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Commissioner Andrew Fay Leads NARUC Panel on
Mitigating Cyber Threats

Commissioner Andrew Fay is the Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ (NARUC) Critical Infrastructure Committee where he leads a national effort to enhance the resiliency and reliability of America’s energy grid.

During NARUC’s Winter Policy Summit, February 25-28, Commissioner Fay continued the Committee’s programs to educate and inform utility regulators and stakeholders on important cyber security issues. Leading a Deep Dive discussion on Information Sharing and Cyber Threat Mitigation, Commissioner Fay joined a panel of cyber experts to focus on supply chain risks.

Panelists included experts from the Department of Energy’s state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments program; DOE’s Energy Threat Analysis Center (ETAC); utility broadband security professional; and a creator of digital power system products. All participants agreed that cyber threats to utility infrastructure continue to grow as do the potential impacts of a successful attack. The panel offered insights into viable mitigation strategies and the regulator’s role in information sharing.



FPSC Commissioner Andrew Fay

FPSC Commissioners Headline 51st Annual PURC Conference

The 51st Annual PURC Conference was held in Gainesville on February 21-22. PURC (Public Utility Research Center) at the University of Florida highlights educational topics that benefit regulatory professionals. This year’s Conference theme, “Beyond Convergence: Designing Florida’s Utility Future,” focused on strategies to navigate the complexities of technological adoption.



Chairman Mike La Rosa provided the Keynote Address to open PURC’s second day of meetings. In addition to highlighting his term’s priorities, the Chairman predicted that his alma mater, the University of Central Florida, will beat the Gators when they play against each other on October 5.



Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo moderated a panel on “Florida’s Broadband Future,” covering expansion, opportunities and challenges, and how broadband innovation will affect the state.



Commissioner Andrew Fay closed the second day with a panel on “Opportunities and Risks with Technology Change.” This panel discussed public concerns, policies that help or hinder businesses, and how today’s technology policies and choices might be assessed in the future.