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Responding to Increasing Costs of Electricity and Natural Gas



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SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The conference will feature three sessions focusing on (1) sources of increasing costs for electricity and natural gas, including rising fuel costs and climate change policies; (2) the current status of energy efficiency, demand response, and real-time pricing programs; and (3) emerging options designed to offset cost increases, including smart grid technology, natural gas supply options, and consumer perspectives on those options.

Updates to the Conference agenda will be available at <http://www.irps.ilstu.edu>

ABOUT THE ORGANIZER

The Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, residing in the Department of Economics at Illinois State University, was founded to foster education, communication, and research on regulatory policy issues of critical importance to consumers, regulators, and utilities. The Institute pursues these goals by sponsoring conferences and workshops, funding support for students, and conducting research. Further information about the Institute is provided on the Institute's web page, <http://www.irps.ilstu.edu/>

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CONFERENCE LOCATION

Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703. **Parking is free.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies has reserved a block of rooms at the Crown Plaza for conference participants at the special rate of \$117 per night plus tax. Contact the Crown Plaza at 217-529-7777 prior to November 18, 2008 to qualify for the conference rate. Please mention “Energy Conference” when making your reservation.

Check the IRPS website for links to other hotels in the Springfield area.

REGISTRATION

You may register online at: <http://www.irps.ilstu.edu>

You may mail the registration form and your check to:

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Or you may fax the registration form to **309-438-5228**

The registration fee covers attendance at the conference, continental breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks and conference materials.

Individual/Non-member Company	\$499
Member Firms	\$299
Government/Academic	\$199

If you require a vegetarian meal, please contact the Institute at **309-438-8625**

The Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies is an Accredited Provider for Illinois MCLE and will provide CLE credits for this conference.

CANCELLATIONS

Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies. These requests will be honored until November 26, 2008. Refunds will be reduced by a non-refundable fee of \$100. Substitutions are welcomed and encouraged. Should you designate a substitute, please contact the Institute at **309-438-8625**.

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