

SURVEY RESULTS -- 2009 NCEA Finance & Accounting Workshop

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
1. Overall, rate your NCEA Workshop Experience:	44%	56%	___	___	___
2. Rate our meeting room facility	28%	52%	12%	8%	___
3. Rate the meals -- breakfast, lunches dinner & breaks:	40%	32%	12%	___	16%
4. Rate the printed materials, packets, and handouts:	44%	52%	4%	___	___

Comments on any of the above: Meeting room was very cold (4 others said similar)... Very well organized ... Mount Rushmore was fabulous ... Nobody at the hotel tending to the Tuesday morning breakfast – tables messy and food was starting to run out ...

5. Please rate and comment on the sessions and speakers (check your answer):

A. “FASB Accounting Update” C. Hoffman/A. Krasnoff	52%	40%	8%	___	___
<i>Comments: Always a good update ... They talked a little over my head ... Very technical but also very good ...</i>					
B. “SEC Reporting Update” C. Hoffman/A. Krasnoff	60%	32%	8%	___	___
<i>Comments: They talked over my expertise ...</i>					
C. “Utility Rate Cases & Fuel Clause Adjustments” C. Kilpatrick	48%	52%	___	___	___
<i>Comments: What a very good speaker ... Very detailed and complete ... Excellent presenter ...</i>					
D. “NCEA Company Overview” Kliever of NorthWestern	32%	52%	___	___	16%
<i>Comments: Always nice to get updates from other NCEA member companies ... Kendall did a fine job ...</i>					
E. “Utility Tax Opportunities/Stimulus Package” B. Munsch	48%	48%	___	___	4%
<i>Comments: I was too far removed from this topic ... Timely especially with all the rebates and repair allowances ...</i>					
F. “Climate Change Legislation Update” J. Karim	76%	20%	4%	___	___
<i>Comments: Cap and Trade was a necessary discussion item ... Very good update that was needed ... Excellent speaker with good information ... Interesting ... Quite interesting ...</i>					
G. “Creating Engagement in Troubled Times” J. Landis	68%	16%	___	___	16%
<i>Comments: Some very good reminders ... an excellent speaker ... Very good speaker ... Great ... Excellent ... Bring her back again.</i>					
H. Monday’s Roundtable Discussions	20%	36%	16%	4%	24%
<i>Comments: Nice turn-out and good coverage of material ... Our group was small – 4 people from 3 companies –so it wasn’t that great of a variety ... Good but small in size ... We should have combined with another small group ... We should suspend this format, I question the attendees value but not sure what to replace it with either ...</i>					

6. What topics would you like presented at our next NCEA Finance & Accounting Workshop?

Comments: IFRS ... Our group was small – 4 people from 3 companies –so it wasn’t that great of a variety ... more information on applicable footnotes/disclosures ... more external reporting topics ...good to have general utility topics for new employees ... I like non-accounting speakers ... IFRS ... Nice to have more business and HR topics like Jen Landis ... FASB and SEC Updates are always needed due to changes ... Love the updates – gives me a good idea where to focus ... Loved the Climate change topics ... Bring back Jennifer Landis ... More on basic rate-making concepts ... Share a lessons learned on Regulatory Filings, Financings, GL Upgrades or installs ... IFRS updates ... Update on rate case process from a legal aspect. Climate and/or emissions update ...

7. For the 2010 Finance & Accounting Workshop -- weigh in on the following:

Pick your preferred date for our 2010 workshop: September 20 & 21: 48%, or September 27 & 28: 20%.

Suggest a host utility, and a workshop site for 2010 or 2011: West/Central Minnesota, hosted by Otter Tail Power

Provide feedback that will lend itself to a better workshop: Go to Wisconsin Dells ... Thumper Pond ... Twin Cities ... Maybe due away with the Monday evening dinner and let the group loose on the town ...

8. Comment on the “Economic Value” of participating in this event and the NCEA in general:

Comments: Good value ... Great opportunity to interact with other contemporaries ... I love this workshop because attendees are dealing with similar issues .. Great opportunity to get updates ... excellent idea exchange ... Always a great value ... Best value in our industry or compared to EEI – NCEA is better and a lower price ... The CPE credits are fabulous and well worth the cost to attend ... I look forward to growing the relationships I made this year at next years’ event ... NCEA is an excellent value in terms of training and topics covered at a modest cost ... Seems to be a reasonable value (cost) to keep updated on National and Regional Utility issues ...

Past Workshop Locations/Hosts

- Nov. 29-30, 2001 Bloomington, MN Host: NorthWestern Energy
- Nov. 21-22, 2002 Bloomington, MN Host: Superior Water, Light & Power
- Nov. 20-21, 2003 Bloomington, MN Host: ALLETE-Minnesota Power
- Dec. 9-10, 2004 Bloomington, MN Host: Empire District Electric Co.
- Sept. 26-27, 2005 Duluth, MN Host: Otter Tail Power Co.
- Sept. 25-26, 2006 Duluth, MN Host: ALLETE-Minnesota Power
- Sept. 24-25, 2007 Bloomington, MN Host: Xcel Energy Inc.
- Sept. 22-23, 2008 Fargo, ND Host: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
- Sept. 21-22, 2009 Rapid City, SD Host: Black Hills Corporation
- Sept. 20-21, 2010 West/Central MN Host: Otter Tail Power Co.



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Location: West/Central Minnesota

Chair & Host Utility: Jeff Legge, Otter Tail Power Co.

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