PURC Advanced International Practices Program – Energy Pricing July 29 – August 2, 2024 - Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, July 23

Online via Zoom

8:30 - 10:30am

Economics of Pricing Introduction

Refresh of the principles of market economics in English; non-technical explanation of economic concepts used during the program; overview of Rate of Return, Price Caps and Revenue Caps

Monday, July 29	Tuesday, July 30	Wednesday, July 31	Thursday, August 1	Friday, August 2
Session 1 9:00 -10:30 Introduction, Purpose and Objectives Description of the cost allocation methods and pricing models to be used throughout the course	Session 5 9:00 – 10:45 Establishing the Revenue Requirement Choosing methods of regulation; analyzing investments; asset valuation; moving from financial statements to revenue requirement	Session 9 9:00 – 10:45 Case Study in Adjusting Financial Statements Identifying trends and inconsistencies; comparing financial results with operating facts; analyzing financial performance; cross sector lessons	Session 13 9:00 – 10:30 Rate Investigations and Settlements Considerations for a rate proceeding; the settlements process	Session 17 9:00 – 10:45 Electric Case Study Debriefing Group discussion of electricity study results; compare and contrast different rate designs
Session 2 11:00 – 12:30 Energy Markets Structure of the electric and natural gas industries	Session 6 11:00 – 12:30 Demand and Load Forecasting Purpose of demand and load forecasting; identifying load drivers; forecasting techniques and applications	Session 10 11:00 – 12:30 Cost of Service Approaches in Energy Determine customer classes; identifying costs and assignment methods; policy and social considerations; introduction of case study	Session 14 10:45 – 12:15 Challenges in Environmental Issues Impacts of regulation on renewable energy use and energy efficiency; example policies for renewable energy and efficiency; policy options and impacts of climate change issues	Session 18 11:00 – 12:30 Operator's Perspective on Ratemaking Operator's perspective on the critical features of financial targets, rate design and political environment
Session 3 Setting the Base for Regulating Monopoly Prices and Sector Performance: Analyzing and Using Financial Statements Establishing and enforcing uniform systems of accounts; establishing accounting separations procedures; priorities in auditing and review financial statement; examples of problems	Adjusting Financial Statements for Ratemaking Standards for accepting investment, revenue and expense data for ratemaking purposes; cases and examples of regulatory decisions; setting investment benchmarks; making financial adjustments; introduction of energy case study	Session 11 Organizational Challenges and Price Reviews Identifying challenges with price reviews; small group exchange of ideas; small group presentations	Session 15 Economics of Rate Design Calculating multi-part tariffs; developing a menu of tariff options; pricing by time and/or location; distributed generation tariffs in an island system (also includes DSM deployment); accounting for incentives for efficiency and conservation; rate design considerations for renewable energy	Session 19 Action Plans Develop and presentation of individual action plans; think strategically about your relationships; develop a system of accountability; give and receive critical feedback
Session 4 3:15 – 5:00 Taking a Balcony Point of View Seeing beyond your vision in stakeholder perceptions; stepping back while staying in the action; mapping stakeholder interests; understanding players' pressures and responses	Session 8 3:15 – 5:00 Thinking Strategically About a Price Review Identifying relationships with stakeholders; developing and implementing stakeholder strategies; understanding the roles and perspectives of those in authority; staying independent while engaging the stakeholders	Session 12 Team Exercise in Electric Cost of Service Teams work with model cost of service study; determine appropriate cost allocators; determine proper cost categories; allocate costs between customer classes	Session 16 Team Exercise in Electric Rate Design Teams complete their decisions and calculations for case study and report their results; teams must consider revenue sufficiency of tariffs; teams must consider cross-subsidies and potential consequences	Session 20 3:00 – 4:00 Tying the Pieces Together and Key Lessons

^{**}All times noted are in US Eastern Time**