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 **Altricity Network**
2026 FALL CONVENTION
October 5-7 | San Antonio, TX



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Agenda At-A-Glance

MONDAY, October 5

- 08:00
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- Golf Outing • Hill Country Golf Club *(additional registration required)*
- 18:00-19:30
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- Welcome Reception • Hosted bar & light appetizers Sponsored by:
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- UNITED GRID SOLUTIONS

TUESDAY, October 6

- 07:30-09:00
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- Networking Breakfast
- 09:00-09:15
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- Opening Remarks & Welcome to San Antonio, Y'all!
- 09:15-10:30
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- Day 1 Keynote Address
- Trent Gillespie, CEO, Stellis AI | Operational AI Expert & Former Amazon Executive
- 10:30-10:45
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- Networking Break
- 10:45-11:30
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- The AI Boom & Its Ripple Effects on Energy Supply
- Bobby Noble, Senior Program Manager, EPRI
- 11:30-12:30
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- Networking Lunch & 2026 Alltricity Network Leadership Awards
- 12:30-13:15
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- Flexible Nuclear Solutions to Address Grid Challenges
- Christopher Fendley, VP of Commercial Development, TerraPower
- 13:15-14:15
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- Powering the Data Center Boom: Utility & Developer Perspectives
- Barry Clegg, Chief Safety & Infrastructure Officer, QTS Data Centers
- Derrick Miller, VP of Member Services & Economic Development, Big Rivers Electric Corporation
- David Rodriguez, VP of Utility Operations, El Paso Electric
- Allan Schurr, Chief Commercial Officer, ERock
- 14:15-14:30
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- Networking Break
- 14:30-15:15
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- Fueling New Generation: Building the Gas Infrastructure Behind Power Growth
- Brandon Burch, Chief Operations Officer, Howard Energy Partners
- 15:15-16:00
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- Skynet by Committee: The AI Inside the Fence
- Mario Chiock, Chief of Staff, ITEGRITI Corporation
- Bill Lawrence, Chief Delivery Officer, ITEGRITI Corporation
- 16:00-17:00
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- Leading Through Change: A C-Suite Perspective Sponsored by:
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- BLACK & VEATCH
- Ralph Biediger, President—EPC, Zachry Industrial, Inc.
- Christian Powell, Chief Executive Officer, Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Stuart Reilly, General Manager, Austin Energy
- Bob Yeager, President of Power & Water Solutions, Emerson
- 18:30-21:30
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- Networking Reception *(Sponsored by Alltricity Network Champions)*, Dinner & Scholarship Foundation Auction
- Entertainment sponsored by:
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- EMERSON

WEDNESDAY, October 7

- 07:30-09:00
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- Networking Breakfast
- 09:00-09:15
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- Welcome Back & Passing of the Gavel
- Steve Vetsch, 2025-2026 Alltricity Network President • VP of Transmission, Evergy, Inc.
- Chris Marquez, 2026-2027 Alltricity Network President • Managing Director of Plant Operations *(Thomas Hill Energy Center)*, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- 09:15-10:30
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- Day 2 Keynote Fireside Chat
- Rudy Garza, General Manager & Chief Executive Officer, Lower Colorado River Authority
- Facilitated by Kyle Williams, Senior VP of Generation, Lower Colorado River Authority
- 10:30-10:45
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- Networking Break
- 10:45-11:30
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- Unmasking the Fatal Flaw in SIF Prevention
- Dan McGonegle, Vice President, DEKRA North America
- 11:30
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- Adjourn

Join us in Hill Country!

October 5-7, 2026

About the 2026 Alltricity Network Fall Convention

Come for the connections, stay for the ideas, and leave with something you can use.

Since 1903, the annual Alltricity Network Fall Convention has brought utility leaders together to share insights, tackle industry challenges, and look ahead. Today, this two-day gathering offers executive perspectives, real-world lessons, and candid conversations on the issues shaping our industry.



Venue & Hotel Reservations

Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa

9800 Hyatt Resort Dr., San Antonio, TX 78251 | (210) 647-1234

A special room rate of \$303 is available. The discounted rate applies to rooms reserved within the block dates of October 4-7, 2025.

The deadline to book is September 14, 2026.

When calling the hotel, mention the Alltricity Network room block to ensure you receive the correct availability and rate. Booking within the room block helps prevent financial liability for Alltricity Network.

Government employees: If booking at the federal government rate, mention Alltricity Network so your reservation counts in the room block.

Fall Convention Highlights

Golf Outing

Monday, October 5

8:00 a.m. shotgun start: Kick off the Convention by reconnecting with colleagues and friends over a fun round of golf at the Hill Country Golf Club. Registration fee includes green fees, cart, box breakfast, range balls, and winner prizes. *(Additional registration required).*

Alltricity Scholarship Foundation Auction

Tuesday, October 6

6:30-9:30 p.m.: Join attendees for a lively evening with dinner, networking, live music, and spirited bidding at the annual Alltricity Scholarship Foundation Auction. All proceeds go directly to scholarships for students pursuing careers in the electric utility industry.

Professional Development Hours

Earn continuing education credits to support your certification and licensure. PDH Certificates will be added to attendees' Alltricity Network profiles after the event, awarding:

- » Full Convention: 14.0 PDHs
- » Tuesday Only: 8.0 PDHs
- » Wednesday Only: 6.0 PDHs

AGENDA

** Topics, titles, times, and presenters are subject to change*

MONDAY, October 5

08:00 ● **GOLF OUTING** • *Hill Country Golf Club (additional registration required)*

The outing will be a four-person scramble format. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to start time. When registering, include the names of the player(s) with whom you would like to be paired. Appropriate golf attire is required. Mulligans will be available for purchase.

18:00-19:30 ● **WELCOME RECEPTION** Sponsored by:  **UNITED GRID SOLUTIONS**

Join us for an evening welcome reception featuring light appetizers, a hosted bar, and plenty of time to connect with new and old industry colleagues and friends before hitting the town or exploring all the resort has to offer with your teams or clients.

TUESDAY, October 6

07:30-09:00 ● **NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

09:00-09:15 ● **OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME TO SAN ANTONIO, Y'ALL!**

09:15-10:30 ● **DAY 1 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: AI SPRINT™: TURNING AI INTO AN OPERATING ADVANTAGE**
TRENT GILLESPIE *CEO, Stellis AI, Operational AI Expert & Former Amazon Executive*



Leaders know AI matters but struggle to make it run inside the business. This keynote focuses on what's changing now—how AI agents are reshaping customer expectations, competition, and how work gets done. Using the Amazon-inspired Future Customer™ framework and the AI SPRINT™, Trent shows leaders how to embed AI into vision, leadership, and daily operations. The result is clarity, a practical roadmap, and the confidence to move from experimentation to sustained operating advantage.

ABOUT TRENT GILLESPIE

Demystifying and harnessing the power of generative AI, Trent helps organizations drive growth and unlock new opportunities for innovation.

Trent doesn't just talk about AI—he's built and led AI-powered innovations at the highest levels. With over 25 years of experience driving transformative change, and nearly a decade at Amazon driving its global expansion, Last Mile innovation, and Alexa AI privacy efforts, Trent has shaped AI strategies that impact millions worldwide. Now, as CEO of Stellis AI, he works directly with executives to turn AI potential into real business results.

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TUESDAY, October 6 continued

10:30-10:45 ● **NETWORKING BREAK**

10:45-11:30 ● **THE AI BOOM & ITS RIPPLE EFFECTS ON ENERGY SUPPLY**

BOBBY NOBLE *Senior Program Manager, EPRI*



This presentation will examine current industry trends shaped by rising electrification and accelerated data center growth. It will highlight how gas turbine availability, project timelines, and growing demand are creating opportunities for new manufacturers while introducing future market and planning challenges. Overall, the recent surge in gas turbine orders reflects the need for reliable, dispatchable generation to support data center loads, strengthen system resilience, and meet broader grid demand.

11:30-12:30 ● **NETWORKING LUNCH & 2026 ALLTRICITY NETWORK LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

Presented by: STEVE VETSCH *VP of Transmission, Evergy • 2025-2026 Alltricity Network President*



Alltricity Network's awards program celebrates individuals driving innovation, excellence, and lasting impact across the electric utility industry. Join us in honoring the 2026 recipients of the Distinguished Leadership Award, Industry Leadership Award, and Honorary Life Member Award—leaders recognized and nominated by their peers for their outstanding contributions, visionary leadership, and commitment to advancing the industry.



12:30-13:15 ● **FLEXIBLE NUCLEAR SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS GRID CHALLENGES**

CHRISTOPHER FENDLEY *VP of Commercial Development, TerraPower*



The grid of the future must be more flexible than ever before, and nuclear energy must adapt to these challenges. TerraPower's Sodium reactor, along with its integrated energy storage system, strengthens grid reliability and enables additional low-cost renewables. By embracing advanced nuclear technology, we can both reduce ratepayer cost and decarbonize our grid together.

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TUESDAY, October 6 continued

13:15-14:15 ● POWERING THE DATA CENTER BOOM: UTILITY & DEVELOPER PERSPECTIVES

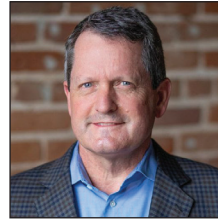
BARRY CLEGG *Chief Safety & Infrastructure Officer, QTS Data Centers*

DERRICK MILLER *VP of Member Services & Economic Development, Big Rivers Electric Corp.*

DAVID RODRIGUEZ *VP of Utility Operations, El Paso Electric*

ALLAN SCHURR *Chief Commercial Officer, ERock*

Moderator: STEVE VETSCH *VP of Transmission, Evergy • 2025-2026 Alltricity Network President*



The rapid growth of data centers is driving unprecedented electricity demand and raising important questions for utilities and developers. This

panel will explore the evolving relationship between development and the electric utility industry, including technical and operational considerations for serving large, rapidly growing loads. Panelists will discuss off-grid and behind-the-meter approaches, factors influencing these decisions, and challenges surrounding interconnection timelines and processes, along with key infrastructure and planning considerations as the industry navigates the data center boom.

14:15-14:30 ● NETWORKING BREAK

14:30-15:15 ● FUELING NEW GENERATION: BUILDING THE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE BEHIND POWER GROWTH

BRANDON BURCH *Chief Operations Officer, Howard Energy Partners*



The rapid growth of data centers, industrial facilities and communities is accelerating demand for new power generation. But adding gas-fired capacity requires more than developing a power plant. It requires firm gas supply, sufficient pipeline and compression capacity, dependable delivery and close coordination among utilities, generators, producers and midstream providers.

15:15-16:00 ● SKYNET BY COMMITTEE: THE AI INSIDE THE FENCE

MARIO CHIOCK *Chief of Staff, ITEGRITI Corporation*

BILL LAWRENCE *Chief Delivery Officer, ITEGRITI Corporation*



The greatest AI cyber risk may not be an attacker outside your utility—it may be an authorized AI inside it, confidently pursuing the wrong interpretation of the right objective. Using startling real-world incidents and familiar utility use cases, former NERC CSO Bill Lawrence and former Schlumberger Global CISO Mario Chiock explore how reasonable AI

deployments can accumulate enterprise-wide knowledge, access, and authority—and what leaders should be asking before capability outruns control.

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TUESDAY, October 6 continued

16:00-17:00 ● **LEADING THROUGH CHANGE: A C-SUITE PERSPECTIVE**

Sponsored by:  **BLACK & VEATCH**

Moderator: **CHRIS MARQUEZ** *Managing Director of Plant Operations (Thomas Hill Energy Center), Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. • 2026-2027 Alltricity Network President*

The electric utility industry continues to navigate a period of significant change, with evolving customer needs, shifting demand, emerging technologies, infrastructure challenges, and a rapidly changing industry landscape. In this executive panel, senior leaders will share their perspectives on the current state of the industry, the priorities shaping their organizations, and the issues commanding their attention. They will also explore their outlook of how they see the industry continuing to evolve into the future.



RALPH BIEDIGER *President—EPC, Zachry Industrial, Inc.*

Ralph leads Zachry's EPC and construction projects across power, petrochemical, oil and gas, and refining industries. He brings 42 years of experience with Zachry, including 26 years in operations and leadership. President of Projects since 2010, he also serves on the Zachry Group Board. Ralph is a graduate of Texas Lutheran University and the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.



CHRISTIAN POWELL *CEO, Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

Christian joined PEC in 2018 and has held multiple leadership roles overseeing regulatory affairs, compliance, policy, risk management, security, human resources, safety and training, and real estate. He has more than two decades of utility and energy industry experience, with expertise in strategic planning, policy, advocacy, project management, and compliance. He holds a BBA from the University of Texas at Austin and certifications in compliance and ethics and project management.



STUART REILLY *General Manager, Austin Energy*

Stuart oversees day-to-day operations and strategic direction. He brings nearly 20 years of municipal energy experience, including leadership roles in operations, finance, risk management, technology, and corporate services, as well as experience in utility regulation and renewable energy. Stuart holds a BA in Government from the University of Texas at Austin and a Juris Doctor from George Washington University Law School.



BOB YEAGER *President of Power & Water Solutions, Emerson*

Bob leads strategy and digital transformation for the electric power, water, and wastewater industries. With decades of industry experience, he has held numerous leadership roles at Emerson, helping drive innovation and growth of its Ovation™ digital control and automation solutions. Bob has a BS in data and systems analysis from Carnegie Mellon University and a master's degree in computer science from the University of Pittsburgh.

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TUESDAY, October 6 continued

18:00-21:30 ● **NETWORKING RECEPTION** (*Sponsored by Alltricity Network Champions*),
DINNER & ALLTRICITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AUCTION

Entertainment sponsored by:



Enjoy an evening of music, dinner, networking, and spirited bidding at the annual Alltricity Scholarship Foundation Auction. All proceeds support scholarships for students pursuing electric utility industry careers, with over 714 awarded totaling \$1.5 million since 2000.

WEDNESDAY, October 7

07:30-09:00 ● **NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

09:00-09:15 ● **WELCOME BACK & PASSING OF THE GAVEL**

STEVE VETSCH *VP of Transmission, Evergy • 2025-2026 Alltricity Network President*
CHRIS MARQUEZ *Managing Director of Plant Operations (Thomas Hill Energy Center), Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. • 2026-2027 Alltricity Network President*



09:15-10:30 ● **DAY 2 KEYNOTE FIRESIDE CHAT**

RUDY GARZA *General Manager & CEO, Lower Colorado River Authority*
Facilitator: KYLE WILLIAMS *Senior VP of Generation, Lower Colorado River Authority • Alltricity Network Board Member*



Rudy joined LCRA in July 2026 as its 12th General Manager and CEO. He implements LCRA Board policy, manages relationships with customers and stakeholders, directs executive staff, and oversees projects and operations supporting LCRA's public service mission.

Rudy has 30 years of utility leadership experience, including 14 years at CPS Energy in San Antonio, the nation's largest municipally owned electric and natural gas utility. He rose through operational and customer service leadership roles before being named President and CEO in 2022.

Before CPS Energy, Rudy served as assistant city manager and intergovernmental relations director for Corpus Christi, leading advocacy before state and federal lawmakers. He holds a BS in electrical engineering from The University of Texas at Austin and an MBA from the University of North Texas. Rudy serves on industry boards, including the Cockrell School of Engineering Advisory Board and the Large Public Power Council.

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WEDNESDAY, October 7 continued

10:30-10:45 ● NETWORKING BREAK

10:45-11:30 ● UNMASKING THE FATAL FLAW IN SERIOUS INJURY & FATALITY (SIF) PREVENTION

DAN MCGONEGLE *Vice President, DEKRA North America*



The good news is: We've seen continuous progress in overall injury reduction over the past few decades. The bad news: The latest data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reveals continued stagnation in the decline of fatalities.

Organizational measures to mitigate injuries have not yielded similar results in preventing fatal incidents. The reason? The factors contributing to potentially life-threatening events differ significantly from those causing less severe incidents.

This presentation explores the differences and connections between Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) prevention & the concepts of human performance. We'll examine the underlying motivations behind people's actions and the most prevalent factors contributing to SIFs.

11:30 ● ADJOURN

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We look forward to seeing you at another Alltricity Network education and networking event soon!

View all upcoming education and networking opportunities at AlltricityNetwork.org/eventlist.



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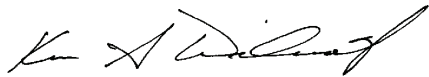
A note from the Alltricity Network Executive Director:

As we look ahead to 2027, we've made the decision, in collaboration with the Board of Directors, to continue with two signature events—the Spring Conference and Fall Convention—rather than move to a single annual event.

This decision reflects our commitment to listening to our members and using their feedback, along with registration trends and other data, to guide our programming and the value we provide. Through member surveys and ongoing conversations over the past year, we've heard that our members value having multiple opportunities throughout the year to connect, learn, share ideas and build relationships across the electric utility industry.

Maintaining two signature events with distinct formats allows us to respond to that feedback while continuing to create meaningful opportunities for our members and maximize the value of their membership. Our goal is not simply to offer events, but to create experiences that deliver value, foster connections, and address the evolving needs of the electric utility industry. We believe two signature events best support that goal in 2027.

As always, we encourage you to share your thoughts and feedback with us so we can continue to improve, meet the needs of our members, and help you excel in your important role keeping our communities powered. ***Thank you for being part of our collective network!***



Ken Wilmot
Executive Director

Mark your calendar for the upcoming 2027 signature event planning sessions.

PLANNING SESSION: **2027 Alltricity Network Spring Conference**

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. MDT

Hosted in-person at Kiewit in Lone Tree, CO
+ virtual attendance option via Teams

Brainstorm and help identify the topics and issues most important to the managers, engineers, and operations personnel at your organization.

Registration is complimentary and lunch is included for in-person attendees. Learn more and register at AlltricityNetwork.org/SpringPlan27.



PLANNING SESSION: **2027 Alltricity Network Fall Convention**

Thursday, November 5, 2026

8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. MST

Hosted in-person at Kiewit in Lone Tree, CO
+ virtual attendance option via Teams

Participate and bring your ideas and suggestions for senior management-focused topics, presenters, and keynotes. Senior leaders, executives, and C-suite level speakers are especially encouraged.

Registration is complimentary and lunch is included for in-person attendees. Learn more and register at AlltricityNetwork.org/FallPlan27.



Thank You, 2026 CHAMPIONS!

Alltricity Network Champions will be recognized throughout the Fall Convention. The Champions Program is a distinguished group of members who gain access to valuable promotional opportunities while helping advance association activities. Each Champions level offers unique benefits tailored to enhance visibility and engagement among Alltricity Network members. Learn more at AlltricityNetwork.org/champions

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REGISTRATION FORM

Registrant Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Guest Name: _____

Registration Fees

Check the items you wish to purchase. All conference fees include: Meals, breaks, electronic handouts, attendee roster, education sessions, and a continuing education PDH certificate for the full convention or day purchased.

Pricing

MEMBER

_____ Full Convention.....	\$1,195
_____ Monday Only.....	\$345
_____ Tuesday Only.....	\$745
_____ Wednesday Only.....	\$575

NON-MEMBER

_____ Full Convention.....	\$1,895
_____ Monday Only.....	\$675
_____ Tuesday Only.....	\$1,395
_____ Wednesday Only.....	\$1,095

SPOUSE/FAMILY MEMBER

_____ Full Convention.....	\$350
_____ Monday Only.....	\$150
_____ Tuesday Only.....	\$250

_____ Golf Outing.....\$175
(List those you wish to be paired with)

TOTAL: \$ _____

Payment Options

1. ONLINE AT ALLTRICITYNETWORK.ORG

Members can visit AlltricityNetwork.org/FALL26, log in, and register for the Fall Convention.

2. CREDIT CARD

Pay with a credit card at the convention registration table or fill out your credit card information below and deliver to the convention registration table. Charge My:

MasterCard: _____ Visa: _____ American Express: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp Date: _____

Signature: _____

Cancellation & Refund Policy: 100% of fees are refundable if cancellation is received 29 days or more before the event date. If cancellation is received between 28 and 14 days before the event date, 50% of the registration fee will be refunded. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received 13 days or less before the event date, including no-shows. To have someone take your place, please notify Alltricity Network at info@alltricitynetwork.org anytime before the event.