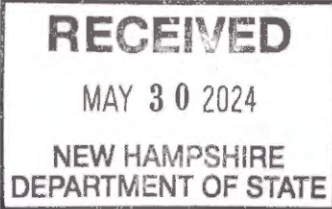


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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Registration and Reception

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

8:00 – 8:15 am **Welcome and Introductions**
Pamela Sherwood, CPU Chair; Vice President Broadband Office; Brightspeed
Cindy Blume, Director, CPU

8:15 – 10:00 am **CEO and Industry Leaders Panel**
MODERATOR: *Hon. Julie Fedorchak, President, NARUC; Commissioner, North Dakota Public Service Commission*
PANELISTS: *Nathan Hanson, President, LS Power; EPSA Board Chair*
Tom Meissner, Chairman, President, and CEO, Utili Corporation
Pedro Pizarro, President and CEO, Edison International; EEI Chair
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10:15 – 12:00 pm
CEO and Industry Leader Panel Continued

PANELISTS: *Tom Deitrich, President and CEO, ITRON*
Jason Grumet, CEO, American Clean Power
Rob MacLean, President and CEO, Southwest Water
Hon. Tim Schram, Chair, NARUC Telecommunications Committee; Commissioner, Nebraska Public Service Commission

1:30 – 3:00 pm
De-risking the Energy Transition Let's be honest about the barriers that are hampering the energy transition. It's time to bring to center stage the new risks the industry is facing, discuss how existing risk profiles have changed, understand the evolving expectations of risk management, explore how innovative solutions impact risk, and align on the customer value of risk mitigation. This expert panel will share real-world examples of the evolving risk profiles they face, point out their broad implications, and offer advice for where regulators should be looking in the future.

MODERATOR: *Paul Kjellander, CEO, KJEL LLC Consulting Services*
PANELISTS: *Chris Ayers, Executive Director, North Carolina Public Staff, North Carolina Utilities Commission*
Jeremy Bries, Director of Nuclear Projects, PacifiCorp
Mary Kipp, President and CEO, Puget Sound Energy
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RESPONDERS: *Hon. James Ellison, Commissioner, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission*
Hon. Jehmal Hudson, Chair, Virginia State Corporation Commission
Hon. Eric Skrmetta, Commissioner, Louisiana Public Service Commission

3:30 – 5:00 pm
Virtual Power Plants on the Horizon: Identifying Strengths While Addressing Potential Vulnerabilities Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) are a portfolio of distributed energy resources (DERs) owned or leased by customers but optimized by the utility or a third party. Such resources include rooftop solar PV, electric vehicles (EVs), distributed batteries, smart water heaters, smart thermostats, and commercial building automation systems. Together with DER management systems and other tools, these assets have the ability to flexibly manage load and perform as reliably as conventional resources, contributing to resource adequacy at a similar scale. This panel will discuss the opportunities VPPs present for the grid, as well as the challenges for implementation. Specifically, how will utilities, regulators, grid operators, and markets encourage or allow the participation and proliferation of these assets, and address new vulnerabilities, such as cyber risks? Further, as major US automakers are now committed to EV manufacturing, will this include support for batteries capable of bidirectional charging that would contribute to VPP capacity?

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Brooke Trammell, Regional Vice President, Regulatory & Pricing, Xcel Energy
- RESPONDERS:** *Hon. Eric Blank*, Chairman, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
Hon. Floyd McKissick Jr, Chair, NARUC Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest; Commissioner, North Carolina Utilities Commission
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TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

8:30 – 10:00 am

Can Artificial Intelligence Really Beat Human Intelligence? This panel will discuss how to get value into an artificial agent and does it pose serious threats to systems control. Can we trust A.I. to make good-value decisions, or is it only as good as, or manipulated by, any preconceived direction? Where can A.I. be useful in the Utility space, other than friendlier, automated customer relations? Is it yet another vulnerability to cyber risk, or can that risk be mitigated?

- MODERATOR:** *Hon. Mary-Anna Holden*, Commissioner Emeritus, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- PANELISTS:** *Christopher Kyriacou*, IT Security Manager, Middlesex Water Company
David Larson, Technical Leader, Grid Ops & Planning, EPRI
Thomas O'Brien, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, PJM Interconnection
Andy Ott, Head of Technical and Partner Operations, Tapestry X- The Moonshot Factory
Paul N. Stockton, Ph.D., recognized national cybersecurity Homeland Security expert
Catherine Tomasi, Director, Chief Privacy Officer, Con Edison

- RESPONDERS:** *Hon. Katie Anderson*, Commissioner, Arkansas Public Service Commission
Hon. John "Jack" Betkoski, Vice Chairman, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Hon. Stephen DeFrank, Chairman, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

10:30 - 12:00 pm

Telecom Broadband: On the Way to Universal Service. Two years ago, we started a lively discussion about all the billions in federal funding that would be flowing to the states for distribution to providers to facilitate broadband deployment. Over the last 2 years, a significant amount of the \$10B in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars have been awarded under deployment grants while the federal rules for disbursing \$42.45B in funds under the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program (BEAD) have been finalized and all state ISP BEAD award recommendations to NTIA s must be finalized by the end of 2024. This panel will revisit the guiding principles for the wise use of broadband deployment funds; the impact of all of this funding for new investment on legacy networks, new technologies, and carrier of last resort obligations; the interaction between federal and state agencies as they work toward a common goal, and how the concepts of universal service support for high-cost areas, sustainability, and affordability are changing.

- MODERATOR:** *Hon. Chris Nelson*, Commissioner, South Dakota Public Service Commission
- SPEAKERS:** *Diana Eisner*, Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, USTelecom – The Broadband Association
Jefferson England, Vice President and CFO, Silver Star Communications
Tim Goodwin, Vice President, State Regulatory Affairs, Charter Communications
Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D, Director, Office of Broadband, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
Jill Springer, Senior Policy Advisor, Chief Environmental Review and Permitting Officer, Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, NTIA
- RESPONDERS:** *Hon. Maida Coleman*, Commissioner, Missouri Public Service Commission
Hon. Michael Caron, Commissioner, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Hon. Sarah Freeman, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

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1:30 – 3:00 pm

It's a Brave New World – Natural Gas as a Foundation Fuel – Will it Remain or Need to Evolve? Over the last two decades, natural gas has been foundational to customer affordability and grid reliability. Meanwhile the electric, heating, and transportation industries are implementing initiatives to decarbonize, aiming to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. This panel will explore the following questions: What kind of regulatory signals to the investment community are needed to ensure a reliable supply portfolio during the transition to net-zero? What is the projected deployment timeline for potential transformational technologies like renewable natural gas, hydrogen, and carbon capture and will they be timely and viable solutions? To the extent the deployment of renewable generation and battery storage displaces older fossil fuel generation, what role can natural gas play to address the challenge of the intermittency of renewables while supporting the pursuit of net-zero? What is the natural gas value chain doing to de-carbonize and lower emissions? Where do customers fit in this scenario as policymakers consider significant changes that are likely to have cost and lifestyle impacts? These questions loom large for regulators and stakeholders facing the challenge of determining the most cost-effective and optimal paths to decarbonize the energy sectors while maintaining reliability and affordability for all Americans

MODERATOR: *Dena Wiggins*, President and CEO, Natural Gas Supply Association

PANELISTS: *Dawn Constantin*, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Partnerships & Low Carbon, BP Energy Company
Robert Kenney, President, Xcel Energy, Colorado
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David Springe, Executive Director, NASUCA

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3:30 – 5:00 pm

Technology and Our Energy Future: A Review of the Landscape of R&D and the Promise of Technology

The energy future will rely on emerging technologies that are still in the formative stages and some that have a renaissance; grid edge devices with inverters, DERMS, grid forming technologies, energy storage, carbon sequestration, power electronics, and zero carbon generation are being evaluated and tested. With huge investments from DOE the national labs are leading numerous efforts, the electric sector is looking to organizations like EPRI, and the gas industry looks to its researchers at its technology institute. During this session you will hear about the work ongoing across the landscape at the national labs, EPRI, GTI, Water Research Foundation and from energy company representatives on how the industry makes decisions to implement and invest in these technologies.

MODERATOR: *Richard Mroz*, Managing Director, Resolute Strategies, LLC

PANELISTS: *John Albert*, Chief Research Officer, Water Research Foundation
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

8:30 - 11:00 am

Commissioner Grill - Conference participants submit questions to moderators – open to

all MODERATORS: *Hon. Tricia Pridemore*, Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission
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