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Public Service Commission of South Carolina to Host “Electric Utility of the Future” Workshop

On Friday, December 13th, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina will host a workshop on the “Electric Utility of the Future” at the Commission’s offices (101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC). This workshop will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by Jessica Shipley and Megan O’Reilly, staff members from the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP). The topics of the workshop include:

- The changing nature of the electric utility industry and its regulatory environment.
- How distributed resources are changing the electric utility landscape.
- The impact of net energy metering and how rate design models are changing.
- Best practices in integrated resource plans.
- Alternatives to the traditional rate base model, including decoupling, multi-year rate plans, treatment of CAPEX and OPEX, and performance-based ratemaking.

The workshop is expected to last until 3:30 p.m. and is open to any interested parties who wish to attend.

About the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP): The Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP)[®], which is based in Montpelier, Vermont, is an independent, non-partisan, non-governmental organization dedicated to accelerating the transition to a clean, reliable, and efficient energy future. RAP crafts innovative, practical, and forward-looking policy and market solutions designed to meet local needs and employs solutions through a global network. Informed by RAP’s global experience, power sector decision-makers and stakeholders have access to a constantly expanding set of adaptable policy tools and market solutions developed and tested around the world.

About Jessica Shipley: Ms. Shipley joined RAP in 2017 after serving as senior policy analyst with the Oregon Department of Energy, where she was the agency's lead analyst and advisor on climate and energy policy issues. Ms. Shipley earned a bachelor's degree in environmental economics and a master's degree in public policy from the University of California at Berkeley. At RAP, Ms. Shipley works with regulators, policymakers, NGOs, and other stakeholders in the United States on climate-related issues, utility regulatory policy, energy efficiency, integrated resource planning, and other energy policy matters.

About Megan O'Reilly: Before joining RAP in 2018, Ms. O'Reilly worked with the Coalition of Clean Affordable Energy – a group of local, regional, and national non-governmental organizations committed to advancing clean energy policy in New Mexico. Ms. O'Reilly has a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and a J.D. from the University of Colorado. After law school, she clerked at the Colorado Supreme Court for Justice Alex Martinez. At RAP, she provides research and expertise on energy and environmental issues to enhance RAP's policy support to decision-makers.

About Rich Sedano: As president of RAP, Rich Sedano brings decades of industry and regulatory experience in developing creative energy policies as he continues to advise governments on the topic of the power sector of the future and energy efficiency policy. At RAP, Mr. Sedano works with industry practitioners to advance power sector reform and environmental policy, cost-effective paths to a low-carbon energy sector, and practical solutions to the challenges of integrating renewable energy sources and scaling up energy efficiency resources. Mr. Sedano has conducted workshops and advised state utility commissions and policy-makers on key topics, including energy efficiency, demand response, renewable energy, pricing, grid modernization, transmission, and wholesale electric market issues. Before joining RAP in 2001, Mr. Sedano served as a commissioner on the Vermont Public Utility Commission. In 2009, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) awarded Mr. Sedano the Mary Kilmarx Award, which is presented to the person who has championed good government, clean energy, and the environment.

For more information about the Regulatory Assistance Project or this workshop, please contact the Public Service Commission at 803.896.5100 or contact Norman Scarborough at Norman.Scarborough@psc.sc.gov.

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