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THE BASICS

PRACTICAL REGULATORY TRAINING

Electric Industry • Natural Gas Local Distribution Industry

October 13-17, 2025

SHERATON UPTOWN • ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Please read the following information included in this packet:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

“THE BASICS”

Electric or LDC • October 13-17, 2025

1. COURSE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SHARE SITE THROUGH **October 18, 2025**.

Materials will not be available after this date. It is up to you to download the materials before access expires.

2. Individuals are responsible for applying for continuing education credits for CLE (attorneys) or CPE (accountants) in their own state. We are approved in New Mexico for CLE credits only; your state should recognize these credits but we do not guarantee this. We suggest you check with your State's Bar or Board for application requirements to obtain continuing education credits.

**All sessions will be on the first floor of the hotel.

3. **All Electric Sessions** will be held in the Ambassador/Registry Ballroom. Sessions Monday thru Friday begin at 8:00 am.

4. **Natural Gas (LDC) Sessions** will be held in the Roxy Ballroom, Monday and Tuesday at 8:30 am. Wednesday and Thursday's session will begin at 8:00 am. Friday's session will be held in the Ambassador/Registry Ballroom from 8:00 – 11:00 am.

5. **WELCOMING RECEPTION:** Monday, Oct 13th, 5:30 – 7:00, hosted food and select beverages on the first floor of the hotel in the Baldwin Ballroom.

6. The **Hotel** will provide bus service to Old Town Albuquerque Oct 14th, **Tuesday Evening Only**. A schedule will be available at the conference registration desk Tuesday morning. Space is limited. www.albuquerqueoldtown.com

7. **SANTA FE (optional):** The bus for the Santa Fe trip will load on the pool side of the hotel at 12:45 pm Wednesday afternoon, Oct 15th. **BUS WILL DEPART AT 1:00!!** It will depart Santa Fe at 5:45 pm. Pick up and drop off points in Santa Fe will be the same. The drive is approximately 75 minutes. Tour guides will be on the busses for information and questions. You will be on your own to explore Santa Fe. www.santafe.org

8. **FAREWELL SOCIAL HOUR:** Thursday, Oct 16th, 5:30– 7:00 pm – hosted food and select beverages on the first floor of the hotel in the Baldwin Ballroom.

9. A list of participants and speakers are included in this packet.

10. **PLEASE** submit your online evaluation of each speaker/topic. A link to our online evaluations will be sent to you via email after the conference. All submissions are anonymous and the evaluation is only 4 questions. Our instructors do read these, so please take a few minutes to submit the evaluation.

11. Certificates of Course Completion will be emailed to you the week following the course.

12. If you do not wish to take home your nametag or any other material, we will have a box at the conference registration desk for you to drop them off to be recycled.

😊 ENJOY 😊

See Cindy Blume or Larry Downum at the conference registration desk for any special needs, questions, etc.

Please see the front desk for shuttle service inquiries.

ELECTRIC INDUSTRY

ALLTIMES SHOWN ARE MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE

Monday, October 13

6:30 am · REGISTRATION BEGINS

- Registration begins on the first floor of the hotel.

8:00–10:00 am · INTRODUCTION TO THE TECHNOLOGY, INSTITUTIONS, AND HISTORY OF THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY: Instructor, John Caldwell

- Electricity, Generation Technologies, Network Components
- System Operations, Ancillary Services & Interconnected Utilities
- The Basic Structure of Electric Utility Regulation
- Key Federal Statutes Affecting the Industry and FERC Orders 888 & 2000
- Wholesale & Retail Restructuring
 - Regional Differences in Industry Structure
- Distribution-Only Utilities vs. Vertically Integrated Utilities

10:15–11:45 am · INTRODUCTION TO THE TECHNOLOGY, INSTITUTIONS, AND HISTORY OF THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY (continued): Instructor, John Caldwell

Lunch

1:00–3:00 pm · OVERVIEW OF REVENUE REQUIREMENTS: Instructors, Gary Duncan & Bill Steele

- Components of Revenue Requirements
 - Rate Base, Expenses, Taxes, Depreciation and Net Operating Income
- The Components of the Weighted Average Cost of Capital/ Overall Rate of Return (ROR)
- What triggers a Rate Case and who are the Players?
- The Book Data, Uniform System of Accounts & FERC Form 1
- Adjusted Test-Year Revenue Requirements at Present and Proposed Rates

3:15–5:15 pm · OVERVIEW OF REVENUE REQUIREMENTS (continued): Instructors, Gary Duncan & Bill Steele

ELECTRIC INDUSTRY

Tuesday, October 14

8:00 am – 12:00 pm · REVENUE REQUIREMENT PROBLEM: Instructors, Gary Duncan, Doug Gegax, & Bill Steele

Lunch

1:00–2:45 pm · OVERVIEW OF THE CLASS–COST–OF–SERVICE STUDIES: Instructors, John Caldwell & Bill Steele

- Average Demand
- Coincidental Peak Demand (1CP, 3CP, 4CP, 12CP)
- Non–Coincidental Peak Demand
- Average–Excess Demand
- Non–Fuel and Fuel Base Revenues
- Cost Functionalization
- Cost Classification
- Cost Allocation at Equalized ROR
- Cost Allocation with Class Rate Increase Constraints/Bands

3:00–4:00 pm · OVERVIEW OF THE CLASS–COST–OF–SERVICE STUDIES (continued): Instructors, John Caldwell & Bill Steele

4:00–5:00 pm · CLASS–COST–OF–SERVICE STUDIES PROBLEM: Instructors, Doug Gegax & Bill Steele

Wednesday, October 15

8:00–9:30 am · CLASS–COST–OF–SERVICE STUDIES PROBLEM (continued): Instructors, Doug Gegax & Bill Steele

9:30 am – 12:00 pm · RATE DESIGN: Instructor, Larry Blank

- Development of Base Rates for Different Customer Classes
- Billing Determinants
- Customer, Energy and Demand Charges
- Block Rate Design
- Time–of–Use Rates

ELECTRIC INDUSTRY

Thursday, October 16

8:00 am – 11:30 pm · RATE DESIGN (continued): Instructor, Larry Blank

11:30 am – Noon · LOW INCOME & ENERGY JUSTICE: Instructor: Shubha Muralidhara Harris

- Overview of LIHEAP and utility energy assistance programs.
- Case Study of Pilot Initiative aimed at reducing barriers and improving access to energy assistance.
- Introduction to principles of energy justice.
- Ways to achieve increased participation and access in the clean energy transition.

Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm · LOW INCOME & ENERGY JUSTICE (continued): Instructor: Shubha Muralidhara Harris

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm · CLEAN ELECTRICITY & TRANSPORTATION AND REGULATORY POLICY: Instructor, Jamal Mamkehezri

- Types of Renewable Generation Technologies
- Utility Scale: Power Purchase Agreements,
- Rate Base Investments
- Renewable Portfolio Standards & Renewable Energy Credits
- Storage
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Tariffs
- Green Tariffs
- Voluntary Renewable Programs
- Community Solar
- Distributed Generation
- Net Metering
- Regulatory Treatment of Small Net Metering Customers: Cost Allocation & Rate Design Issues
- Zero Carbon

Friday, October 17

Combined Session for Electric and LDC

8:00-11:00 am · STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS AND PROCESS OF A RATE CASE: Instructors, Larry Blank Cholla Khoury

- The Utility Application, Building the Record, Discovery, Written Testimony
- Cross Examination, Settlement vs. Contested Hearing
- The Final Order and Grounds for Appeals
- Open Meeting Laws and Ex Parte Communication

NATURAL GAS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY (LDC)

Monday, October 13

6:30 am · REGISTRATION BEGINS

Registration begins on the first floor of the hotel.

8:30–12:00 pm · OVERVIEW OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY: Instructor, Larry Blank

- Moving Gas from the Wellhead to the Burner Tip
- Production, Transmission, Storage, and Distribution
- Infrastructure and System Technologies

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

- Role of the LDC – structure, regulation, technology, and system operations
- Relationship with Interstate Pipelines and the FERC

FEDERAL JURISDICTION

- The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

STATE JURISDICTION

- State Regulatory Commissions

Lunch

1:00–4:00 pm · GAS PROCUREMENT, GAS COST RECOVERY, AND GAS COST HEDGING: Instructor, Chris Brown

- Interstate Pipeline Services
- PGA Recovery
- Automatic Adjustments
- Performance Based Rates
- Physical and Financial Hedges

4:00–5:00 pm · THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING REVENUE REQUIREMENTS: Instructor, Wendy Robbins

- Rate Base, Expenses, Taxes, Depreciation and Net Operating Income
- Components of the Rate of Return
- The Test-Year
- Adjusted Revenues at Present and Proposed Rates

Welcome Reception

NATURAL GAS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY (LDC)

Tuesday, October 14

8:30 am – 12:00 pm · THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING REVENUE

REQUIREMENTS (continued): Instructor, Wendy Robbins

Lunch

1:00–5:00 pm · REVENUE REQUIREMENT PROBLEM: Instructor, Erin Potokar

Wednesday, October 15

8:00–12:00 pm · ASSIGNING COSTS TO VARIOUS CUSTOMER CLASSES: Instructor, Ed Giesecking

- What is a class cost-of-service study?
- Functionalization
- Classification
- Allocation

Thursday, October 16

8:00 am – 2:30 pm · RATE DESIGN – RECOVERING ASSIGNED COSTS FROM VARIOUS CUSTOMER CLASSES: Instructor, Ray Blatter

2:45–5:15 pm · KEY ISSUES FACING THE LDC INDUSTRY: Instructor, Liz Pardue

- Gas Utility Rate of Return/Investor Perspectives on Natural Gas Investment
- The Value of Natural Gas Storage
- Natural Gas Market Update and Natural Gas Supply Potential

Farewell Social

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Last	First	Job Title	Organization	City	State	Attending
Abdallah	Omar	Mngr, Utility Pricing, Policy, & Analytics	NRUCFC	Herndon	VA	In-person
Abundis	Elizabeth	Staff Services Management Auditor	CA Public Utilities Commission	Oakland	CA	Zoom
Afsordeh	Nader	Attorney	Southwest Power Pool	Little Rock	AR	In-person
Allen	Connor	Regulatory Analyst	Idaho Power Company	Boise	ID	In-person
Allen	Matekka	Regulatory Consultant Principal	American Electric Power	Tulsa	OK	In-person
Altman	Stephanie	Attorney	Western Resource Advocates	Lyons	CO	In-person
Apperson	Austen	Regulatory Analyst	Idaho Power Company	Boise	ID	In-person
Archana	Iti	Consultant	Energy Strategies	Salt Lake City	UT	In-person
Baca	Erica	Sr. Pricing Analyst	PNM	Albuquerque	NM	In-person
Bailey	Meaghan	Administrative Law Judge	SOAH	Austin	TX	Zoom
Bell	Mark	President	Assoc of Electric Companies of TX	Austin	TX	Zoom
Bellamy	Paige	Assistant People's Counsel	MD Office of People's Counsel	Baltimore	MD	In-person
Bermea	Roy	Regulatory/Financial Analyst	Electric Transmission Texas, LLC	Austin	TX	In-person
Bhat	Manjari	Engineer	CO Public Utilities Commission	Denver	CO	In-person
Bieker	Jeff	Manager, Treasury Services	Sunflower Electric Power Corp	Hays	KS	In-person
Blank	Monsherra	Regulatory Affairs Manager	Southwest Power Pool	St Michael	MN	In-person
Bockheim	Christy	Associate	GDS Associates, Inc.	Fitchburg	WI	In-person
Bongiardina	Nick	Analyst - Engineering	CO Public Utilities Commission	Denver	CO	In-person
Bostrom	Peter	Public Utilities Rates Analyst	KY Public Service Commission	Frankfort	KY	In-person
Brown	Jake	Principal Attorney	Xcel Energy	Austin	TX	In-person
Bukowski	Abby	Staff Attorney	AR Electric Cooperative Corp	Little Rock	AR	In-person
Byrd	Mark	Associate People's Counsel	MD Office of People's Counsel	Baltimore	MD	Zoom
Chamnanthai	Chadaporn	Data Analysts	NRUCFC	Sterling	VA	Zoom
Chaney-Tucker	Celeste	Executive Director	KS Corporation Commission	Topeka	KS	In-person
Charlton-Oliver	Carrie	Case Specialist	Xcel Energy	Amarillo	TX	In-person
Cohen	Elijah	Regulatory Analyst	CA Public Utilities Commission	San Francisco	CA	In-person
Coriz	Marchez	Sr Account Manager	PNM	Albuquerque	NM	In-person

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Craig	Natalie	Research and Policy Analyst	AR Public Service Commission	Little Rock	AR	In-person
Crocker	Evan	Assistant AG - Division Director	NM Department of Justice	Albuquerque	NM	In-person
de la Cruz	Krishna	Attorney	Public Utility Commission of TX	Austin	TX	In-person
Dean	Wes	Rate Case Analyst	AR Public Service Commission	Little Rock	AR	In-person
DiLorenzo	Allyson	Regulatory Analyst	CA Public Utilities Commission	San Francisco	CA	In-person
DiSanti	Nicholas	Sr Rate & Business Consultant	NRUCFC	Millersville	MD	In-person
Dorbecker	Hector	Sr. Economist	TXNM Energy	Albuquerque	NM	In-person
Draghi	Zoe	Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst	CA Public Utilities Commission	San Francisco	CA	In-person
Dressel	Blake	Electric Rates Analyst	CA Public Utilities Commission	San Francisco	CA	In-person
Duery	Shadia	Sr Enterprise Project Mngr	Portland General Electric	Portland	OR	In-person
Dunninger	Camillo	Sr. Financial Analyst	PNM	Albuquerque	NM	In-person
Fiedler	Jeff	Senior Economist	CO Public Utilities Commission	Leadville	CO	In-person
Fitzgerald	Kelvin	Regulatory Analyst 3	WA Utilities & Transport Commission	Lacey	WA	Zoom
Galaviz	Jon	Senior Strategic Account Manager	PNM	Albuquerque	NM	In-person
Gardner-Hajek	Anne	Business Analyst	Salt River Project	Phoenix	AZ	In-person
Gastonguay	Victoria	Customer Service Manager	Continental Divide Electric Coop	Grants	NM	In-person
Ghilino	Matthew	Utilities Engineer	KS Corporation Commission	Topeka	KS	In-person
Gilbert	William	Regulatory Consultant	American Electric Power	Columbus	OH	In-person
Granillo	Antonio	Economic Development Specialist	PNM	Albuquerque	NM	In-person
Grayson	Reese	Regulatory Consultant	American Electric Power - TX	Austin	TX	In-person
Grecu	Emily	Associate	Post & Schell, PC	Pittsburg	PA	Zoom
Green	Jason	Public Utilities Rates & Tariffs Manager	KY Public Service Commission	Frankfort	KY	In-person
Greene	Adrienne	Regulatory Economist	Public Utilities Reg Commission	St. George	GD	In-person
Grundman	Neil	WY Mngr of Utility Construction EU & NGU	Black Hills Energy	Douglas	WY	Zoom
Gunner	Meredith	Regulatory Consultant	The Garrett Group	St. Michael	MN	Zoom
Gustafson	Tomas	Rate Analyst	CA Public Utilities Commission	San Francisco	CA	In-person
Hall	Sarah	Regulatory Analyst	Idaho Power Company	Boise	ID	In-person
Hane	Madisen	Litigation Counsel	KS Corporation Commission	Topeka	KS	In-person
Harbick	Mitchell	Regulatory Projects Manager	PacifiCorp	Portland	OR	In-person

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Hasz	Cheri	Attorney	Public Utility Commission of TX	Katy	TX	In-person
Hendricks	Benjamin	Data Analyst	NRUCFC	Sterling	VA	In-person
Hill III	Billy	Mgr. Gov't Affairs	CenterPoint Energy	Houston	TX	In-person
Ho	Ha	Professional Engineer	CO Public Utilities Commission	Denver	CO	Zoom
Jarboe	Bentley	Public Utilities Rates Analyst	KY Public Service Commission	Frankfort	KY	In-person
Jinturkar	Sejal	Utilities Engineer	CA Public Utilities Commission	San Francisco	CA	In-person
Johnson	Debra	Regulatory Analyst 3	WA Utilities & Transport Commission	Lacey	WA	Zoom
Jones	Matt	Senior Project Manager	Gridworks	Alameda	CA	Zoom
Keen	William	Regulatory Accounting Case Manager	Electric Transmission Texas, LLC	Austin	TX	In-person
Kennedy	Jaime	Attorney	Hardy McLean LLC	Santa Fe	NM	Zoom
Kim	Daniel	Data Analyst	NRUCFC	Sterling	VA	In-person
Kimbrell	Tristan	Assistant General Counsel	KS Corporation Commission	Topeka	KS	In-person
Kito	Michele	Program Manager	CA Public Utilities Commission	San Francisco	CA	Zoom
Knight	Elissa	Project Specialist	Con Edison	New York City	NY	In-person
Knoll	Sam	Energy Analyst	MA Dept of Public Utilities	Boston	MA	In-person
Kwong	Kiana	Staff Services Management Auditor	CA Public Utilities Commission	San Francisco	CA	Zoom
Lay	Ron	Senior Rate Financial Analyst	CO Public Utilities Commission	Denver	CO	Zoom
Lovrien Buehler	Nora	Director, Energy Policy and Programs	ICF	Reston	VA	Zoom
Macias	Javier	Attorney	El Paso Electric Company	El Paso	TX	Zoom
Mahmud	Shamun	Student	NM State University	Denver	CO	In-person
Manus	Wesley	Attorney II	AR Public Service Commission	Little Rock	AR	In-person
Marcella	Kayla	Senior Economist	CO Public Utilities Commission	Denver	CO	In-person
Marquez	Carlos	Senior Attorney	FL Public Service Commission	Tallahassee	FL	In-person
Martins Franco	Mariana	Lead Engineer - Operational Excellence	Avangrid	Milford	CT	Zoom
McConnell	Kody	Regulatory Analyst 3	WA Utilities & Transport Commission	Lacey	WA	Zoom
McCray	Jay	Corporate Attorney	Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	Fort Defiance	AZ	In-person
McGlory	LaQuanda	Bsns Transformation & Innovation Analyst	Cleco Power	Pineville	La	In-person
McMullen	Amy	UECA	PA Public Utility Commission	Harrisburg	PA	In-person
Mize	Connor	FERC Rate Analyst, III	Tri-State Gen & Transmission Assoc	Westminster	CO	In-person

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Newman	Alex	Sr. Project Manager	Kevala Inc.	East Lansing	MI	Zoom
Nilges	Joseph	Sr Financial Analyst / Utilities Division	KS Corporation Commission	Topeka	KS	In-person
Oduro	Portia	Special Assistant People's Counsel	MD Office of People's Counsel	Baltimore	MD	In-person
ONeil	Justin	Financial Analyst	Electric Transmission Texas, LLC	Austin	TX	In-person
Plummer	Everett	Programs Manager	OK Corporation Commission	Oklahoma City	OK	In-person
Pruitt	Rowan	Attorney	Public Utility Commission of TX	Austin	TX	In-person
Quinn	Cassandra	Administrative Law Judge	SOAH	Austin	TX	Zoom
Racy	John	Attorney	CURB	Topeka	KS	In-person
Rivera	Kimberly	Load Analyst	PNM	Albuquerque	NM	In-person
Romero	Josh	Sr. Strategic Account Manager	PNM	Albuquerque	NM	In-person
Rosenthal	Laura	Director, Group Utilities	NiSource	Columbus	OH	In-person
Roth	Chelsey	Regulatory Projects Manager	PacifiCorp	Portland	OR	In-person
Sanson	Autumn	Senior Rate Case Analyst	AR Public Service Commission	Little Rock	AR	In-person
Simpliciano	Roderrick	Auditor	HI Public Utilities Commission	Honolulu	HI	In-person
Sorrells	Sylvana	Regulatory Analyst 3	WA Utilities & Transport Commission	Lacey	WA	Zoom
Spenrath	Micalah	Deputy Director	Houston Advanced Research Center	The Woodlands	TX	Zoom
Staten	Chayse	Sr. Regulatory Consultant	AEP	Columbus	OH	In-person
Sun	Yueting	Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst	CA Public Utilities Commission	Los Angeles	CA	Zoom
Sung	Karin	Program and Project Supervisor	CA Public Utilities Commission	Los Angeles	CA	Zoom
Taylor	Grant	Economic Development Specialist	PNM	Albuquerque	NM	In-person
Taylor	Samuel	Sr. Deputy AG	NV Attorney General's Office	Carson City	NV	In-person
Tomlinson	Kaida	Regulatory Analyst	Texan NM Power	Lewisville	TX	In-person
Utley	Ben	Director of Government Relations	TNMP	Austin	TX	Zoom
Van Skike	Nicholas	Staff Services Management Auditor	CA Public Utilities Commission	Sacramento	CA	Zoom
Vazquez	Brian	Power Production Engineer	PNM	Albuquerque	NM	In-person
Wall	Malkie	Consultant	Energy Strategies	Salt Lake City	UT	Zoom
Weedn	Travis	Sr. Manager, Govt & Regulatory Affairs	OK Corporation Commission	Oklahoma City	OK	In-person
Whitlow	Lincoln	Regulatory Consultant Sr.	American Electric Power	Columbus	OH	In-person
Whitney	Jenna	Energy Analyst	MA Department of Public Utilities	Cambridge	MA	In-person

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Wiseman	Daniel	Administrative Law Judge	SOAH	Austin	TX	Zoom
Wittman	Cristina	Corporate Communications Manager	Central Maine Power/Avangrid	Augusta	ME	In-person
Yarborough	William	Regulatory Specialist	Continental Divide Electric Coop	Grants	NM	In-person
Zelaya	Gilbert	Associate Attorney	Earthjustice	New York	NY	Zoom

NATURAL GAS LDC INDUSTRY						
Last	First	Job Title	Organization	City	State	Attending
Campo	Cynthia	Utilities Rate Analyst	City of Las Cruces	Las Cruces	NM	In-person
Cantillo	Luisa	Manager	Emergent Method	Baton Rouge	LA	In-person
Colman	Gillian	Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst III	CA Public Utilities Commission	San Francisco	CA	In-person
Lilly	Cameron	Sr. Regulatory Analyst	Nicor Gas	Naperville	IL	In-person
Lundy	Miranda	Manager, Project Cost	NiSource	Hebron	IN	In-person
Montoya	Jason	Bureau Chief	NM Public Regulation Commission	Santa Fe	NM	In-person
Nguyen	Long	Analyst	KS Gas Services	Overland Park	KS	In-person
Orth	Patrick	Sr Dir, Federal Government Affairs	NiSource	Washington	DC	In-person
Paige	Gina	Senior Pricing Analyst	Xcel Energy	Highlands Ranch	CO	In-person
Riley	Kayleigh	Public Utilities Rates Analyst	KY Public Service Commission	Frankfort	KY	In-person
Roberts	Susan	Manager - Project Controls	NiSource	Valparaiso	IN	In-person
Rudd	Cynthia	Director of Project Controls	NIPSCO	La Crosse	IN	In-person
Singer	Connie	Senior Project Assistant	Concentric Energy Advisors	Washington	DC	In-person
Stirling	Taylor	Manager	Emergent Method	Baton Rouge	LA	In-person
Thompson	Christopher	Manager - AI Solutions	ONE Gas	Tulsa	OK	In-person
Vizcarra	Vince	Analyst, Natural Gas Scheduling	Southwest Gas Corporation	Las Vegas	NV	In-person



SPEAKER LIST

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AT HOME
MASTERS IN UTILITY ECONOMICS

Attend classes from home or the office via the Internet. Most classes meet once a week for 2.5 hours. You can start with the **Graduate Certificate in Public Utility Regulation & Economics (PURE)** courses, and the credits will count toward completion of the MA in Economics (no prerequisites for the PURE program). If you have already completed our PURE Graduate Certificate, those 12 credits will transfer toward completion of the MA.

- GRE or GMAT: Not required • Minimum GPA: 3.0.

MA Economics Course Requirements:

30 graduate credits (10 graduate courses) with up to 9 possible transfer credits:

Core course requirements (9 credits):

- AEEC 501, Microeconomic Theory
- AEEC 502, Macroeconomic Theory
- AEEC 540, Econometrics I.

Concentration in Public Utility Policy & Regulation (12 credits):

- Econ 571, Electricity I
- Econ 572, Water and Natural Gas Utilities
- Econ 573, Electricity II
- Econ 573, Electricity II
- Econ 574, Advanced Seminar in Regulation & Industry Analyses

Three more 3-credit elective courses (or transfer courses) to complete the 30 credit Masters.

Undergraduate Prerequisites (may be completed after acceptance):

Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Mathematical Economics (available for graduate credit at NMSU), and at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Contact: Larry Blank, Ph.D., Director of the Masters in Economics Program

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Our Qualifications: For over 40 years, NMSU has been nationally known for its educational programs in public utility regulation with over 150 Masters Graduates obtaining careers in regulated utilities and/or government regulatory agencies. Through our NMSU Center for Public Utilities professional programs, endorsed by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), we have trained thousands of regulatory personnel. Our Economics professors have decades of extensive hands-on experience in regulatory policy development, rate cases, and other regulatory matters. The NMSU College of Business is accredited by AACSB.