SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF
REGULATORY UTILITY COMMISSIONERS
2015 ANNUAL MEETING

June 7-10, 2015

Omni La Mansion del Rio
San Antonio, TX

CONFERENCE AGENDA

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  REGISTRATION  Lobby
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  SEARUC Welcome Reception  El Capistrano

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  REGISTRATION  El Cabildo
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  SEARUC Conference Breakfast  Madero
8:30 a.m.  GENERAL SESSION  Iberian Ballroom

WELCOME ADDRESS
Hon. Kenneth Anderson, SEARUC President
Invocation & Pledge

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Hon. Tony Clark, FERC Commissioner

9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Innovative Methods of Financing Infrastructure

Building utility infrastructure is a capital intensive process. The expenses associated with financing infrastructure ultimately are passed on to ratepayers. The ability to obtain the financing necessary at a reasonable cost is critical to ensuring the ratepayer gets the best system upgrade and improvement for the buck.

Moderator: Commissioner Kenneth Anderson
Panelists: Christopher Smith, Managing Director, Treasurer of Hannon Armstrong
Paul Cutler, Treasurer, NextEra Energy, Inc.
Rob Clancy, Assistant Treasurer/ VP Investor Relations, CS&L The Communications REIT
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**BREAK**

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**Regulatory Strategy & Long Term Arrangements**

This panel will explore changes in natural gas market dynamics that have led to Commissions in the Southeast turning to long-term contracting arrangements for natural gas delivery. Panelists will discuss:

- The benefits and risks of long-term arrangements for natural gas.
- What long-term contracts can mean for producers, pipelines, utilities and ultimately the consumer.
- What regulatory processes or structures need to be in place to enable long-term arrangements
- What commissioners can do to ensure participation and a diverse set of proposals so their consumers can benefit.

**Moderator:** Commissioner Brown-Bland of North Carolina  
**Panelists:** Amy Farrell, VP of Market Development, ANGA  
Carl Haga, Natural Gas Director, Southern Company  
Paul Smith, Director, Business Development, Tennessee Gas Pipeline  
Commissioner Eric Skrmetta, Louisiana PSC

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
**SEARUC CONFERENCE LUNCH**  
Madero

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**“Hot Topics in Telecom”**

The telecommunications industry has seen a number of issues coming to the forefront in recent months. A Telecommunications Act re-write has been speculated, as well as potential process reforms on how the FCC operates. The FCC has issued its Open Internet Order which, to no one’s surprise, has been challenged in court. Other items are expected in the not too distant future, including reform of the federal universal service fund assessment mechanism and Lifeline program. All this at a time when we see more evidence of the impending TDM-to-IP transition, and regulators and policy makers attempt to understand its implications. These and other “Hot Topics” affecting the telecommunications market will all be fair game for this panel.

**Moderator:** Commissioner Ronald Brisé, Florida Public Service Commission  
**Panelists:** Joseph Gillan, Consultant - CLEC representative  
AT&T representative (invited)  
Benjamin Aron, CTIA, Director - State Regulatory and External Affairs  
Dr. Nicole Turner-Lee, MMTC. (invited)

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Current Issues in Water**

This panel will explore the current challenges to the regulated water and wastewater industry throughout the Southeast.

**Moderator:** Commissioner James Patterson, North Carolina Utilities Commission  
**Panelists:** Darrin Barker – General Manager, Corix Utilities Texas  
Deron Allen – President, Tennessee American Water  
Bob Laughman – Aqua Texas  
Commissioner Comer “Randy” Randall – South Carolina PSC
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  REGISTRATION  El Cabildo

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  SEARUC Conference Breakfast  Madero

8:30 a.m.  GENERAL SESSION  Iberian Ballroom
            Announcements

The Honorable Lisa Edgar, NARUC President

Mr. Bill Hederman on QER, Department of Energy

Kerry Worthington, EISPC

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  Nuclear Waste: Is There An Alternative to Yucca Mountain?

A new national opinion poll shows a large majority of Americans believe that the U.S. should retool its program for managing used nuclear fuel. While the spent fuel is currently stored safely and securely on site, the federal government, through the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, has the ultimate responsibility for disposal of used fuel and high-level radioactive waste. Since DOE did not meet its obligations in 1998, as required by law, taxpayers and ratepayers are on the hook for billions in liabilities. Balancing both federal and state issues, this panel will provide the participants with an update on nuclear waste policy including efforts to develop consolidated interim storage and continue the Yucca Mountain repository project.

Moderator:  Commissioner Stan Wise, Georgia Public Service Commission
Panelists:  William Boyle, Director, Office of Used Nuclear Fuel Disposition Research & Development  Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy
            Everett Redmond, Senior Director, Policy Development at the Nuclear Energy Institute
            Rod Baltzer from waste control specialists
            Tim Frazier, Director of the Bipartisan Policy Centers Nuclear Waste Initiative

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 p.m.  SEARUC GOLF TOURNAMENT  The Quarry
            Transportation will depart from the front door of the hotel at NOON. A boxed lunch is provided.

6:30p.m.  President’s Reception and Dinner  Iberian Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  REGISTRATION  Madero Foyer

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  COMMISSIONERS ONLY BREAKFAST  El Capistrano

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  SEARUC BREAKFAST  Madero

9:30 a.m. - Noon  GENERAL SESSION  Madero
            Wrap up and Announcement of Officers

9:30 a.m. - Noon  Mark Duvall, Director of Energy Utilization, EPRI
10:00 a.m. - Noon  

**Retail Competition, Georgia (Gas) v. Texas (Electricity)**

This panel will explore how the competitive markets have matured and developed since their inception. How competitive forces have created change and how market participants have adapted to both anticipated and unanticipated changes. How is electricity (in Texas) and gas (in Georgia) being marketed and packaged to consumers at the retail level and what the future might look like in these two markets.

**Moderator:** Commissioner Kenneth Anderson, Texas PUC  
**Panelists:**  
- Brian Lloyd, Executive Director Public Utilities Commission of Texas  
- Scott Hudson, COO TXU Energy  
- Kevin Greiner, President and Chief Executive Officer, Gas South  
- Mark D. Caudill, Attorney at Law

**ADJOURN**