

Maintaining or Improving Utility Bond Ratings

Bond ratings are important for utilities to help reduce interest rates paid on debt. In this session, we will highlight key factors bond rating agencies consider when providing a utility with a bond rating and discuss:

1. Why ratings are important to utilities.
2. The key factors rating agencies consider.
3. The amount of debt appropriate for your utility.
4. The amount of cash the utility should have in reserve.
5. Why debt is important to maintain the financial stability of the utility.
6. How historical financial statements are used by rating agencies.
7. The financial policies bond rating agencies consider important.