is adjacent to the Pittsburgh Metro System.
- WEATHER The average temperature in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in September is a high of 76 degrees and a low of 57 degrees.
- DRESS Business Casual
- 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, 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.

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.
- List current regulatory issues of water, energy 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. NARUC's National Registry of CPE Sponsors Number is 103641.



Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Education Credits

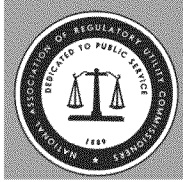
For public and nonprofit sector employees, full attendance at the program will earn 20 credits toward a Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Education (CCRE) sponsored by the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University and endorsed by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Credits may be earned for up to two programs hosted by the same professional organization and past attendance may be eligible. For program details, please visit ipu.msu.edu/CCRE or contact ipu@msu.edu.

TOURIST INFORMATION

Visit Pittsburgh: <http://www.visitpittsburgh.com/>

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

See registration form, below.



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITY
COMMISSIONERS
STAFF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE
Fall 2014 CONFERENCE / MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
September 14 – September 18, 2014
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

Please complete this form and submit with payment on or before September 8, 2014. Checks should be made payable to NARUC. Sorry, credit cards are not accepted. **REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOT BE REFUNDABLE AFTER SEPTEMBER 8, 2014, 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
mdiller@nd.gov

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 and/or CCRE Credit Hours? (please circle) YES NO	

Registration Fees (Please check all that apply.)			
	Number	Amount	Total
Regulatory/Government Employee		\$200.00	
Company/Consultant		\$250.00	
Late Fee after September 8, 2014 (Receipt Date)		\$25.00	

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

Please notify Marci Norby at (307) 777-5720 or marci.norby@wyo.gov if you have special needs as covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.