



## AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

### MONDAY APRIL 27

- 8:30 a.m. **Golf Outing** The Players Club Omaha *(additional registration required)*

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- 2:30-5:30 p.m. **NextGen Pre-Conference Workshop: How to Motivate, Mentor & Recruit Early-Career Talent**  
*(additional registration required)*

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- 4:00-5:00 p.m. **Charles Schwab Field Omaha Tour**

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- 5:00-6:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception** *Light appetizers & hosted bar, also sponsored by Alltricity Network Champions*  
*Schwab Field Tour & Welcome Reception sponsored by:* **olsson** **Kiewit**

### TUESDAY APRIL 28

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. **Networking Breakfast & Tabletop Exhibits**

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- 9:00-9:15 a.m. **Opening Remarks & Welcome to Omaha** **Javier Fernandez**, CEO, Omaha Public Power District

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- 9:15-10:30 a.m. **DAY 1 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Erick Rheam**, Former Military Police Officer & Utility Leader | Author & Speaker

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- 10:30-10:45 a.m. **Networking Break & Tabletop Exhibits**

	GENERATION	TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION	LEADERSHIP
10:45-11:45 a.m. <b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>PANEL: Plant Life Extensions &amp; Compliance in the Evolving Utility Landscape</b> » <b>Scott Eidem</b> , OPPD » <b>Jim Monette</b> , Babcock & Wilcox » <b>Manny Zeringue</b> , Big Rivers Electric Corp.	<b>PANEL: Utility Perspectives on System Reliability, Asset Management, Performance Modeling &amp; Cost Recovery Strategies</b> » <b>Marie Kapels</b> , NPPD » <b>Lori Lopez</b> , CPS Energy » <b>Aaron Smith</b> , OPPD	<b>PANEL: Powering the Future: Building Talent &amp; Leadership in the Power Industry</b> » <b>Josh Johnson</b> , Black & Veatch » <b>Lisa Lewis</b> , CPS Energy » <b>John Staup</b> , OPPD

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. **Alltricity Network Emerging Leader Awards & Networking Luncheon**

- 12:45-1:45 p.m. **SENIOR LEADERSHIP PANEL**  
 » **Jason Dedrickson**, Kiewit Power Group  
 » **Scott Thompson**, AECI  
 » **Troy Via**, OPPD  
 » **Scott Walz**, NPPD

1:50-2:30 p.m. <b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>Small and Micro-Modular Reactors &amp; Their Role in Clean, Reliable Energy</b> » <b>Scott Koehler</b> , Olsson » <b>Ross Ridenoure</b> , Hadron Energy	<b>Grid Enhancing Tech: Solutions to Congestion, Permitting &amp; Development</b> » <b>Chris Anderson</b> , Great River Energy » <b>Greg Parent</b> , Ulteig	<b>Safety in Action: Bringing Safety Technology to the Front Lines</b> » <b>Arlo Amis</b> , Novara » <b>Jason Wernex</b> , Utilitra
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2:30-3:00 p.m. **Networking Break & Tabletop Exhibits**

3:00-3:40 p.m. <b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>PANEL: Permitting &amp; Compliance: Strategies to Accelerate Timelines</b> » <b>Jared Morrison</b> , Evergy, Inc. » <b>Mike Noonan</b> , Aspen Consulting Services » <b>Russ Weatherly</b> , AECI	<b>From Design to Decision: Leveraging AI for Next Generation Engineering Support</b> » <b>Ben Sooter</b> , EPRI	<b>Engage, Empower, Elevate: Tools for Transforming Your Workplace</b> » <b>Lori Johnson Leal</b> , CPS Energy » <b>Jorge Vasquez</b> , CPS Energy
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3:50-4:30 p.m. <b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>Re-Skilling the Future: People Power Beyond Coal</b> » <b>Patrick Hale</b> , CPS Energy	<b>From Backlogs to Breakthroughs: How AI Is Transforming Utility Planning</b> » <b>Christopher Marriage</b> , Accenture	<b>What Does AI Risk Readiness Mean?</b> » <b>Bill Lawrence</b> , ITEGRITI Corporation » <b>Scott Spencer</b> , Convergent Utilities
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4:30-5:30 p.m. <b>Roundtable Receptions</b>	<b>Generation Roundtable Reception</b> » Moderator: <b>Ryan Gerdts</b> , OPPD <i>Snacks &amp; beverages served</i>	<b>T&amp;D Roundtable Reception</b> » Moderator: <b>Brent Gerling</b> , Evergy, Inc. <i>Snacks &amp; beverages served</i>	
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6:00-9:00 p.m. **Evening Networking Reception, Sponsored by Alltricity Network Champions, and Dinner**

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 29

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. **Networking Breakfast & Tabletop Exhibits**

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- 9:00-9:15 a.m. **Welcome Back**

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- 9:15-10:15 a.m. **DAY 2 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Duane Highley**, CEO, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, Inc.

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- 10:15-10:30 a.m. **Networking Break & Tabletop Exhibits**

10:30-11:10 a.m. <b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>Unlocking Engineering Intelligence: AI-Driven Extraction of Asset Intelligence from P&amp;IDs and Electrical Drawings</b> » <b>Terry Blalock</b> , Mesa Associates, Inc. » <b>Evan White</b> , Mesa Associates, Inc.	<b>Plugging In the Giants: Large Loads, Grid Dynamics, and the New Interconnection Reality</b> » <b>Jon Grooters</b> , EnerNex	<b>PANEL: Redefining Rewards: The New Era of Total Compensation</b> » <b>Brian Garden</b> , Kiewit Power Constructors » <b>Ashley Liston</b> , OPPD » <b>Brenda Sanne</b> , NPPD
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11:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m. <b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>Power Generation in the Age of Data + Power</b> » <b>Brendan O'Brien</b> , Burns & McDonnell	<b>Power Under Pressure: Wildfire Planning, Innovative Engineering &amp; Leadership for Extreme Conditions</b> » <b>Shane Coyne</b> , SOCO Wildland Fire Team » <b>Josh Guck</b> , Ulteig » <b>Kevin Weiner</b> , Ulteig	<b>Powering Knowledge: Training Strategies for a Resilient Utility Future</b> » <b>Patrick Hale</b> , CPS Energy » <b>Tim Mongeau</b> , Zachry Group
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12:00p.m. **Conference Adjourns**

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