ABOUT THE PROGRAM. The IPU Advanced Regulatory Studies Program is a series of specialized half-day and all-day workshops designed to provide public-sector and private-sector professionals in the regulatory policy community with a unique opportunity to interact and exchange ideas on technical, methodological, and policy issues. Each workshop provides an intensive, immersive and peer-based learning experience, emphasizing discipline-based analytical methods and theoretical rigor coupled with practical hands-on problems and exercises. The program faculty includes nationally known experts who draw from both academic and applied perspectives. The Advanced Program reflects our commitment to providing a reasoned and empirical approach to contemporary regulatory issues. The program offers flexible tracks focusing on ratemaking, accounting, finance, and economics. Half-day sessions allow participants to fully customize the program to their interests.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND. The program is open to everyone and is designed for experienced professionals in the regulatory policy community, including federal and state personnel, consumer advocates, and private-sector professionals. Generalists and specialists in the utility sectors will benefit from attending. Past attendees of IPU programs – including the Annual Regulatory Studies Program (“Camp”) and the NARUC Utility Rate School – will find that the workshops offer a unique professional development experience. IPU will also arrange continuing education credits for accountants and attorneys as requested. The Advanced Program provides not only a great learning environment, but also a great forum for exchanging ideas and networking with professional peers.

TOPICS COVERED

- Financial statement data and analysis
- Financial reporting and disclosure
- Regulatory treatment of income taxes
- Ratecase auditing and prudence review
- Cost allocation and rate design
- Witness preparation
- Locational marginal pricing for electricity
- Cost of capital and capital structure
- Econometric forecasting methods
- Applied forecasting and resource planning
- Regional markets for energy and capacity
- Utility credit ratings
- Future of utilities and regulation
- Life-cycle accounting for utility assets
- Electricity market structure and performance
- Energy efficiency markets and evaluation

IPU also offers “INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION” on the Sunday preceding the program. The workshop is designed to provide an overview to participants who are relatively new to the regulatory policy arena, including utility personnel and analysts. However, the program is also open to public-sector participants also wanting a concise but comprehensive introduction to regulation. The workshop format will allow for questions and interaction. As with all IPU educational programs, we emphasize a balanced, objective, and reasoned approach.

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