



Strategic Rate Design: Trends and Distributed Generation Impacts

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Tuesday, May 6

8:30 a.m. Introduction

Course Overview and Expectations

8:45 a.m. Section One

Industry Rate Design ChallengesDeveloping Rate Design Objectives

9 a.m. Section Two

Understanding Residential Rate Structures

Pros and Cons of Inclining, Declining, and Inverted Block Rate Structures

Pros and Cons of Increasing Customer Charges

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Section Three

Small, Medium, and Large General Service Rate Design Strategies

• Economic Development Rates

Commercial EV Charging Station Rates

Noon Lunch

1:30 p.m. Section Four

Modernizing Utility Rates

Types of Dynamic Rate Structures

2 p.m. Section Five

Residential Demand Charges

Developing Marginal Cost Based Rates

3 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Section Six, Seven, Eight

Private Charging StationsSolar and Avoided CostsPower Cost Adjustment

• Line Extension Costs

4:15 p.m. Recap/Q&A/Evaluation

4:30 p.m. Course Adjourns



Learning Outcomes

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Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to successfully:

- 1. Learn industry factors affecting our industry and rate design trends
- 2. Understand pros and cons of different structures
- 3. Implementation of the three rate structures for preparation of EV rates
- 4. Define what costs a customer charge is designed to recover
- 5. Explain the types of rates used for general service customers
- 6. Discuss how to establish economic development rates
- 7. Understand the development of time-based rate structures
- 8. Learn how to modernize rate structures and prepare for the future





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