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2026 Annual Workshop for Regulators
October 1-6, 2026
Aspen Meadows Resort – Home of the Aspen Institute
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AGENDA

**Thursday,
October 1st** **Arrival**
(no organized activities or programming)

**Friday,
October 2nd**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Faculty</u>
7:45-8:45	Breakfast	
9:00-9:15	Welcome & Introductions	Lynne Kiesling
9:15-10:00	The Five Prisms: Economic Analysis of Regulation/ What's on Your Plate?	All faculty
10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-12:00	Making a Market: A Double Auction Icebreaker	Lynne Kiesling Rim Baltaduonis
12:00-1:00	Lunch	

1:00-2:15	Trends in Technology I: Networks for Power and Communications	Gus Hurwitz
2:15-2:30	Break	
2:30-4:00	Trends in Technology II: Grid Modernization and Cybersecurity	Gus Hurwitz
4:00-4:15	Break	
4:15-5:15	Using Machine Learning to Improve Grid and Market Operations	Kyri Baker
6:30	Reception	
7:00-8:00	Dinner	

**Saturday,
October 3rd**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Faculty</u>
7:45-8:45	Breakfast	
9:00-10:45	Experimental Economics: Electric Power Auctions	Rim Baltaduonis
10:45-11:00	Break	
11:00-12:30	Experimental Economics: Automation, Vehicle-Grid Integration	Rim Baltaduonis
12:30-1:30	Lunch	
1:30-3:00	Origins of Regulation: Technologies and Institutions	Lynne Kiesling
3:00-3:15	Break	

3:15-4:45	Institutional Economics: Vertical Integration, Vertical Relations, Vertical Foreclosures, and Competition Policy	Howard Shelanski
6:30-8:00	Dinner	
8:00-9:30	Fireside Discussion: Competition Policy and “But For” Legal Reasoning <i>(optional)</i>	Howard Shelanski

**Sunday,
October 4th**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Faculty</u>
7:30-8:30	Breakfast	
8:30-9:30	RTO History, Governance, and Roles of Utilities	Josh Macey
9:30-9:45	Break	
9:45-11:30	Applying the Five Prisms to Wholesale Power Market Design	Josh Macey
11:30-11:45	Break	
11:45-12:45	Applying the Five Prisms to Transmission Investment	Josh Macey
12:45-1:45	Lunch	
1:45-3:00	Organizational Architecture in the Regulatory Context	Mike Sykuta
3:00-3:15	Break	
3:15-4:30	Applying the Five Prisms to Regulation and Innovation in Distribution and Retail Electricity Implications	Lynne Kiesling

4:30-6:30	Free Time	
6:30-8:00	Dinner	
8:00-9:30	Fireside Discussion: AI and the Law <i>(optional)</i>	Eric Talley

**Monday,
October 5th**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Faculty</u>
7:45-8:45	Breakfast	
8:45-9:45	Introduction to Corporate Finance	Eric Talley
9:45-10:00	Break	
10:00-11:45	Applying Corporate Finance to Regulated Industries	Eric Talley
11:45-12:30	Lunch	
12:30-6:15	Free time to explore	
6:30	Dinner at Brunelleschi's (205 S. Mill St.)	

**Tuesday,
October 6th**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Faculty</u>
7:30-8:30	Breakfast	

8:30-9:45	Regulatory Reform? Performance Regulation, Soft Law Approaches, Applied to Case Studies	All Faculty
9:45-10:15	Wrap Up and Participant Feedback	All Faculty

Confirmed Attendees *(as of October 9, 2026)*

1. **Kelsey Bagot**, Chair, Virginia State Corporation Commission
2. **Kyri Baker**, Associate Professor, University of Colorado Boulder
3. **Rimvydas Baltaduonis**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, Stanford University
4. **Joshua Byrnes**, Commissioner, Iowa Utilities Commission
5. **Zenon Christodoulou**, Commissioner Emeritus
6. **Adrienne Dahms**, PUC Policy Advisor/Legislative Liaison, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
7. **Caroline Engle**, Executive Advisor, Kentucky Public Service Commission
8. **Michael Furze**, Policy Director, Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission
9. **Derek Gundersen**, Assistant Director, Program Operations, Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economics, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
10. **Gus Hurwitz**, Senior Fellow; Academic Director of the Center for Technology, Innovation & Competition, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
11. **Daniel Kaffine**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder
12. **Cholla Khoury**, Chief of Staff, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
13. **Melinda Krahenbuhl**, Utility Technical Consultant, Utah Public Service Commission
14. **Lynne Kiesling**, Director, Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics; Faculty Fellow, Paula M. Trienens Institute for Sustainability & Energy, Northwestern University, External Faculty, Santa Fe Institute
15. **Josh Macey**, Professor of Law, Yale Law School
16. **Leo Major**, Rapporteur, E9 Insight
17. **Agata Malek**, Director Technical Analysis and Policy, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
18. **Ashley Marcus**, Financial Analysis Unit Supervisor, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
19. **Les Perkins**, Commissioner, Oregon Public Utility Commission
20. **Abigail Raup**, Economist, Public Utilities Commission, State of Hawaii
21. **Alejandro Rettig y Martinez**, Deputy Chief General Counsel, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
22. **Chloe Santa Maria**, Legal & Policy Advisor to Commissioner Stacey Paradis, Illinois Commerce Commission
23. **Howard Shelanski**, Joseph and Madeline Sheehy Chair in Antitrust Law and Trade Regulation; Professor of Law, Georgetown Law
24. **Andrew Soukhome**, Policy Advisor, Arizona Corporation Commission
25. **Bryan Stogdale**, Legal Advisor to the Commission, Virginia State Corporation Commission
26. **Michael Sykuta**, Associate Professor, Agricultural & Applied Economics, Division of Applied Social Sciences, University of Missouri-Columbia
27. **Eric Talley**, Professor of Law, Columbia Law
28. **Samantha Volkmeier**, Policy Advisor to the Chair, Illinois Commerce Commission

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