

Understanding New Approaches to Retail Rate Design

Course Length: 4 Hours

Smart grid technologies, volatility in power supply markets, energy efficiency programs and economic downturns are driving utilities to offer or consider new rate forms for customers. This session discusses industry trends, explains how rates structures change and examines the types of rates utilities should consider. The topics covered include the following:

1. Rate structures and industry trends
2. Smart grid-driven innovations in rate design
3. Evaluating new rate structures for your utility
 - Advantages and disadvantages of emerging residential rate structures, including their financial impact on utilities and customers
 - Why utilities are using demand charges to recover distribution costs
4. Why utilities are lowering demand charges for power supply cost recovery