Participants will receive an historical overview of the electric and natural gas industries, gain insights into the regulatory process, analyze and discuss current issues facing the energy industry, and more.

Why Energy Utility Basics?
Course content is updated annually as technology, regulation, and markets evolve. Attendees will obtain practical knowledge of the operations and technology of the electricity and natural gas industries from extraction, whether from the ground or from renewables, to the customer’s bill. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be available.

Who should attend:
Energy Utility Basics is intended for anyone working in the energy industry. This may include utility employees, legislative and regulatory staff, state and local government personnel, consumer and trade-industry groups, industry-affiliated attorneys, and university staff/students. Attendees improve their grasp of how all pieces of the energy puzzle fit together.

Sessions include:
- Overview of the Electricity Industry
- Utility Company Models
- Public Service Commission—Roles and Rules, Balance of Power
- Independent System Operator/Regional State Committee
- Energy and Electricity
- Systems within the Electric Utility Business
- Day in the Life of a Transmission Operator, a Distribution Company, and a Gas Company
- Essentials of Costing and Pricing
- Strategies for Addressing Fixed Cost Recovery Issues
- Performance-based Regulation
- What Drives Utility Stock Prices?
- Changing Customer Expectations
- What Everyone Ought to Know about Gas
- Natural Gas Markets and Prices
- Legal Issues Facing the Utility Industry
- Virtual Tours for Full Series Registration: Dane County (WI) Landfill; Madison (WI) Gas and Electric Renewable Projects

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