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2021 MICHIGAN FORUM on ECONOMIC REGULATORY POLICY DATA-DRIVEN REGULATION TO ACHIEVE MICHIGAN'S ENERGY POLICY GOALS March 26, 2021 | 10 am to 1:15 pm | Live Online

About the forum

The theme of this year's Forum is **Data-Driven Regulation to Achieve Michigan's Energy Policy Goals**. The Forum will be held live online via zoom on Friday, March 26, 2021, from 10:00 am to 1:15 pm.

The Forum is a dialog-oriented conference focusing on current issues of interest to members of Michigan's utility regulatory policy community, including regulators, state legislators, consumer and environmental advocates, and utility industry representatives. The Forum is sponsored by the Institute of Public Utilities (IPU) and developed in collaboration with the Commissioners and staff of the Michigan Public Service Commission. Forum panels feature MPSC commissioners, members of the professional staff, and leading stakeholders representing a broad spectrum of public, private, advocacy, and academic perspectives



Registration

This year's Forum is offered free of charge to everyone. To register, please visit ipu.msu.edu or contact us at ipu@msu.edu or 517.355.1876.

IPU joins the Michigan Electric and Gas Association in supporting the Empowerment Plan. To learn more and make a donation, please visit <https://www.empowermentplan.org>. Contributions in support of IPU and MSU are also welcome at any time.

About the Institute

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Preliminary agenda

- 10:00 to 10:10 am **Introduction and Welcome**
Janice Beecher, Prof. and Director, Institute of Public Utilities, MSU
Chair Daniel Scripps, Michigan PSC
- 10:10 to 11:05 am Panel One
Power Grids: Data for Planning, Pilots, and Policy
How can system-level data, modeling, and evaluation support the grid's transition to clean energy and the integration of distributed resources?
Commissioner Katherine Peretick, Michigan PSC, Moderator
Joy Wang, Public Utilities Engineer, Michigan PSC
Soren Anderson, Associate Professor, Economics, MSU
Laura Sherman, President, MEIBC
Richard Blumenstock, Exec. Director of Electric Planning, Consumers Energy
- 11:10 to 12:05 pm Panel Two
Performance Assessment: Data for Reliability, Resilience, and Equity
How can data support power grid performance and incentive systems that ensure responsiveness and service quality for all utility customers?
Chair Daniel Scripps, Moderator
Patricia Poli, Director, Energy Operations Division, Michigan PSC
Amy Bandyk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board of Michigan
Camilo Serna, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, DTE
Sharonda Williams-Tack, Healthy Comm., Energy Justice, Sierra Club
- 12:10 to 1:05 pm Panel Three
Consumer Protection: Data Uses, Privacy, and Security
How can energy and telecommunications data be leveraged to achieve ambitious policy goals while maintaining rights and safeguards?
Commissioner Tremaine Phillips, Moderator
Patrick Hudson, Manager, Smart Grid Section, Michigan PSC
Jake Thelen, Specialist, Cust. Serv. Compliance & Invest., Michigan PSC
Brent Legg, Exec. V.P., Government Affairs, Connected Nation
Ben Dueweke, Director of Community Engagement, Walker-Miller
Alison Sutter, Sustainability and Performance Officer, City of Grand Rapids
- 1:05 to 1:15 pm **Closing Remarks**
Janice Beecher, Prof. and Director, Institute of Public Utilities, MSU

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