

**Advanced
Workshop in
Regulation &
Competition
2017-2018**



Regulation and Developments in Network Industries

November 17, 2017

**Rutgers Business School, 1 Washington Park
Newark, NJ 07102**

January 12, 2018

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April 13, 2018

**K&L Gates LLP, 1601 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20004**

**37th Annual Eastern Conference
Ellicott City, Maryland, June 6 - 8, 2018**

**31st Annual Western Conference
Monterey, California, June 27 - 29, 2018**

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SCHEDULE AND TOPICS OF THE 2017-2018 WORKSHOP

November 17, 2017 **Location: Rutgers Business School, Room 534**
1 Washington Park, Newark NJ 07102

Agenda

Eric Ackerman, consultant to ICSE, “*Regulatory Strategy for Puerto Rico*”

Casimir Bielski, EEI, “*The Challenges of Adopting Solar*”

Victor Glass, Rutgers, “*Responsibility for Reliability: A Forgotten Approach that Can Work in Puerto Rico*”

Victor Glass, Rutgers, “*The FCC’s Push to Speed Up 5G Deployment by Overhauling Infrastructure Regulation: What’s at Stake and What to Expect?*”

Tim Tardiff, AACG, *Broadband Progress: Measurement and Policy Implications*

Tim Brennan, U. of Maryland, “*Net Neutrality: Legislative Vagaries and How to fix them*”

January 12, 2018 **Location: Rutgers Business School, Room 464**
1 Washington Park, Newark NJ 07102

Agenda

Hung-po Chao, PJM Interconnection – **Electricity Market Price Formation, Reliability and Resilience?**

John Caldwell, Edison Electric Institute – **Block Chain Wholesale Market Transactions**

Richard Michelfelder and Eugene Pilotte, Rutgers – **The Information in Electricity Forward Prices**

Willis Geffert, NERA, **Net metering and cost-benefit studies of DG solar**

Sheldon Switzer, BGE – **Cost Recovery for Electric and Gas System Reliability Investments**

A Howard Spinner, NOVEC, “**Status of Regulatory Flexibility Proceeding in Virginia Caused by Data Center Customer Requirement for 100% Renewable Energy**”

Agustin Ros, Brattle Group and Brandeis University – **Utility of the Future and Cost of Service: Challenges and Opportunities**

Tim Brennan, University of Maryland – **Do Price-Cap regulated utilities have too much or too little Incentive to Maintain**

April 13, 2018 **Location: K&L Gates LLP, 1601 K Street NW**
Washington, DC 20004

Speakers:

Eric Ackerman, Director, Alternative Regulation

Dan Barrett, Director, Customer & Market Insights, USPS

Margaret Cigno, Director, Office of Accountability and Compliance, Postal Regulatory Commission

Timothy Brennan, Professor, University of Maryland –Baltimore County

Larry Buc, President, SLS Consulting, Inc.

Victor Glass, Director, CRRI Scholar, and Professor of Professional Practice, Rutgers University

Keith Kellison, Vice President, Retail and Residential Operations, United Parcel Service

David M. Levy, Partner, Venable LLP

Michael Plunkett, President and CEO, PostCom

Art Sackler, Executive Director, National Postal Policy Council

Michael Scanlon, Partner, K&L Gates, LLP

Phillip Tabitta, Manager Negotiation Support and Special Studies, American Postal Workers Union

Tammy Whitcomb, Acting Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General

David C. Williams, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Public Policy, George Mason University

Full agenda available [here](#).

Advanced Workshop Conferences

37th Annual Eastern Conference, June 6– June 8, 2018, Ellicott City, Maryland, U.S.

Abstracts Due: January 3, 2018, see [Conference Brochure](#)

31st Annual Western Conference, June 27 – 29, 2018, Hyatt Regency, Monterey, California, U.S.

Abstracts Due: November 30, 2017, see [Conference Brochure](#)

ADVANCED WORKSHOP IN REGULATION AND COMPETITION

Network industries - telecommunications, electricity, gas, water, postal etc. - are currently undergoing major changes, the most significant being the entry of competitors. These conferences aim to be at the cutting edge of these developments by providing the opportunity to discuss the research of academics, company economists, and regulatory commission economists. Several of the papers presented at past conferences have been published in professional journals, including the Conference/Practitioners Issue of the *Journal of Regulatory Economics*.

OBJECTIVE

To promote a better understanding of competition, regulatory environment, challenges in network industries and the role of regulation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Individuals interested in developing a better understanding of competition, forthcoming challenges, and regulatory developments in network industries and applying it in their company or regulatory commission.

APPROACH

The Workshop is organized annually as three one-day meetings combined with a two-day conference in the Eastern U.S. and a second two-day conference on the West Coast. The meeting format is designed to allow for both presentation of recent research and the open discussion of new ideas. The topics covered provide not only the latest research on competitive developments in network industries, but also instructions on subjects required for a better understanding of competition.

CALL FOR PAPERS - CRRI'S EASTERN & WESTERN CONFERENCES

Persons interested in submitting papers are invited to submit abstracts not exceeding 300 words for consideration for either of the two conferences. Please **complete the abstract submission form along with your abstract and send via email to the following dedicated account: abstractsecwc@business.rutgers.edu**. Include your name and title of the paper on the abstract and use MS Word format. All abstracts will receive an immediate automatic acknowledgement and a personal acknowledgement within a few days. **If both of these have not been received with 48 hours please let us know** immediately by calling (973) 353-5761 or via email at crri@business.rutgers.edu. If there is more than one author indicate whether co-author plans to attend. More than one abstract may be submitted but please note for each abstract which conference is preferred. The Workshop Organizing Committee is responsible for the selection of the program for the Eastern Conference. The Western Conference Organizing Committee will select the program for the Western Conference. So that we may distribute copies of the papers before the conferences, completed papers are due no later than **April 27, 2018** for the Eastern Conference and **May 24, 2018** for the Western Conference. All papers will be distributed on a restricted website. This requires that the papers be in the following electronic formats: MS Word and Adobe Acrobat PDF's.

Acceptance of any abstract automatically registers the lead author for the Conference for which the paper is selected. The lead author will be considered a Speaker and is required to pay the reduced Speakers' enrollment fee. The fee is \$1,005 (government rate of \$600 for regulatory commission staff) for the Eastern and \$1,060 (govt. \$645) for the Western Conference, provided payment is received by **February 9, 2018** for the Western and **February 23, 2018** for the Eastern. After this date the full conference fees of \$1,070 (govt. \$620) for the Eastern and \$1,135 (govt. \$685) for the Western will apply. A no cancellation policy is applicable to speakers of accepted papers, unless we are notified prior to the abstract submission deadline. All registration fees are exclusive of food and lodging which will be paid directly to the hotel by the participant, with the exception of the Western Conference fee, which includes dinner on the first evening of the Conference. In the case of full-time faculty of colleges and universities selected for the program, an honorarium plus full support for registration and lodging may be available.

CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN REGULATED INDUSTRIES

CRRI is located at Rutgers University, aims to further the study of regulation by research in economics, finance, and institutions. Its publications, seminars, workshops, and courses make available the latest advances to academics, managers, and regulatory commission staff. The Center has over thirty years of experience providing research, instruction, conferences, courses, seminars, and workshops in the economics of network industries. The Center's *Journal of Regulatory Economics* is an international scholarly bi-monthly publication intended to provide a forum for the highest quality research in regulatory economics.

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