

2006 News Archive

December 2006

- **PURC in Hong Kong**

- **[International Telecommunications Union Telecom World 2006 Convention](#)**

The role of regulation in next generation networks was the topic of a panel featuring PURC Director Mark Jamison. The panel examined which role if any regulation might play in telecommunications as countries migrate towards increased broadband networks based on Internet technologies. He emphasized the need to consider the basic purposes of regulation in determining its role and that proper answers would vary across countries. The audience included 150 industry, policy makers and regulators from across the world. Several graduates of the PURC/World Bank international Training Program were in the audience, including Mr. Man Ho Au, a June 1997 alumnus who chaired the panel. Dr. Jamison also presented "Discounting Telephone Service: An Examination of Participation in Florida's Lifeline Program Using Panel Data" at Lingnan University in Hong Kong, China. The seminar examined the effectiveness of the program and summarized PURC's research.

Find more Lifeline research [here](#).

- **PURC in Thailand**

- **Basic Course on Regulatory Economics & Process: Interconnection, Pricing & Competition**

A rigorous examination of telecommunications and regulatory economics, best practices in network interconnection and negotiations, development of price cap regulation schemes, addressing new technology issues, and assessing market competition were the focus of this training program.

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

November 2006

- **Florida outreach**

- **E3 Energy, Environment and Economy: Managing Air Quality for the Natural Environment, Economy and Our Health**

PURC Director of Energy Studies Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz spoke before the Jacksonville Community Council Inc. (JCCI) study group working regarding trends in energy and pollution intensity of the economy, policies that encourage or discourage energy efficiency, existing emissions trading programs and the recently promulgated EPA Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR), and the possibility of carbon or climate change policies.

- **PURC in Peru**

- **[Regulation and Political Processes in the New Global Order](#)**



PURC Director of Water Studies Dr. Sanford Berg delivered the presentation, "**[Institutional Requirements for Second-Generation Infrastructure Reform: Processes and Performance in Developing Countries.](#)**" He outlined the institutional, economic and political forces affecting the performance of regulators and of infrastructure service suppliers. More than 300 attended the presentation. Panel discussants included the presidents of the four regulatory commissions: OSINERG (energy); OSIPTEL (telecommunications); SUNASS (water); OSITRAN (transportation) **Search for more presentations through the faculty page [here](#).**

- **PURC in Grenada**
4th Annual [Organization of Caribbean Utility Regulators](#) Conference
Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz delivered the presentation [Fallacies, Facts, and the Future of Revenue Decoupling for Energy Efficiency, Conservation, and Demand-side Management](#).
- **PURC in Washington, D.C.**
[VoIP and Broadband Developments in Europe and Asia](#)
PURC co-sponsored the Federal Communications Bar Association's program.
Find more information [here](#).
- **PURC in Miami Beach, FL**
Leadership Development Program: Adaptive Work for New Realities
Find more leadership development programs [here](#).
- **Florida outreach**
[2006 Florida Legislative Update program](#)
PURC joined the Florida Chapter of the FCBA and the Florida Bar Public Utilities Law Committee to present the program in Tallahassee.
Find more information [here](#).
- **USTDA effort**
PURC assisted in a USTDA-funded effort to aid the newly formed telecommunications regulatory agency in Serbia. Consultants working with PURC visited the country to perform an assessment of the agency's primary needs. This work is expected to continue into 2007.

October 2006

- **PURC Telecommunications Policy Roundtable in Tallahassee, FL**
Apples-Apples or Apples-Oranges? Asymmetric Policies in Telecommunications
Find speakers' presentations and more information [here](#).
- **PURC Energy Policy Roundtable in Tallahassee, FL**
Understanding Fuel Diversity Trade-offs and Risks: Making Decisions for the Future
Find speakers' presentations and more information [here](#).
- **PURC in Washington, D.C.**
[World Forum on Energy Regulation III](#)
Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz discussed the motivations for building regulatory knowledge capacity with regulatory agencies and utilities.
Find more presentations on the faculty page [here](#).
- **PURC in Virginia**
Telecommunications Policy Research Conference
PURC Research Associate Dr. Janice Hauge presented a paper co-authored with Dr. Mark Jamison on municipal telecommunications and its impacts at the gathering.
Search for the publication [here](#).
- **PURC in South Africa**
Frontiers in Managing Reform and Regulation in the Electricity Sector in Africa
Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz's course materials focused on international reform experience, regulatory mechanisms, rate design and conducting price reviews. He also delivered the presentation, Latin American Experience in Procurement and Contracting IPPs: Lessons in Contract Completeness and

Project Simplicity, at Independent Power Projects: Frontiers of International and African Experience, hosted by the Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
Find more course information [here](#).

September 2006

- **Hurricane Hardening in Washington, DC**
Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz served as a reviewer for the work titled, Determining the Economic Value of Coastal Preservation and Restoration on Critical Energy Infrastructure, prepared for The Economic and Market Impacts of Coastal Restoration: America's Wetland Economic Forum II. The critical energy infrastructure discussed focused on the prospect for protecting natural gas and oil production, processing, refining, and delivery infrastructure from severe weather events such as hurricanes through coastal restoration.
Find more information about Hurricane Hardening [here](#).

August 2006

- **PURC in Argentina**
PURC Research Associate Maria Luisa Corton traveled to Buenos Aires for the third annual meeting of the benchmarking working group for [ADERASA](#) (Asociacion de Entes Regulatoros de Agua Potable y Saneamiento de las Americas). The group met to review benchmarking concepts and the application of performance indicators as a regulatory tool in Brazil, Mexico, Chile and Peru.
[Presentation in English](#); [Presentation in Spanish](#); [meeting agenda](#).
Find more Research Associates [here](#).
- **PURC in Tobago**
Assessing market competition, benchmarking, measuring telecommunications companies' costs, and price cap regulation were the focus of a workshop for senior staff of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago.
Find the course calendar and more information about the course [here](#).

July 2006

- **Utility Ratemaking and Analysis: An Advanced Course in Regulation, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica**
Twenty-nine regulatory professionals from 9 nations studied lessons involving rate reviews, benchmarking, price and revenue cap analysis, mechanism design for incentive regulation, among other topics.
Find the course calendar and more information about the course [here](#).
- **PURC in Zambia**
Institute for Infrastructure Services (IIS) course Utility Price Reviews: Building Professional Excellence
Participants from five Southern African countries (Zambia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Lesotho) studied regulatory mechanisms, the process of price reviews, and engaged in a price review exercise.
Find the course calendar and more information about the course [here](#).
- **PURC in San Francisco, CA**
Leadership Development Program: Adaptive Work for New Realities
Find more leadership development programs [here](#).
- **PURC in the U.K.**
World Development Movement and WaterAid Seminar on Reforming Public Utilities

PURC Director of Water Studies Dr. Sanford Berg and former Visiting Scholar Dr. Silver Mugisha presented, "Turning Around Struggling State-Owned Enterprises in Developing Countries: The Case of NWSC-Uganda" at the World Development Movement and WaterAid Seminar on Reforming Public Utilities to Meet the Water and Sanitation Millennium Development Goal at the United Kingdom's Department for International Development in London.

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

June 2006

- **20th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**
80 regulatory professionals from 30 nations participated in the program.
Find the course calendar and more information [here](#).
- **PURC in Namibia**
Dr. Paul Sotkiewicz, as part of a United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) funded team, provided technical advice and support with respect to independent power producers (IPPs) for the Electricity Control Board of Namibia. He covered the current IPP framework and reducing barriers to entry, competitive procurement of IPP services, rate design and structure for IPP services, and the pass-through and allocation of IPP costs to rate payers.
Find more information [here](#).
- **Hurricane Hardening Workshop in Gainesville, FL**
Find speakers' presentations and more Hurricane Hardening information [here](#).

April 2006

- **University of Florida Spring 2006 Working Professional MBA Commencement Ceremony**
Distinguished Service Professor Sanford V. Berg was selected the I2MBA06 Outstanding Faculty Award recipient by the Internet MBA 2-Year Class of 2006.
Find more information through the faculty page [here](#).
- **Florida outreach**
Dr. Mark Jamison presented PURC research on Lifeline telephone discount programs at a workshop of the Florida Public Service Commission. He provided updated data from an earlier PURC study and described PURC research on alternatives to the existing system. Approximately 40 people from the public and private sectors participated in the workshop.
Find more information about Lifeline [here](#).
- **University of Florida Superior Accomplishment Award**
PURC International Programs Director Araceli Castaneda received a 2006 University of Florida Superior Accomplishment Award at a spring ceremony.

- **PURC in Boston, MA**
4th Annual International Industrial Organization Society conference
Dr. Mark Jamison presented the paper, "Toward an Economic Theory of Leadership: Leading Adaptive Change," relating recent research in neuroscience to the problem of someone providing leadership in an organization that needs to adjust to changes in its environment, to 15 academics from the US and other nations.
Find leadership development programs [here](#).

Search for the publication [here](#).

March 2006

- **Warrington College of Business Administration award**

Former PURC student assistant Carlos Gomez received a Warrington College of Business Administration Outstanding Multicultural Servant Leader Award at UF.



- **Florida outreach**

Dr. Jamison delivered the presentation, Telecoms Industry: Players, Structure, and Issues, to employees of Naylor Publications in Gainesville. He described the companies currently involved in providing telecommunications services, compared the US companies to their foreign rivals, and explained current issues regarding mergers, universal service, competition, and net neutrality.

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

February 2006

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

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Winter Meeting

Mark Jamison presented the results of PURC's research of the Lifeline telecommunications program to the NARUC's Consumer Affairs Committee. PURC Director of Water Studies Dr. Sanford Berg delivered a presentation titled "Survey of Benchmarking Methodologies in the Water Sector" to NARUC's Water Committee.

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- **33rd Annual PURC Conference in Gainesville, FL**

1907-2007, A Century of Utility Regulation: Looking Forward to the Next Hundred Years

John W. Mayo, Professor of Economics, Business and Public Policy at Georgetown University was the recipient of the 2006 PURC Distinguished Service Award. Cheryl Bulecza-Banks was the recipient of the 2006 Gerald L. Gunter Distinguished Service Award.

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

Leadership Development Program: Adaptive Work for New Realities

Find more leadership development programs [here](#).

January 2006

- **19th PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy**

92 regulatory professionals from 33 nations participated in the program.

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