

Why This Training Matters

Modern utility regulation demands technical fluency, policy awareness, and collaborative problem-solving. This program equips participants with the tools and skills needed to make informed, balanced, and forward-looking decisions within states' evolving energy landscape. As states advance offshore wind, grid modernization, EV infrastructure, resilience planning, and affordability initiatives, regulators and stakeholders must navigate complex technical, economic, and policy trade-offs with confidence and clarity.

Program Date & Format

- Training Date: Sept 28- Oct 2, 2026
- Duration: 5 days
- Location: In-person at
Sheraton Edison
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Edison, NJ 08837
- Materials Provided:
 - Participant workbooks
 - Visual aids & work sheets

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Program Highlights

Day Focus

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| Day 1 | Industry Overview, PJM , Legal and Regulatory Frameworks, and Pricing |
| Day 2 | Foundations of Utility Regulation, Accounting Principles, and Rate Case Filing |
| Day 3 | Rate Design and Proceedings, PUC and Rate Counsel Approaches and Utility Perspectives |
| Day 4 | Mock Rate Case Hearing, Team Presentations, and Debrief |
| Day 5 | Data Centers, Energy Analytics and AI Modeling, and Emerging Issues. (half-day) |

Interactive Learning

- Mock Rate Case Simulation - Participants work in teams as utilities, commission staff, and consumer advocates to analyze a fictional filing, prepare testimony, and negotiate outcomes.
- Hands-On Exercises - Cost allocation, revenue requirement calculations, depreciation classification, and rate design challenges.
- Scenario Variations Modules include distributed energy resources, affordability pressures, reliability investments, and environmental compliance scenarios.

Mock Rate Case Simulation

- Revenue requirement using state-specific accounting and regulatory precedents
- Cost of service allocation reflecting customer classes
- Rate design challenges incorporating affordability, DERs, and policy mandates
- Scenario modules: storm hardening, AMI deployment, offshore wind cost recovery, EV charging

CESAC UTILITY RATE SCHOOL

In partnership with New Jersey
Utilities Association

Fall 2026 Training: Sept 28 – Oct 2, 2026

**Building Regulatory Excellence
Through Practice, Insight, and
Collaboration**

About the Program

CESAC Utility Rate School is an immersive, exercise driven training for regulators, consumer advocates, utility staff, policymakers, and emerging professionals. Participants learn the ratemaking process through hands-on exercises, mock filings, facilitated discussions, and real-world case studies. Blending national best practices with state-specific practices, will ensure every participant leaves with both conceptual clarity and practical skills.

What Participants Will Learn



Core Competencies

- How utilities recover costs through rates
- Revenue requirement fundamentals
- Cost of Service Studies (COSS)
- Rate design principles and tradeoffs
- Regulatory goals: affordability, reliability, safety, and environmental compliance
- Understanding testimony, discovery, and evidentiary standards
- Awareness of emerging industry trends
- Affordability and Regulatory Lag



Applied Skills

- Analyzing a mock rate case filing
- Classifying plant and expenses using the “used & useful” standard and determining capitalization eligibility
- Evaluating stakeholder positions and cross-examination strategies
- Designing rates that balance policy objectives
- Communicating technical concepts to diverse audiences

Expert Facilitation

Sessions are led by experienced practitioners from commissions, utilities, academia, and industry subject matter experts. Led by practitioners with experience in:

- Division of Rate Counsel
- New Jersey Utilities
- BPU Commissioners and Staffs
- PJM Interconnection
- Regional and national institutions
- Professionals and Academia

Who should attend

- Public utility commissioners/BPU commissioners & staff
- Division of Rate Counsel analysts/Consumer advocates
- Utility regulatory, finance, and planning teams
- Legislative staff, policy researchers and policy analysts
- Early career professionals entering the energy sector
- Utility regulatory, finance, and planning teams
- Nonprofit Advocates/Leaders working on affordability, clean energy, and consumer protection
- Local government officials

Registration Fees

Categories	Early Bird (by Aug 15)	Standard Rate
Federal/State Government, International Organizations, Academia	\$ 2095	\$ 2195
Industry and other professionals	\$ 2195	\$ 2295

Registration Fees include

- Five breakfasts (Monday-Friday)
- Five lunches (Monday-Friday)
- Reception for registered participants

* Each Additional Guest for Reception \$125.00

Featured Instructors & Speakers



Brian O. Lipman
Director,
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Jay L. Kooper
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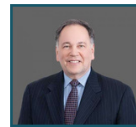
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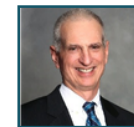
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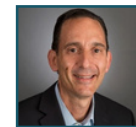
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