CCIF
Critical Consumer Issues Forum

Presents the CCIF 3rd Annual Kickoff Forum:

Policy Considerations Related to Distributed Energy Resources

Saturday, November 10, 2012 ♦ 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Baltimore Hilton ♦ 401 West Pratt Street ♦ Baltimore, MD 21201

Key Ballroom 5 & 6 (2nd Floor)

AGENDA

2:00 – 2:05 Welcome to Baltimore
Paula M. Carmody, NASUCA President & Maryland People's Counsel

2:05 – 2:10 Introduction & Expectations
David A. Wright, NARUC President & South Carolina Public Service Commission Chairman

2:10 – 2:30 Keynote: What are Distributed Energy Resources (DER)?
To provide an overview of the technologies (including those fueled by more traditional means, such as gas-fired distributed generation and combined heat and power; those designed to reduce load; and those using newer resources like renewables) and policies (such as net metering, RPS, tax incentives, and rebates) that are contributing to the increased use of distributed energy resources.
Jesse Berst, Founder & Chief Analyst, Smart Grid News

2:30 – 3:15 Benefits & Challenges of DER
Panelists will discuss the benefits and challenges presented by alternative supply options on consumers, utilities, and regulators. Consumers are increasingly becoming more informed and engaged on choices about how they receive energy and how they manage their usage, but not all consumers choose to or are in positions to invest in these technologies. Utilities can benefit from new technologies but may also see increased costs as these technologies further develop. Regulators face the challenge of facilitating new consumer demands while minimizing any negative impacts to the electric delivery system and consumers.

Moderator: *Erin M. O'Connell-Diaz, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission*

Panelists:
- *Joseph L. Fiordaliso, Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*
- *Joe Como, Director, California Division of Ratepayer Advocates*
- *Craig Ivey, President, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.*

3:15 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 4:55 Public Policy Goals & Practices Concerning DER
This panel will focus on public policy initiatives and regulatory actions concerning DER, such as net metering, rebates, tax incentives, performance-based incentives, and low-cost financing.

Moderator: *David K. Owens, EEI Executive Vice President*

Panelists:
- *Jeff Goltz, Chairman, Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission*
- *Bill Levis, Consumer Counsel, Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel*
- *Ron Litzinger, President, Southern California Edison*

4:55 – 5:00 Closing & Next Steps
Paula M. Carmody, NASUCA President & Maryland People's Counsel