

# Florida Commissioners Command NARUC Summer Policy Summit's Poverty Simulation, Black Sky Event, Speakers' Soapbox, and more!



## Speaker's Soapbox: Most Electrifying Speech?

In a competition for the Most Electrifying Speech, Commissioners Julie Brown and Donald Polmann spent two-minutes strutting their stuff at the Summit's Soapbox Luncheon, sponsored by Public Utilities Fortnightly. Commissioner Brown led off the fifteen soapbox speakers with a light-hearted, "You know you're a Floridian if..." Commissioner Polmann closed the competition with a humorous recap of his journey to the Summit (with a Connecticut Commissioner in tow) after having his flight canceled and told no other flights or rental cars were available.

While neither Florida Commissioner won the coveted first place, Commissioner Brown was chosen as the speaker with the second Most Electrifying Speech! It's safe to say, a good time was had by all!

## Navigating Up the Pipeline

As a member of NARUC's Subcommittee on Supplier and Workforce Diversity, Commissioner Andrew Fay discussed diversity and inclusion efforts to recruit the next generation of minority leaders in the energy industry. The Summit panel, Navigating Your Way Up the Pipeline, included pro-active programs like on-the-job training to help steer the pipeline to success for the next era of energy leaders.



## Experiencing Poverty through Simulation

Commissioner Donald Polmann experienced what it's like for a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month at the July NARUC Summer Policy Summit in Indianapolis. Through a Poverty Simulation, Commissioner Polmann assumed the identity of a family member facing poverty. The objective was to identify ways regulators and other stakeholders can collaborate to address the daily challenges facing low-income consumers. Covering a month, the simulation presented each "family" with realistic, daily obstacles to resolve.

*Commissioner Polmann talks with his "family" about how to meet their needs for the week.*

## Preparing for the Worst

Commissioner Andrew Fay participated in NARUC's Black Sky event which was designed to simulate the challenges that can occur during a large scale cyber-attack. During this simulation, Commissioner Fay worked with various Commissioners from around the Country on ways to improve Florida's ability to respond to a multi-sector emergency that impacts the utility industry.



## Renewable Natural Gas—it's a Reality!

Commissioner Julie Brown opened the Summit's Renewable Natural Gas Workshop. Looking to RNG's future, the workshop focused on present case studies to see how it's made, where it's used, and its market outlook. The workshop also considered RNG's necessary regulatory, policy, and technology requirements.