



# ENERGY UTILITY BASICS

Intensive course on fundamental concepts critical for working in today's energy industry.  
*WPUI has proudly presented this exceptional course each fall since 1982.*

## 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
- Smaller Carbon Footprint and Enabling Technologies: Biogas, Electrification, Wind, Energy Efficiency, Energy Storage, Solar
- Legal Issues Facing the Utility Industry
- Optional In-Person Tours

**October 5-9, 2026**

*Attend In-Person  
or Online*

## 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. 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.



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## Questions:

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