

Regulation and Competition in Network Industries

28th ANNUAL EASTERN CONFERENCE

Skytop Resort, Skytop, Pennsylvania, U.S.

May 13-15, 2009

Abstracts Due: January 5, 2009

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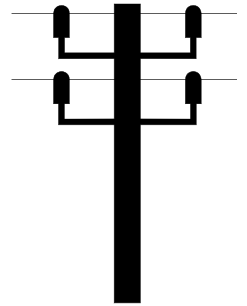
June 17-19, 2009

Abstracts Due: December 2, 2008

ELECTRIC GAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
WATER ENVIRONMENTAL POSTAL

Possible Subjects:

- Distribution
- Innovations in Pricing and Technology
- Market Structure
- Strategies under Competition and Deregulation
- Incentive Regulation
- Responsiveness to Competition
- Transmission Pricing and Regulation
- Universal Service
- Regulatory Reform



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Network industries-telecommunications, electricity, gas, water, 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*.

Papers are sought in all areas relating to competition and regulation. A non-restrictive list of some topics of special interest follows: access pricing, deregulation, competition and new pricing strategies, antitrust and regulation, capital recovery, environmental issues, interface of federal and state regulation. The time available to present the paper will normally not exceed 30 minutes plus discussants' and floor comments. While the paper may be technical, it should be presented in a non-technical manner developing the policy, business, or regulatory implications.

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 through <http://crri.rutgers.edu/papers>**. Include your name and title of the paper on the abstract and use MS Word format. Please submit through <http://crri.rutgers.edu/papers>. To submit an abstract, open the website, click on "Participants", and choose under the option "Select a Conference" the entry "Eastern" or "Western". All abstracts will be acknowledged promptly after receipt. 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 10, 2009**, for the Eastern Conference, and **May 15, 2009**, for the Western Conference. All papers will be distributed on a restricted website and on CD-ROM. This requires that the papers be in the following electronic formats: MS Word, WordPerfect, and Adobe Acrobat PDF's.

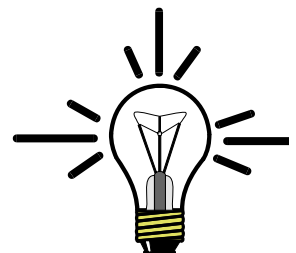
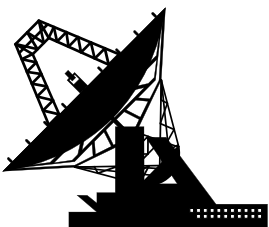
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The Center will place the initial drafts of the two programs with the accepted papers by the end of January 2009 on the web at www.crri.rutgers.edu. This will contain the agendas for the Conferences as well as the abstracts of the papers being presented. Also available at the Advanced Workshop in Competition site will be information about the Conference sites and registration. Further information can be obtained from Michael A. Crew (mcrew@rbs.rutgers.edu) or (crri@rbs.rutgers.edu).

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