



For Immediate Release
April 30, 2018

ICC CONTACT: Marianne Manko
Office: (217) 782-5793
Mobile: (217) 993-1000
Marianne.Manko@Illinois.gov

Victoria Crawford
Office: (217) 557-5819
Victoria.Crawford@Illinois.gov

ICC Hosts 2018 National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys

Chicago, IL....From April 22 to 25, 2018, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) hosted the 2018 National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys (NCRA) in Chicago. NCRA is an annual conference organized by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Subcommittee on Law to provide educational and networking opportunities specifically for government utility regulatory attorneys.

The theme of this year's Conference, the 41st in NCRA's history, was "The Changing Art and Architecture of Utility Regulation." Attendees heard from a series of expert panelists on cutting-edge legal and regulatory issues such as the impact of federal income tax reform, trends in the regulation of renewable energy, cybersecurity, and "utility of the future" studies that are occurring in several states. Other speakers addressed legal and economic principles affecting utility regulation, including recent insights from the field of behavioral law and economics. The conference concluded with interactive presentations on workforce diversity and inclusion, government transparency, and legal ethics.

"The ICC was delighted to host this year's NCRA," said Jay Hines-Shah, 2018 NCRA President and General Counsel of the Illinois Commerce Commission. NCRA presents a unique opportunity for public utility commission attorneys and administrative law judges from around the country to stay informed of emerging energy and utility industry issues, and to share best practices from the evolving regulatory environment."

"As the host of this year's NCRA, the ICC was able to share the expertise of our commissioners and staff," said ICC Executive Director Cholly Smith. "We are pleased to see Illinois's continued recognition as a leader in efforts to support innovation and modernization, including through the work of our regulatory attorneys and administrative law judges."

NCRA has met each year since 1978. This Conference is attended by public utility attorneys and administrative law judges who work for state or federal regulatory agencies. NCRA was previously held in Chicago in 2004.

More information about the 2018 NCRA, including copies of presentations, is available [here](#).

###

About the Illinois Commerce Commission

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is a quasi-judicial body made up of five Commissioners. Through its Public Utility Program, the Commission oversees the provision of adequate, reliable, efficient and safe utility services at the least possible cost to Illinois citizens served by electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and sewer public utility companies. Through its Transportation Regulatory Program, the Commission oversees public safety and consumer protection programs with regard to intrastate commercial motor carriers of general freight, household goods movers, relocation towers, safety towers, personal property warehouses and repossession agencies. The Commission's Rail Safety Program also inspects and regulates the general safety of railroad tracks, facilities and equipment in the state.

To learn more about the Commission, its offices and bureaus, click [here](#). If you are a consumer who needs help resolving a utility dispute call 800-524-0795 or file an online complaint [here](#). For a complaint related to transportation, call 217-782-6448.

Follow the Illinois Commerce Commission on Twitter @ILCommerceComm