

**Fall 2017**  
**CONFERENCE NOTICE**  
**NARUC STAFF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE**  
***September 10-14, 2017***  
**Springfield, Illinois**

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**WHAT** The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance will be holding its Fall 2017 conference at the **Wyndham Springfield City Centre**. The purpose of the conference is to provide accounting, finance, and utility regulatory information to personnel with all levels of experience who work in the ever-changing utility regulatory environment. *See registration form, below.*

**WHEN** Open Session for all conferees will be 8 a.m. Monday, September 11, 2017 through around Noon on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Closed Session (for subcommittee members and regulatory conferees) runs from Wednesday around Noon, September 13, 2017 through Noon on Thursday, September 14, 2017. There is also a Closed Session Sunday evening, September 10, 2017 at 7 p.m.

**WHERE** **Wyndham Springfield City Centre**  
700 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701  
  
Front Desk: (217) 789-1530

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

**Book your room in time to get the group rate for the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance Fall Meeting.**

**Click on the following link:**

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/national-assn-of-regulatory-utility-commission>

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE – August 29, 2017 or until sold out.**



#### HOTEL RATES and RESERVATION CODES

The hotel conference room rate is \$105 per night for all attendees. The room rates are subject to tax. **Please visit the above mentioned website. It is set up to give you the group rate when using the website.**

**Reservation Block is open until August 29, 2017 or until sold out**

**A limited block of rooms has been reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. It is recommended that you book a room immediately. The cutoff date is August 29, 2017 for hotel reservations at these rates. However, once the block of rooms is filled, depending on overall room availability at the hotel, rooms may not be available at the contracted rate. If you don't make your reservation prior to the cutoff date rooms may not be available, or may be available, but at a higher rate.**

**Wednesday Night Dinner:** Dinner at Nick and Nino's with some entertainment on the 29<sup>th</sup> floor at the hotel.

CONFERENCE COST	Registration must be received by <b>August 28, 2017</b> to avoid a late fee. State or Federal Commission Staff & Consumer Advocates, \$225. All Others, \$275. Late Fee for Registration after August 28, 2017, \$25.
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**REGISTRATION** Please register online with a credit card at <https://fallsubcom17.registerat.com/Home.aspx> or to pay by check mail the enclosed registration form and attach your check (made out to "NARUC") as soon as possible. **Registration must be received no later than August 28.** After August 28, 2017, the \$25 late fee applies. You may fax late registration forms as well as register on-site. Please bring full payment with you. Requests for refunds must be received in writing by August 28, 2017. No refunds can be granted after that date. For more information regarding administrative policies such as complaints and refunds, please contact Dolores Midkiff-Powell, Chair, at (517) 284-8254, or by e-mail at [midkiff-powellld@michigan.gov](mailto:midkiff-powellld@michigan.gov).

**PARKING** Parking, fee: \$10/day, you can add this charge to your room bill at check in.

#### TRANSPORTATION

This hotel does provide shuttle service from Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport (SPI).

Alternate Transportation:

- Estimated taxi fare: \$10 USD (one way)

**WEATHER** The temperature typically is in the 80's during the day and in the 50's at night during this week in September.

**DRESS** Business Casual

**TENTATIVE AGENDA TOPICS:**

Closed session Sunday: FASB Meeting for Regulatory Conferees

**Open sessions** FASB initiatives and projects, Accounting Specific Presentations, Electric Presentations, FERC, RUS, Gas Presentations, Telecommunications Presentations, Financial Presentations, Rating Agency reviews, and Water Presentations.

**CLOSED SESSIONS** For regulatory conferees Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning, Regulatory Projects/Updates, Regulatory issues and Committee Business

A more complete agenda is being developed and will be emailed.

Contact Dolores Midkiff-Powell at (517)284-8254 or [midkiff-powelld@michigan.gov](mailto:midkiff-powelld@michigan.gov).

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

After completion of this conference you will be able to:

- Identify the current accounting initiatives, standards and projects at FASB relevant to utilities.
- Identify the characteristics of programs funded by the Rural Utilities Service.
- Identify the emerging issues at the FCC, FERC and legislative actions.
- Identify challenges from the changing environment in which utilities operate.
- List current regulatory issues of water, energy and telecommunication utilities.

**CPE CREDITS**

Historically, participants that attend all sessions of the program earn an average of 5 CPE hours in the accounting field of study and 18 CPE hours in the specialized knowledge field of study. Based on previous experience, 19 to 21 hours of CPE credits will be available to participants attending the open sessions, with an additional 2 to 3 hours available in the closed sessions. Final CPE earned will be determined based on the length of participation in the program as evidenced through completed attendance forms for each session attended.

This conference provides a general review of new accounting pronouncements and issues that affect regulated utilities. The conference presentation method is group-live and the course level is intermediate. Prerequisite:



Background in Accounting and Regulatory Issues. There is no advance preparation needed for this conference. The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual

courses for CPE Credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors through its website: [www.nasbaregistry.org](http://www.nasbaregistry.org). NARUC's National Registry of CPE Sponsors Number is 103641.

**Certificate of  
Continuing  
Regulatory  
Education Credits**

For public and nonprofit sector employees, full attendance at the program will earn 20 credits toward a Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Education (CCRE) sponsored by the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University and endorsed by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Credits may be earned for up to two programs hosted by the same professional organization and past attendance may be eligible. For program details, please visit [ipu.msu.edu/CCRE](http://ipu.msu.edu/CCRE) or contact [ipu@msu.edu](mailto:ipu@msu.edu).

**TOURIST  
INFORMATION**

Visit: <http://www.visitspringfieldillinois.com/>

If you have questions regarding this conference, please contact Dolores Midkiff-Powell, CPA, Chair, at (517) 284-8254 or [midkiff-powelld@michigan.gov](mailto:midkiff-powelld@michigan.gov).

**See registration form, below, OR use the following website (credit cards are accepted online only):**

<https://fallsubcom17.registerat.com/Home.aspx>



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITY  
COMMISSIONERS  
STAFF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE  
FALL 2017 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

*September 10-14, 2017*

**Springfield, Illinois**

Please complete this form and submit with payment on or before August 28, 2017. Sign up on the website along with filling this form out if paying by check. Name tags will be printed from information on the website. Checks should be made payable to NARUC. Credit cards are not accepted with mail in registration. Please use the website <https://fallsubcom17.registerat.com/Home.aspx>, if you wish to use a credit card. **REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER August 28, 2017, ABSENT AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT. IF NOT REGISTERING ONLINE, registration and payments should be mailed to:**

NARUC-Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance  
Attention: Judith Ford  
1101 Vermont Avenue, NW; Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20005

Please print or type (please fill in all blanks)

Name:	Title:
Company/Firm/Agency:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
E-mail address:	
Telephone: Fax:	
Do you wish to obtain CPE and/or CCRE Credit Hours? (please circle)      YES      NO	
Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number: _____	
First time attending NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance Conference? (please circle) <div style="text-align: right;">YES      NO</div>	

<b>Registration Fees</b> (Please check all that apply.)			
	Number	Amount	Total
State or Federal Commission Staff & Consumer Advocates		\$225.00	
All Others		\$275.00	
Late Fee after <b>August 28, 2017</b> (Receipt Date)		\$25.00	

<b>Special Activities (Open to Attendees and Guests)</b>			
<b>WELCOME RECEPTION (EEI sponsored)</b>	Number	Amount	Total
State or Federal Commission Staff & Consumer Advocates		\$0.00	
All Others		\$0.00	

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<b>To be announced</b>	Number	Amount	Total
Group Dinner Wednesday Night (State or Federal Commission Staff & Consumer Advocates)		\$25.00	
Group Dinner Wednesday Night (All Others)		\$50.00	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>			

<b>Special Activities (Open to Attendees)</b>			
	Number	Amount	Total
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>			

Please notify Dolores Midkiff-Powell at (517)284-8254 or [midkiff-powelld@michigan.gov](mailto:midkiff-powelld@michigan.gov) if you have special needs as covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.