

ELECTRIC UTILITY FINANCIAL BASICS: AN INTRODUCTORY PRIMER

April 17-18, 2019
Nashville Airport Marriott
Nashville, TN

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Associate Director, Bipartisan Policy Center



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OVERVIEW

Electric utilities are monopoly service providers and therefore subject to unique financial requirements and regulations. Unlike competitive service providers, rates charged and cost recovery mechanisms are subject to unique principles and differing levels of regulatory oversight ranging from self-regulation in the case of electric cooperatives to local board or council regulation in the case of municipals, to state commission price regulation in the case of Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs). This introductory class provides a brief overview of the American power industry evolution and explains the principles of monopolistic price regulation (i.e., cost of service), the various types of electric utilities, and financial basis for each. Explanations of the basic financial concepts for electric utilities will be provided with a focus on Investor Owned Utilities.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Discuss the regulatory evolution of the American power industry
- Identify the need for price regulation of a monopolistic enterprise
- Describe different regulatory regimes governing electric utilities
- Examine different types of electric industry participants (Muni, Coops, Gencos, Discos, Transcos, IOUs, ISOs, RTOs)
- Explain the basic elements of financial reports for an electric utility (IOU/Muni)
- Define basic cost of service approach (IOU, Muni)
- Identify the concept of rate base, rate of return, and return on equity
- Identify financial planning tools for electric utilities

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Regulators
- Commissioners
- Utility Finance Staff
- General Managers
- Accounting Personnel
- Rate Analysts
- Similar Industry Stakeholders



"This is a fantastic course, I gained much more than I expected."

Senior Business Analyst, Baltimore Gas & Electric



"Engaging discussion of key concepts appropriate for all levels. Highly recommend."

Consumer Counsel, Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

8:00 – 8:30 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 5:00 pm **Course Timing**

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Group Luncheon**

Introduction/Background/Overview

Evolution of the American Electric Power Industry

- Background + History
- Timeline of Key Regulations
- Current Industry Organizations and Participants

Current Industry Organization and Participants

- Genco
- Transco
- Disco
- RTO/ISO

Price Regulations of a Monopolistic Enterprise

- Basic Concepts
- Rules for Price Setting
- Regulatory Regimes and Industry Participants

Introduction to Electric Utility Finance and Ratemaking

- Types of Ownership
- Regulatory Oversight by Sector and Participant

Basic Financial Elements of the Electric Utility Business

- FERC Uniform System of Accounts
- FERC Form 1
- Rate Base
 - o Capital Assets
 - Allowance for Funds Used During Construction
 - Construction Work in Process
 - o Regulatory Assets
 - o Accumulated Depreciation
 - o Working Capital
 - o Deferred Taxes
- Return of Rate Base
- Revenue Requirement

Public Versus Private Utility Accounting Concepts

- Depreciation
- Debt Service
- Franchise Fees/Taxes/Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)
- Margins Versus Profit
- Rate Base/Rate of Return
- Enterprise Funds



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Attorney, Crowe & Dunlevy

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019 (CONTINUED)

Base Electric Utility (IOU/MUNI) Financials

- Reports
 - o Balance Sheet
 - o Income Statement
 - o Operating Budget
 - o Capital Budget

How to Read Your Bill

Wrap Up and Adjourn

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

8:00 – 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 12:00 pm **Course Timing**

Review of Day 1

How Electric Utility Financials Translate into Rates

- Revenue Requirement
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Cost of Service
- Rate Design

Financial Planning Tools

- Financial Management Plan
- Competitiveness with Surrounding Utilities
- Examine Rate Design Impacts
- Dynamic Dashboards

Wrap Up and Adjourn

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“The introductory primer course is a great first look at the industry for new personnel!”

Accounting Analyst,
Xcel Energy

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“This course helped me connect the dots between my regular responsibility as a Sr. Accountant at an IOU and the bigger picture. My work feels more important now that I have a better understanding of my company and industry.”

Sr. Accountant, Xcel Energy

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INSTRUCTOR

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Harvard University: Master in Public Administration

University of Wisconsin-Madison: B.S. Industrial Engineering

Ms. Vedder is a Principal Consultant at LM Vedder Consulting. She has over 25 years of experience in the utility industry with special emphasis on electric and natural gas industry restructuring in the U.S. Her career spans the electric, natural gas, solid waste, wastewater, water and telecommunications utility sectors. Her responsibilities include utility cost of service and rate design studies, strategic business planning, and organizational assessments. Her areas of expertise include finance, regulatory policy, cost allocation, complex quantitative modeling, power markets, power supply contracts, and auditing. She specializes in regulatory treatment methodologies for costs associated with both regulated and competitive activities, fuels portfolios, bond financing, transmission rates and services, and the electric and natural gas sectors at the wholesale and retail levels. She has served as an Independent Auditor to an IOU for large-scale third party solar and wind procurements and as a subject matter expert to the Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan in an audit of a competitive power solicitation. She was technical lead to the Joint Outreach Team for the Department of Energy's Defining the Future of the Grid Initiative in 2012. She served as Lead Auditor for an ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Consolidated Audit of a \$245M state-of-the art wastewater treatment plant. Ms. Vedder has conducted privatization and securitization analyses, negotiated complex deals, and mediated disputes. She has led workshops; prepared written testimony, white papers, and briefs; and submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), various state regulatory agencies, and an international tribunal. She is a trained facilitator and studied leadership and change management at Harvard where her Methodological Areas of Concentration included Negotiation & Conflict Resolution and Regulation & Industry Analysis.

Ms. Vedder, a member of Tau Beta Pi and Alpha Pi Mu, was the Women's Leadership Initiative Fellow for her class at Harvard. She is a Certified Internal Auditor and holds a Certification in Control Self-Assessment.



“Loved hearing about the history behind all the regulations that now exist. The history helps us understand the reasons...”

Sr. Accountant, Xcel Energy

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