

2005 News Archive

December 2005

- **[ITFlorida Awards Gala in Orlando, FL](#)**
We help ITFlorida identify student interns from the Warrington College of Business Administration at UF who help the organization with reports to the Florida legislature.
Find more information though the partnerships page [here](#).

November 2005

- **PURC in the Bahamas**
[Organization of Caribbean Utility Regulators Annual Conference](#)
PURC Director Dr. Mark Jamison presented the paper “Using Leadership to Make Policy Work” as the feature presentation opening the OOCUR conference in Nassau before an audience of 75 government and industry officials.
Search for the publication [here](#).
- **PURC in the Bahamas**
Leadership Development Program: Leadership in Utilities Policy
Find more leadership development programs [here](#).
- **National Research Council**
PURC Director of Energy Studies Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz was invited by the National Research Council to review the report on changes made to the New Source Review program under the Clean Air Act. The report was prepared in response to congressional mandate.
- **PURC in Washington, D.C.**
PURC Research Associate Troy Quast presented his paper, “An Analysis of the Extent and Means of Entry into Local Telecommunications Markets” at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to approximately 25 staff members. The lecture was part of a series of seminars where economists present their research at the Commission.
Search for the publication [here](#).

October 2005

- **SMS 25th Annual International Conference in Orlando, FL**
PURC Research Associate Rich Gentry received the Booz Allen Hamilton/SMS PhD Fellowship at the conference for his paper, “Trait-based Imitation Among Entrepreneurial Market Entrants.”
Search for the publication [here](#).
- **PURC in Uganda**
PURC Director of Water Studies Dr. Sanford Berg was invited by the National Water and Sewerage Company (NWSC) to give a series of talks to more than 200 engineers and water sector professionals in Kampala. He delivered a presentation about regulatory challenges in the water sector at the GTZ Workshop on Reform of the Urban Water and Sanitation Sub-Sector. He delivered a second presentation on Managerial Incentives and Benchmarking at the four-day NWSC Workshop on the Design of Water Systems, organized by the UNESCO Institute for Water Management Seminar. In addition he presented “[Monitoring Utility Performance and Resolving Conflicts](#)” at the 31st Water, Engineering, and Development Centre (WEDC) International Conference in Kampala, Uganda.
Find more presentations through the faculty page [here](#).

- **PURC in Brazil**



PURC Research Associate Maria Luisa Corton traveled to Gramado, Rio Grande do Sul to deliver the presentation, [Quality Indicators of the Regulatory Process](#), before 80 participants at the annual meeting of [ADERASA](#), the Association of Water and Sanitation Regulators of the Americas.

- **PURC Fall Roundtable in Tallahassee, FL**

Who Should Regulate Telecommunications? Markets, Regulators or Antitrust
Find presentations and more information [here](#).

- **PURC in South Africa**

Frontiers in Managing Reform and Regulation of The Electricity Sector In Africa

Participants engaged in a case exercise on carrying out reform in the African context and studied an overview of widely applied regulatory mechanisms and their properties, the design and practical implementation of price caps and revenue caps and rate design and tariff structures.
Find more information about the course [here](#).

September 2005

- **PURC in Virginia**

Telecommunications Policy Research Conference

Dr. Mark Jamison presented the paper, "Bureaucrats as Entrepreneurs: Do Municipal Telecom Providers Hinder Private Entrepreneurs?" at the conference in Arlington. PURC Research Associate Troy Quast won 2nd place in the student paper competition for his paper, "Does UNE Mean One? An Analysis of the Determinants of Unbundled Network Element Rates." PURC Research Associate Justin Brown presented a paper about PURC's Lifeline research
Search for the publications [here](#).

Find more Lifeline information [here](#).

- **PURC in Argentina**





PURC Research Associate Guillermo Sabbioni traveled to Buenos Aires to meet with 40 members of a benchmarking working group for [ADERASA](#). A goal of the group is to establish a database of water sector information to assist regulators improve the efficiency of utility infrastructure. [Summary in Spanish](#); [Presentation in Spanish](#).

- **Florida outreach**

PURC Associate Joel Houston participated in the evaluation of responses to the request for proposals for financial advisory and expert witness services to the Florida Public Service Commission.

August 2005

- **PURC Visiting Scholar**

PURC welcomed Dr. Jorry Mwenechanya, the former Chair and member of Zambia's Energy Regulation Board (ERB) as a visiting scholar for two weeks. He and Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz worked on pro-poor tariff designs for electricity, and in particular attempting to use Zambian data to simulate effects of various tariff options. In addition to being a member of the ERB, Dr. Mwenechanya has taught at the University of Zambia and has served as its Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Engineering.

Find more Visiting Scholars [here](#).

- **PURC in Uruguay**

Workshop, Distributed Generation in Uruguay: Evaluation of Strengths, Weaknesses, and Regulatory Treatment

Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation, The State of Regulation with Respect to the Design of Distribution Tariffs Considering DG: Trends from Selected Areas Around the World. Sixty people attended the workshop, which was hosted by IEEE-Uruguay Section, Uruguayan Chapter IEEE-PES (Power and Energy Systems), Faculty of Engineering-University of the Republic and UTE (State-owned utility). The presentation was part of Dr. Sotkiewicz's visit to Montevideo to work with PURC former Visiting Scholar Ing. Mario Vignolo of the Faculty of Engineering at the University of the Republic on research related to tariff design and distributed generation.

Find more presentations and information about PURC Visiting Scholars on the faculty page [here](#).

- **PURC in Brazil**

Quantum America's Third Seminar on Public Utilities Regulation: Design of Incentives and Rates

Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz traveled to Salvador da Bahia to deliver a presentation titled "Transmission Tariff/Rate Design: Considerations for Distribution Companies and Generators" to 41 participants and 10 Quantum staff from 14 countries spanning Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and Africa.

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

July 2005

- **Leadership Development Workshop: Leadership in Utilities Policy in Austin, TX**
Find more leadership development programs [here](#).

June 2005

- **PURC Visiting Scholar**
PURC welcomed Jose Luis Gomez Barroso from Spain. He obtained his Ph.D. from the Universidad de Educacion a Distancia (UNED) and continued his research on wireline and wireless substitution in telecommunications during his stay in Gainesville. He was a presenter at the joint PURC-London Business School conference, "The Future of Broadband: Wired & Wireless?" in February.
Find more Visiting Scholars [here](#).
Find presented papers under 2005 past collaborations [here](#).
- **18th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy in Gainesville, FL**
The 81 regulatory professionals participated in the program.
Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).

May 2005

- **PURC in Zambia**
Participants studied regulatory imperatives in electricity, comparisons of regulatory mechanisms, price cap and revenue cap regulation, rate design and a case study in choosing the path of the electricity sector reform.
Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).

April 2005

- **PURC in St. Kitts and Nevis**
Intermediate to Advanced Course in Telecommunications and Electricity Generation for OOCUR
Participants studied price cap regulation, benchmarking rate design, interconnection, and dispute resolution.
Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).
- **University of Florida Spring 2005 Working Professional MBA Commencement Ceremony**
Distinguished Service Professor Sanford V. Berg was selected the I2MBA05 Outstanding Faculty Award recipient by the Internet MBA 2-Year Class of 2005. He was also chosen for the award in 2003 and 2002.
Find more information about PURC faculty [here](#).

March 2005

- **PURC/Askew Water Conference**
How Should Florida's Water Supply Be Managed in Response to Growth? in Orlando
Find presentations and more information listed under the Water Resources [here](#).
- **PURC in South Africa**
Eskom Transmission: Workshop on Incentive-Based Regulation
Participants studied the design and implementation of incentive regulation mechanisms as well as the basic properties of rate-of-return, price cap, revenue cap, and various hybrid regulatory mechanisms.
Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).

February 2005

- **32nd Annual PURC Conference**
Emerging Technologies and Trends: Effects on Consumers, Industries and Regulators
Severin Borenstein, director of the University of California Energy Institute, was the recipient of the 2005 PURC Distinguished Service Award. Marshall Willis was the recipient of the 2005 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.
Find speakers' presentations and more information [here](#).
- **Joint Telecommunications Conference in Gainesville, FL with the London Business School**
The Future of Broadband: Wired & Wireless?
Find presented papers and more information under the 2005 collaborations [here](#).
- **PURC in South Africa**
Poverty Reduction Through Better Regulation Conference
Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz presented an updated version of his paper "Cross-Subsidies through Fixed Charges: Minimizing Electricity Consumption Distortions" to a concurrent session in Johannesburg.
Search for the publication [here](#).
Find more specialized courses [here](#).
- **Florida outreach**
Emerging Issues Policy Forum
Dr. Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, [Restructuring U.S. Networking](#), at Amelia Island, FL to 100 U.S. regulators and industry officials in attendance. He explained how traditional views of mergers were inappropriate for the pending mergers of SBC-AT&T, Sprint-Nextel, and Qwest or Verizon with MCI. Communications markets are evolving rapidly, which makes it difficult, if not impossible, to assess market power or market concentration. He benchmarked U.S. companies against their international rivals and found that currently U.S. firms are behind their Asian rivals in terms of innovations in mobile communications and are in the middle of the pack in terms of developing extensive networks. The pending mergers, if completed, would help rectify these problems.
- **PURC in Washington, D.C**
[National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Winter Meeting](#)
Dr. Mark Jamison delivered the presentation, [Competition in Mobile Communications](#), to the NARUC Committee on Consumer Affairs to 50 regulatory commissioners, staff and others in attendance. He examined the competitiveness of the U.S. cellular markets and benchmarked the U.S. markets against other countries' markets in terms of market concentration, numbers of operators, customer usage, and price. The evidence indicated that the U.S. market is more competitive and provides greater customer benefits than do most foreign markets.
- **PURC in Washington, D.C.**
Dr. Mark Jamison presented the paper, "Leadership and the Independent Regulator" at the World Bank.
Search for the publication [here](#).
- **PURC in Peru**
Electricity Market Design Seminar for OSINERG
Participants learned about differing designs and product markets in electricity, transmission pricing, and rights markets, among other issues.

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

January 2005

- **17th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy in Gainesville, FL**

The 84 regulatory professionals from 34 different nations participated in the program.

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