



IPU's 62nd Annual Regulatory Studies Program
FUNDAMENTALS COURSE

August 10-14, 2020 | Kellogg Center, MSU | East Lansing, MI

Essential education in the theory, principles, and practice of economic regulation organized by disciplinary perspectives, core functions, and utility sector applications.

Program Agenda - Preliminary

Monday

7:30-8:30 am	Registration and Breakfast A full breakfast is provided each morning in the Lincoln Room Foyer.				
10:00-10:30 am	Morning breaks each day of the program.				
3:00-3:30 pm	Afternoon breaks each day of the program.				
8:30-12:00 pm	General Session - Lincoln Room (180 min.) Introduction to Public Utility Regulation: Theory, Principles, Concepts and Institutions [Beecher]				
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch Break				
1:30-3:00 pm	General Session - Lincoln Room (90 min.) The Public Utilities Industries Compared [Panel discussion]				
3:30-5:30 pm	Concurrent sessions (120 min.)				
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5:30-7:00 pm	Welcome Reception Red Cedar AB				

Tuesday

8:30-12:00 pm	General Session - Lincoln Room (180 min.) Economic Fundamentals: Utility Revenue Requirements [Marke]		
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch Break		
1:30-3:00 pm	General Session - Lincoln Room (90 min.) Legal Fundamentals: Standards, Precedents, & Processes [Reiter]		
3:30-5:00 pm	Concurrent sessions (90 min.)		
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5:15-6:00 pm Lincoln Room (45 min.)
Bonus: Appealing Regulatory Decisions [Reiter]

Wednesday

8:30-10:00 am General Session - Lincoln Room (90 min.)
Principles and Standards for Accounting and Reporting [Parrish]

10:30-12:00 pm General Session - Lincoln Room (90 min.)
Regulatory Finance: Cost of Capital & Rate of Return [Kihm]

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch Break

1:30-3:00 pm General Session - Lincoln Room (90 min.)
Regulatory Finance Applications: Models and Policy Analysis [Kihm]

3:30-5:00 pm General Session - Lincoln Room (90 min.)
Tools and procedures for audits and investigations [Parrish]

5:15-6:00 pm Lincoln Room (45 min.)
Bonus: Accessing Financial Data [Kihm]

Thursday

8:30-10:30 am General Session - Lincoln Room (120 min.)
Introduction to Utility Cost Allocation and Rate Design [Beecher]

11:00-12:00 pm General Session - Lincoln Room (90 min.)
Contemporary Challenges in Utility Pricing [Panel discussion]

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch Break

1:30-3:00 pm Concurrent sessions (90 min.)

Lincoln Room Cost Allocation and Rates Design For Electricity [Mickelson]	Room 106 Cost Allocation and Rates Design For Natural Gas [Peterson]	Willy Room Cost Allocation and Rates Design For Water [Schmidt]
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3:30-5:00 pm Concurrent sessions (90 min.)

Lincoln Room Cost Allocation and Rates Design For Electricity (cont.) [Mickelson]	Room 106 Cost Allocation and Rates Design For Natural Gas (cont.) [Peterson]	Willy Room Cost Allocation and Rates Design For Water (cont.) [Schmidt]
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5:15-6:00 pm Lincoln Room (45 min.)
Bonus: Witness Preparation [Transeth]

Friday

8:30-10:00 am General Session - Lincoln Room (90 Min.)
Alternatives to Traditional Regulation [Ozar]

10:30-12:00 pm Lincoln Room (90 Min.)
Regulatory Independence and Ethics [Beecher]

12:00-12:30 pm Box Lunch

12:30-5:00 pm Lincoln Room (90 Min.)

MSU's Microgrid: Overview and Facilities Tour [Jett]

Includes Power Plant and Control Room, Anaerobic Digester, Solar Array, and Water Plant

5:00 pm

Adjourn



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