The Conference features some of the latest developments in the telecommunications and energy sectors, including:

- Strategies under Competition and Regulation
- Transmission
- Reliability
- Risk & Uncertainty
- Market Response & Dynamics
- Pricing

Who should attend:

- Industry Economists
- Marketing and Regulatory Managers
- Consultants
- Regulatory Commission Staff

Dinner Speakers:
CRRI is happy to welcome Thomas G. Day (Senior Vice President, USPS) and Allen M. Freifeld (Commissioner of the Maryland Public Service Commission)
25th ANNUAL EASTERN CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

3:00 - 4:00 Registration

4:00 - 6:00 Welcome to Conference: Michael A. Crew
      Sheldon Switzer: Utility Outdoor Lighting Service – Why Regulate a Competitive Service as if it were a Monopoly?
      Howard Spinner: A Response to Two Recent Studies that Purport to Calculate Electric Utility Restructuring Benefits Captured by Consumers

6:00 - 9:00 Cocktail Hour

Dinner & Speech: Thomas G. Day, Senior Vice President – Government Relations, USPS

Thursday, May 18, 2006

8:15 - 9:50 Concurrent Sessions

RELIABILITY
Chair: Spencer Yang
Discussants: Marc A. Smith & Stratford Douglas
Alfredo Garcia & E. Stacchetti: Investment Dynamics in Electricity Markets
Malcolm Ainspan: Electricity System Reliability as a Club Good

9:50 - 10:10 Coffee Break

10:05 - 11:45 Concurrent Sessions

TRANSMISSION
Chair: Craig Glazer
Discussants: Colin Loxley
John Kelly: Rates of Return for Transmission Investment: Old Controversies and New Pleadings – How Much is Enough?
Peter H. Griffes: Incentives for Transmission Expansion – the Case of the Irish Electricity Market
Spencer Yang: Why is Transmission not Getting Built?

11:45 - 1:00 Lunch Break

1:00 - 2:30 Concurrent Sessions

DEMAND RESPONSE
Chair: Richard Steeves
Discussants: James W. Brown & Catherine T. McDonough
Eric Ackerman & Tim McClive: Update on Demand Response
Peter Cappers, Bernie Neenan & Henry Yoshimura: Improving Linkages between Wholesale and Retail Markets
J. Riley Allen: Demand Response Implied Price Effect (DRIPE)

2:30 - 3:30 Concurrent Sessions

VERTICAL RELATIONSHIPS
Chair: James W. Brown
Discussants: Michael A. Crew & Herbert Thompson
Agustin Ros, William Taylor & Jose Maria Rodriguez: The Economics of Mobile Termination
James D. Reitzes: Downstream Price-Cap Regulation and Upstream Market Power

3:30 Exercise Break

6:00 - 9:00 Cocktail Hour

Dinner & Keynote Speech: Allen M. Freifeld, Commissioner of the Maryland Public Service Commission
Friday, May 19, 2006

8:45 - 10:30 PLENARY SESSION
Chair: William J. Hausman
Discussants: Dale Schoenberger

Alain de Fontenay & Jonathan Liebenau: Innovation in Telecommunications; the Judicial Process and the Economics of Costing, Transactions and Pricing

Alan E. Finder & Robert L. Bergbauer: The Changing Regulatory Climate for Utility Mergers and Acquisitions

Timothy J. Tardiff: The Implications of Changes in Industry Structure and Technological Convergence for Telecom Competition and Regulation

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee Break

10:50 - 12:30 PLENARY SESSION
Chair: Hung-Po Chao
Discussants: Pradip Chattopadhyay & Guillermo Israilevich

Craig Glazer: Retail and Wholesale Markets: The Intersection of Two Moving Objects

Mario DePillis: Lessons Learned in New England Capacity Markets and Available Solutions

Timothy Mount & Surin Maneevitjit: Paying for Reliability in Deregulated Electricity Markets

12:30 - 12:45 Concluding Remarks – Michael A. Crew

12:45 - Lunch

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Malcolm Ainspan, Senior Economist - Licensing and Industry Restructuring, Israel Public Utilities Authority

J. Riley Allen, Economist, Vermont Department of Public Service

James W. Brown, Manager of Energy Resource Planning, Green Mountain Power Corporation

Peter Cappers, Director, Neenan Associates, a Utilipoint company

Hung-Po Chao, Director, Market Monitoring, ISO New England, Inc.

Pradip Chattopadhyay, Utility Analyst - Electric Division, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

James E. Cochell, Senior Economist, Duke Energy

Emmett Rand Costich, Attorney, Office of Consumer Advocate, U.S. Postal Rate Commission

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