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December 2001

- **Florida outreach**

PURC Director Dr. Sanford Berg completed his appointment by Governor Jeb Bush to the Energy 2020 Study Commission. The Commission transmitted its Final Report to the Legislature to promote discussion over the long-term energy policy. The issues considered included the reliability of Florida's electric and natural gas supply, emerging energy supply and delivery options, industry competition, public benefits programs (including conservation), environmental impacts, stranded investment, and the fiscal impacts of energy supply options on taxpayers and energy providers. PURC Director of Energy Studies Paul Sotkiewicz participated as a member of the Wholesale Market Technical Advisory Committee for the Commission.

Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).

November 2001

- **Florida Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy 2nd Annual Meeting**

Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "Some Not So Random Thoughts on Electricity Industry Restructuring and Markets for Power" in Orlando, Florida.

Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).

- **Global Wireless Internet Forum**

PURC co-sponsored the Global Wireless Internet Forum with the [North Texas Global Telecommunications Society \(NTGTS\)](#). The forum examined technology and business trends.

Find more information under 2001 collaborations [here](#).

- **PURC in Antigua**

Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organisations (CANTO)

PURC Executive Director Dr. Mark Jamison prepared two case studies for [CANTO](#) on interconnection and telecommunications competition.

Search for more information about training courses [here](#).

October 2001

- **PURC Visiting Scholars**

PURC welcomed Liangchun Yu of Shandong University in China. Dr. Yu, a Fulbright Scholar, is Vice-Dean of the School of Economics. During his stay at PURC, the presidents of the University of Florida and Shandong University signed a cooperative agreement to promote academic interchange between the two institutions.

Find more information about Visiting Scholars [here](#).

September 2001

- **Florida outreach**

Florida Public Service Commission staff studied the principles of utility regulation, pricing, and cost measurement, as well as market structure and corporate behavior, sector policies and their impact on industry performance during this course designed by PURC.

Find more information about this course [here](#).

- **International Telecommunications Society European Conference in Ireland**

Dr. Mark Jamison presented the paper, "Rivalry Through Alliances: Competitive Strategy in the Global Telecommunications Market." He also led a telecommunications competition tutorial for

European regulators and two case studies on interconnection and a case study in assessing competition.

Search for the publication [here](#).

Find more information about the tutorial [here](#).

- **International Telecommunications Society Asia-Pacific Conference in Hong Kong**
Dr. Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, "Firm's Responses to Globalization and Convergence." He also presented the paper, "Rivalry Through Alliances: Competitive Strategy In the Global Telecommunications Market."
Find more presentations on the faculty page [here](#).
- **Frontiers in Managing Reform and Regulation of the Electricity Sector in Africa**
Paul Sotkiewicz was invited to serve as a featured lecturer and develop course materials at this course in Cape Town. Participants studied electricity reform around the world, rate-of-return regulation and price cap regulation. He also delivered the presentation, "The California Power Crisis: What Happened," before the National Electricity Regulator (NER) in Sandton.
Find more information [here](#).

August 2001

- **New Policy Analyst**
Dr. Lynne Holt, formerly a principal analyst at the Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD), began a joint appointment with UF's Askew Institute on Politics and Society and PURC.
Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).
- **Florida outreach**
American Nuclear Society-Utility Working Group Conference
Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "Electricity Restructuring: Lessons Learned or Should We Have Already Known This?" at Amelia Island.
Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).
- **PURC Regulatory Training Program for Superintendencia General, Sisema de Regulacion Sectorial (SIRESE) in Bolivia**
SIRESE staff and staff from the wholesale electricity market operator studied electric sector regulation, restructuring, market power, the California crisis, congestion management, and market design for energy and ancillary service markets.
Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).
- **PURC in Brazil**
A Crise Energetica Brasileira
Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation in Brasilia, "The California Experience: Or How Not To Make the Same Mistakes," and participated in a roundtable discussion on potential lessons from the California experience that could be applied to Brazil's current power sector crisis at a seminar sponsored by the National Federation of Engineers, Federal Senate Committee on Infrastructure Services.
Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).

July 2001

- **PURC in Hong Kong**
International Telecommunications Society Asia-Pacific Conference

PURC faculty assisted the Hong Kong Office of Telecommunications Authority in conducting its first Telecommunications Industry Seminar for service providers and regulators in the region.
Find more information under 2001 collaborations [here](#).

- **Telecommunications Industry Seminar: Challenges in a De-regulated Telecommunications Environment**

Dr. Mark Jamison prepared case studies on interconnection and assessing competition, and assisted OFTA in organizing its first seminar for service providers and regulators in the region.

Find more information about specialized courses [here](#).

- **PURC in Tanzania**

PURC assisted the [Telecommunications Regulatory Association of Southern Africa \(TRASA\)](#), the Leland Initiative, and USAID in Arusha in developing a strategic plan for expanding the capacity of Southern Africa universities to provide training for telecommunications regulators in the region. PURC is providing assistance in developing university linkages, distance learning, and workshops. This effort is part of the [Southern Africa Development Committee \(SADC\)](#) Network for Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange in the Telecommunications Sector.

Find more information under 2001 collaborations [here](#).

June 2001

- **10th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**
90 regulatory professionals from 36 nations participated in the program.
Find more information about the program [here](#).

May 2001

- **Florida outreach**

- **Southeast Electric Exchange Conference**

- Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "Regulatory Coordination in Florida's Regulatory Environment," in Miami.

- Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).**

- **PURC in Washington, D.C.**

- Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "Florida's Attempt to Restructure its Electric Industry...Slowly," at the Energy Information Administration.

- Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).**

- **PURC in the United Kingdom**

- **Corporate Control and Industry Structure in Global Communications**

- PURC partnered with the London Business School and the Global Communications Consortium (GCC) to co-sponsor a conference in London titled Corporate Control and Industry Structure in Global Communications.

- Find more information under 2001 collaborations [here](#).**

- **PURC in Argentina**

- **Centro de Estudios de la Actividad Regulatoria Energetica (CEARE)**

- Paul Sotkiewicz delivered five presentations at the Universidad de Buenos Aires CEARE seminar, Transportation and Distribution Prices and Tariffs in Energy: The Experience of the United States and Great Britain. CEARE is a research center sponsored by the Facultad de Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Economic Science at the University of Buenos Aires and with the gas regulator

ENARGAS and the electricity regulator ENRE in Argentina. He delivered five presentations on ratemaking, energy restructuring, the California power crisis, and US energy trends.

Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).

April 2001

- **Tampa Bay International Business Initiatives Program awards**

Students from the University of Florida, University of Tampa, and University of South Florida competed in submitting original research papers on business initiatives. University of Florida undergraduates received four of the seven awards: Most Innovative Idea, Technology Issues, Hemispheric Integration Issues, and U.S. Water Recycling Export Plan (honorable mention). PURC co-sponsored the competition.

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- **Florida outreach**

Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "Regulatory Coordination in Florida's Regulatory Environment," at the Calpine/Blue Heron Energy Center Seminar in Orlando.

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March 2001

- **Degree conferred**

Mark Jamison earned a doctorate degree from the University of Florida. The title of his dissertation was "Restructuring in Network Industries: Competition and Mergers in Telecommunications."

Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).

- **Florida outreach**

Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "An Overview of Electric Restructuring in the U.S.," at the Gulf Power Industry Exchange 2001 Meeting in Sandestin. He also delivered the presentation, "Is Restructuring Dead? The Prospects for RTO Development and Power Markets," at the EUCG Spring Meeting/Nuclear Energy Institute Business Forum in Orlando.

Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).

- **Fundamentals of Regulatory Systems**

Participants in Bogota, Columbia studied best practices and designing strategies to implement regulatory incentives.

Find more information about this course [here](#).

- **PURC in Panama**

Ente Regulador de los Servicios Publicos - Panama: Estrategias y Regulación del Sector de Agua Potable y Saneamiento

Participants studied issues related to the environment, privatization, and the business of water services. Material for the course by Drs. Sanford Berg and Mark Jamison was translated into Spanish. A basic regulatory course was also offered in October 2000.

Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).

- **PURC Telecom Training Program III for Sector Regulators of Panama**

Participants studied telecommunications technologies and spectrum management as well as advanced issues in competition, interconnection, and universal service during a training program delivered by PURC in Miami, Florida.

Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).

February 2001

- **Florida outreach**

Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "The Changing Regulatory Environment and the Impact on New Facility Construction for Electricity," at the Florida Business Roundtable in Orlando.

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- **PURC in Panama**

- **PURC Telecom Training Program II for Sector Regulators of Panama**

Participants studied telecommunications technologies trends, spectrum monitoring and enforcement and digital technologies, among other topics during a training program delivered by PURC in Panama City.

Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).

- **PURC Regulatory Training Program for Sector Regulators of Panama**

Participants studied competitive electricity markets and case studies, transmission access, expansion, and interconnection, congestion management and other topics during a training program delivered by PURC in Miami, Florida.

Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).

- **28th Annual PURC Conference**

- **Alternative Futures for Energy and Telecommunications**

Roger G. Noll, the Morris M. Doyle Centennial Professor at Stanford University was the recipient of the 2001 PURC Distinguished Service Award. David Dowds was the recipient of the 2001 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.

Find more information about the conference [here](#).

- **PURC in the United Kingdom**

- **Corporate Control and Industry Structure in Global Communications**

Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, "Network Externalities, Mergers, and Industry Concentration," in London. This event was sponsored by PURC, [Center for International Business Education and Research](#) and the London Business School.

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January 2001

- **Florida outreach**

Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, "Electricity Restructuring: What is Happening in California? Will it Happen in Florida?" at the Gainesville Kiwanis Club.

Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).

- **NetTel@Africa**

In a 3-year collaboration beginning this year, PURC assisted the University of Botswana, African Advanced Level Telecommunications Institute (AFRALTI), University of Dar es Salaam, University of Fort Hare, University of South Africa, University of Western Cape, University of Witwatersrand, and University of Zambia in writing post-baccalaureate and master's degree curricula on telecommunications policy.

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- **PURC Visiting Scholar**

PURC welcomed Pinar Dogan from Toulouse, France, and Turkey. She completed her dissertation for a Ph.D. degree in economics from the Universite des Sciences Sociales de Toulouse, France, during a year-long stay at PURC.

Find more information about Visiting Scholars [here](#).

- **9th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**

98 regulatory professionals from 45 nations participated in the program.

Find more information [here](#).

- **American Economic Association Meetings**

Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, "Do Interconnection Policies Affect the Development of Telecommunications Competition? The Case in the U.S.," in Atlanta.

Find more information on the faculty page [here](#).

- **Florida outreach**

- **Convergence 2001**

Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, "Emerging Issues: Policy and Academic Overview," at Amelia Island.

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