



Presents the 7th Annual Kickoff Forum on

Connecting Communities: Smart Cities, Enabling Technologies & the Grid

Saturday, November 12, 2016 ♦ 2:00-5:00 pm

La Quinta Resort & Club ♦ La Quinta, CA ♦ Fiesta Ballroom 1-8

AGENDA

- 1:30 – 2:00 **Registration Open** (Program begins promptly at 2:00 pm.)
- 2:00 – 2:05 **Welcome & Forum Expectations**
Ms. Katrina McMurrian, Executive Director, Critical Consumer Issues Forum
- 2:05 – 2:10 **Opening Remarks by NARUC President**
The Honorable Travis Kavulla, NARUC President and Montana Public Service Commission Vice Chairman
- 2:10 – 2:35 **Setting the Stage: What is a Smart City?**
A growing number of communities are implementing “smart city” initiatives – for a variety of reasons and at different speeds. The speaker will discuss common smart city elements, underlying motivations, enabling technologies, and opportunities and challenges for communities in pursuit of smart city designation.
Mr. Russell E. Vanos, Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Global Software, Services and Smart Cities, Itron
- 2:35 – 3:35 **Real World Experiences regarding Smart Cities (TED Talks)**
A series of speakers will share present activities and upcoming plans with respect to smart city initiatives.
Presenters:
 - *Mr. Robert L. Graham, Director, EV Everywhere, US Department of Energy*
 - *Mr. Jason Anderson, President and CEO, Cleantech San Diego*
 - *Mr. Michael E. Britt, Vice President, Energy Innovation Center, Southern Company*
- 3:35 – 3:45 **Break**
- 3:45 – 4:55 **Key Regulatory and Policy Considerations**
Panelists will explore important regulatory and policy questions.
Moderator: *Mr. David K. Owens, Executive Vice President, Business Operations Group & Regulatory Affairs, Edison Electric Institute*
Panelists:
 - *The Honorable Ann Rendahl, Commissioner, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission*
 - *The Honorable Norm Saari, Commissioner, Michigan Public Service Commission*
 - *Dr. Mark W. Toney, Executive Director, The Utility Reform Network (TURN)*
 - *Mr. Robert S. Kenney, Vice President, CPUC Regulatory Relations, Pacific Gas & Electric Company*
- 4:55 – 5:00 **Closing Remarks by NASUCA President**
Mr. Robert A. Nelson, NASUCA President and Montana Consumer Counsel
- 5:00 **Adjourn to CCIF Wine & Cheese Reception**