



IPU's Advanced Studies Program

ACCOUNTING, FINANCE, AND EVALUATION

Sep. 30 – Oct. 4, 2019 | Kellogg Center, MSU | East Lansing, MI

Intensive, interactive, and technical workshops emphasizing analytical methods and issues relevant to public utility ratemaking.

Program Agenda

Sunday

- 1:00-5:00 pm Pre-program workshop – Room 105
Introduction to public utility regulation [Beecher]
 Note: This pre-program module provides an introduction to and refresher on public utility regulation and ratemaking. Separate registration required.
- 3:00-5:00 Early Registration – Vista Room Hallway

Monday

- 7:30-8:30 am **Registration and breakfast**
 A full breakfast is provided daily at 7:30 am in the Vista Room Hallway. Breaks daily at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.
- 8:30-12:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (210 Min.)
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| Room 105
GAAP, Life-Cycle, and Regulatory Accounting [Zeldenrust]
Fixed asset overview, FERC accounts for asset life cycle; construction process; work in progress calculations; CWIP to in service; asset retirements. | Room 104
Financial Statement Analysis [Dharan]
Analyzing information in financial reports; capital structure; effect of leverage on the return on assets; risk of default. | Room 103
Forecasting for Resource Planning [Gotham]
Forecasting techniques; projecting peak demand from energy forecasts; determining capacity needs from demand forecast; incorporating load management and conservation measures. |
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- 12:15-1:30 pm Lunch Break
- 1:30-5:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (210 Min.)
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| Room 105
Regulatory Treatment of Income Taxes [Zeldenrust]
Ratemaking impacts of income and other taxes; deferred income taxes; accounting for tax reform; tax repairs. | Room 104
Utility Credit Markets and Ratings [Chapman]
Capital market overview; role of credit rating agencies; credit rating systems for corporate and municipal utilities. | Room 103
Econometric Forecasting Methods [Upton]
Nonstationary series and spurious regression; time series decomposition; stochastic time series generation; review of regression analysis; constructing a forecast. |
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- 5:30-7:00 pm **Welcome Reception**

Tuesday

8:30-12:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (210 Min.)

Room 105

Utility Asset Depreciation [Watson]

Depreciation and why it matters; depreciation analysis.

Room 104

Mergers, Acquisitions, and Affiliate Transactions [Edmonds]

Merger and acquisition fundamentals and trends; types of mergers; merger and acquisition terms.

Room 103

Cost-Benefit Evaluation in Regulation [Upton]

Conceptual foundations; time value of money, uncertainty and sensitivity analysis; accounting for externalities.

12:15-1:30 pm Lunch Break

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Room 105

Utility Asset Retirement [Watson] [continued]

Room 104

Regulatory Compliance and Risk Management [Gribbin]

Noneconomic regulation and compliance; tools for risk mitigation and management; evaluating cost effectiveness; Cybersecurity.

Room 103

Economics of Energy Resource Options [Upton]

Market developments; profiles, advantages, and disadvantages of alternatives; evaluation criteria.

Wednesday

8:30-12:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (210 Min.)

Room 105

Ratecase Auditing for Capital Costs [Donlon]

Planning the audit process; data sources; prudence review; discovery power.

Room 104

Utility Performance Benchmarking [Fenrick]

Measuring utility performance; influencing factors; economic balance; applications in PBR

Room 103

Pricing, Behavior, and Demand Response [McLaren]

Price elasticity of demand for utilities; how prices to shape demand; nonprice methods and synergies; behaviors and preferences.

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Room 105

Ratecase Auditing for Operating Costs [Hunsaker]

Rate case auditing process; adjustments to test year revenues and expenses; corporate allocations.

Room 104

Incentive-Focused Regulation [Hemphill]

Performance incentives for utilities; profit and other incentives; multi-year ratemaking; formula rates; PBR models and experience; issues in implementation and monitoring.

Room 103

Net Metering Methodologies [Ozar]

Foundations of net metering; cost-of-service; onsite usage modeling; economic and payback analysis.

Thursday

8:30-12:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions (210 Min.)

Room 105

Cost Allocation and Rate Design: Energy [Peterson]

Cost of service studies and modeling; functionalization, classification, and allocation; rate design for energy utilities.

Room 104

Cost Allocation and Rate Design: Water [Burnham]

Cost-of-service studies for water, wastewater, and stormwater; metering; capacity factors; system development; fire protection; conservation; reuse; implementing changes in rates.

Room 103

Energy Efficiency Program Evaluation [Steiner]

Overview of energy efficiency evaluation; emerging trends.

12:15-1:30

Lunch Break

1:30-5:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions (210 Min.)

Room 105

Cost Allocation and Rate Design: Energy (continued)

Room 104

Cost Allocation and Rate Design: Water (continued)

Room 103

Planning and Implementing Pilot Programs [Cappers]

Pilot program design, implementation, and evaluation; costs and benefits; case studies.

Friday

8:30-12:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions (210 Min.)

Room 104

Utility Rates and Affordability [Beecher]

Measuring affordability; rate and other methods; customer assistance programs; implementation considerations.

Room 103

Corporate Value, Risk, and Incentives [Kihm]

Understanding the role of risk; risk and the cost of capital; implications of shifting risk; what drives stock value; managerial incentives for performance

Program Notes

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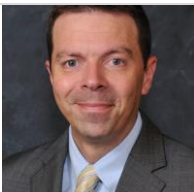













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