



Celebrating 40 years of Advocacy

Fall Workshop

& State Industrial Group Attorneys Roundtable

October 18, 2016 ⚡ AF&PA Conference Center ⚡ Washington DC

About twenty years ago, the US power industry began a transition to a more competitive market structure. This included the unbundling of electric utilities' traditional vertical integration and the creation of independent grid operators and a deregulated merchant generator sector. Considerable jurisdiction over the operation and planning of utilities was shifted from States to the FERC, and complex pricing mechanisms are now used in roughly half the country for day-ahead and real-time energy, capacity and ancillary services. The results are controversial – not all stakeholders are satisfied with market operation or long-term planning. Ironically, any consideration of new reforms to the industry that better align wholesale market operation and planning with a competitive paradigm have been largely supplanted by State initiatives to redesign the distribution network with an emphasis on resiliency and decarbonizing electric services. This includes the promotion of customer-owned Distributed Energy Resources, microgrids, and a distribution-level digital platform responsible for planning and market and grid operations. As part of ELCON's 40th anniversary, a team of recognized industry leaders will reflect on where we've come from and where the industry needs to go and whether such drastic changes are necessary.

AGENDA

9:00 AM WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

9:15 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Norman C. Bay (Invited)
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

10:00 AM Nick Akins
Chairman, President & CEO
American Electric Power (AEP)

10:45 AM BREAK

11:00 AM Sue Kelly
President & CEO
American Public Power Association (APPA)

11:45 AM LUNCH

12:30 PM LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Robert F. Powelson
First Vice President, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)
Chairman, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

1:15 PM Megan Ceronsky
Special Assistant to the President & Associate Counsel to the President
The White House

2:00 PM John Shelk
President & CEO
Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)

2:45 PM BREAK

3:00 PM Ashley Brown
Executive Director, Harvard Electricity Policy Group
Former Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Ohio

3:45 PM State Industrial Group Attorneys Roundtable

5:15 PM CLOSING REMARKS: JOHN HUGHES