SCHEDULE, LOCATION AND FEES

The Workshop will consist of:

- (a) Three one-day meetings held in Engelhard Hall, Rutgers University, Graduate School of Management, Newark, N. J. beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. The dates of these meetings are November 21, 1986, February 20, and April 17, 1987.
- (b) A residential meeting to be held at The Sagamore, Bolton Landing, New York, beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 1987 and ending at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29, 1987.

The physical facilities of the School and the Conference Center are excellent.

The enrollment fee of \$650 per person includes prescribed learning materials, meals in Newark, receptions, and coffee breaks. It is possible to enroll for the residential meeting at the Sagamore separately from the whole workshop package for a fee of \$495. A limited number of fellowships which reduce the above fees to \$325 and \$250, respectively, are available to employees of non-profit organizations. (Fees do not include the cost of overnight lodging and meals, which is to be paid directly by participants to the hotel.)

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Utilities, regulatory commissions, consulting companies and others are encouraged to nominate persons currently active in research in public utility economics and regulation. In presenting the nomination, consideration should be given to the candidate's potential for development within the company or commission.

Application forms are enclosed which should be returned by October 31, 1986.

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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OBJECTIVE

The general objective of the workshop is to promote economic research and improve understanding of current issues facing regulators, regulated industries and consumers. To this end the workshop attempts to develop the individual's research capacity in the field of public utility economics and regulation. Thus, the workshop has direct benefits for the individual's employer and offers career development opportunities for the participants.

APPROACH

The workshop is organized annually as three one-day meetings and one two-day conference. A basic theme is established for the workshop and then speakers are asked to address special topics related to the general theme. The meeting format is designed to allow for both presentation of recent research and the open discussion of new ideas.

Examples of some of the types of research topics that are examined in the workshop include pricing policy of public utilities, equity and efficiency in regulation, regulation and incentives, developments in demand analysis and forecasting in utilities, conflicts in state and federal regulation, the interaction of antitrust and regulation, economics of multiproduct utilities, cross subsidy issues, cost allocation, capital recovery, phase-ins and nuclear plants, effects of oil price decline on electric and gas utilities, and diversification and utilities. Where relevant, instruction is provided in areas where economists need at least background knowledge, but often lack formal training; for example, procedures in regulatory accounting, depreciation and capital recovery, and the role of financial models in regulation.

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THEME OF THE 1986-87 WORKSHOP

The major theme of the program will be **Deregulation and Diversification of Utilities.** The topics for the first two meetings are:

November 21, 1986:

"Major Issues in Diversification and Partial Deregulation: Cross Subsidies and Economies of Scope"

Michael Crew and Keith Crocker

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Richard Simnett, Bell Communications Research

February 20, 1987

"Regulatory and Antitrust Implications of Diversification and Deregulation"

Michael Crew and Paul Kleindorfer

Implications for Industry and Regulators:

"Analysis of Bypass"

Rosemary McDonald, New York Telephone

"Water Utilities and Diversification"

Donald Schlenger, United Water Resources

"Lessons from Telecommunications Deregulation for Electric/Gas Utilities"

Theresa Flaim, Niagara Mohawk

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The topic for the third meeting on April 17, 1987 will be selected based upon the evolution of the first to sessions and the members' interests.

BENEFITS

The Workshop will provide the following benefits to participates and their employers:

- 1. Instruction in relevant topics.
- Interaction among academic researchers, industry managers and staff of regulatory commissions, and opportunities for better communication and exchange of ideas.
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