

Developing Cash Reserve Policies

A cash reserve policy is critical to maintaining a utility's financial stability and bond ratings. This session discusses alternative methods to develop cash reserve policies used by other utilities and covers:

- 1. Factors that influence the necessary amount of cash a utility should maintain.
- 2. Risk as a key factor in determining the amount of cash the utility should maintain.
- 3. Learn the risk factors and how to reduce some of the risk factors that will help to keep rates lower and lessen the need for cash reserves.
- 4. How cash policies provide guidance about when a utility should issue debt and what capital projects should be financed through cash reserves.
- 5. Provided sample cash reserve policies.