



SMART TECH, SMARTER GRID: AI, DATA CENTERS & THE NEXT ELECTRIC ENERGY FRONTIER

Agenda At-A-Glance

MONDAY, September 29

Golf Outing • Dub's Dread Golf Course (additional registration required) Sponsored by:

18:00-19:30

Welcome Reception • Hosted bar & light appetizers Sponsored by: UNITED GRID SOLUTIONS

TUESDAY, September 30

08:00-09:00 **Networking Breakfast**

09:00-09:15 **Opening Remarks & Welcome to Kansas City!**

Quinton Lucas, Mayor of Kansas City

Day 1 Keynote Address Sponsored by: FILSINGER ENERGY 09:15-10:30

Sam Jordan, Futurist; Head of Computing & Emerging Technology, the Future Today Strategy Group

10:30-10:45 **Networking Break**

10:45-11:45 Innovation Exchange: AI Perspectives from Utility Industry Tech Leaders

> Michelle Ferrara, Chief Information Officer, Arizona Public Service Charles King, SVP & Chief Technology Officer, Evergy, Inc.

Chris Lazzaro, SVP & Chief Information Officer, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Matt Olson, Chief Innovation Officer, Burns & McDonnell

Robyn Tweedy, VP Enterprise Technology & Chief Information Officer, Nebraska Public Power District

11:45-12:45 **Networking Lunch & 2025 Alltricity Network Leadership Awards**

12:45-13:30 Power & Politics: An Insider's Look at Shifting Utility Policy

Kate Marks, SVP—Critical Infrastructure Practice, Venn Strategies

13:30-14:15 From Risk to Resilience: Strategic Wildfire Mitigation for Utilities

Todd Filsinger, Founder & Senior Managing Director, Filsinger Energy Partners

14:15-14:30 **Networking Break**

DCFlex & the Future Grid: Transmission & Load Forecasting Insights from EPRI 14:30-15:15

Parag Mitra, Grid Side Research Lead—DCFlex, EPRI

15:15-16:00 Driving Education & Networking: Updates & Priorities from Alltricity Network Committee Leaders

Spencer Garland, Tri-State G&T Association, Inc. • Next Generation Power Pioneers Committee

Brent Gerling, Evergy, Inc. • Distribution Committee Sarah LaBarre, Colorado Spring Utilities • Vital Issues Committee

Kevin Ludwig, Black & Veatch • Transmission Committee

Randi Prime, Tri-State G&T Association, Inc. • Generation Committee

Russ Weatherly, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. • Safety Committee

16:00-17:00 The View from the C-Suite: Priorities & Pressures Facing Utility Leaders

> Tom Kent, President & Chief Executive Officer, Nebraska Public Power District Gavin McCollam, SVP & Chief Operating Officer, Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Jimmy Morgan, EVP & Chief Commercial Officer, Babcock & Wilcox

Kevin Needham, President of Power Engineering, Kiewit

18:00-21:30 Networking Reception (Sponsored by Alltricity Network Champions), Dinner & Scholarship

Foundation Auction

WEDNESDAY, October 1

08:00-09:00 **Networking Breakfast**

09:00-09:15 Welcome Back & Passing of the Gavel

Josh Johnson, 2024-2025 Alltricity Network President • VP, Black & Veatch

Steve Vetsch, 2025-2026 Alltricity Network President • VP—Transmission, Evergy, Inc.

09:15-10:30 **Day 2 Keynote Address**

Gregory Robinson, 33-Year NASA Veteran & Former Director, James Webb Space Telescope

10:30-10:45 **Networking Break**

10:45-11:30 Grid at a Crossroads: RTOs Respond to Demand Surge from AI, Data Centers & Beyond

Kevin Bryant, EVP of Stakeholder Relations & Chief Strategy Officer, SPP Jeremiah Doner, Director of Cost Allocation & Competitive Transmission, MISO

Chad Seely, SVP—Regulatory Policy, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & Corporate Secretary, ERCOT

The Conversation that Matters: An Open Forum on the Vital Issues Keeping You Up at Night 11:30-12:30

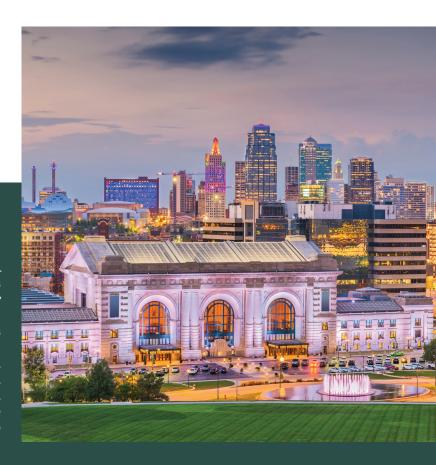
12:30 **Adjourn** * Topics, titles, times, and presenters are subject to change

Join Us in KC, MO!

September 29-October 1, 2025

About the 2025 Alltricity Network Fall Convention

Since its start in 1903, the Alltricity Network Fall Convention has grown into one of the industry's top events for senior management. This two-day gathering offers a relaxed forum to connect with peers, share solutions, and explore critical issues facing utilities today. Educational sessions—led by CEOs and top executives—cover future trends, current projects, lessons learned, technology, regulation, public policy, workforce development, and more. Attendees gain valuable insights, forge meaningful connections, and leave with ideas to strengthen their companies.



Venue & Hotel Reservations

Loews Kansas City Hotel

1515 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, MO 64108 | (816) 897-7070

Although the deadline to book in Alltricity Network's block has passed, if you are still in need of a hotel room, please contact us at info@alltricitynetwork. org for assistance as we work with the hotel to accommodate additional discounted rooms.

Government Employees: If booking at the federal rate, mention Alltricity Network to ensure your reservation counts toward the room block.

Fall Convention Highlights

Golf Outing

Monday, September 29 | 8:00 a.m. shotgun start: Kick off the Convention by reconnecting with colleagues and friends over a fun round of golf at Dub's Dread Golf Course. Registration fee includes green fees, cart, box breakfast, range balls, and winner prizes. (Additional registration required).

Alltricity Scholarship Foundation Auction

Tuesday, September 30 | 6:00-9:00 p.m.: Join attendees for lively evening with dinner, networking, and spirited bidding at the annual Alltricity Scholarship Foundation Auction. All proceeds directly benefit 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

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MONDAY, September 29

08:00

GOLF OUTING

Dub's Dread Golf Course (additional registration required) Sponsored by:



The outing will be a four-person scramble format. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to start time. When registering, please 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:



Join us for an evening welcome reception featuring light appetizers, a hosted bar also sponsored by the Alltricity Network Champions, and plenty of time to mingle with new and old industry colleagues and friends before you hit the town with your teams or clients.

TUESDAY, September 30

08:00-09:00

NETWORKING BREAKFAST

09:00-09:15

OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY!



QUINTON LUCAS Mayor of Kansas City





09:15-10:30

DAY 1 KEYNOTE ADDRESS Sponsored by:





SAM JORDAN Futurist; Head of Computing & Emerging Technology, The Future Today Group

Sam specializes in promoting "plausible optimism" regarding emerging technologies. She advises Fortune Top 20 organizations on navigating technological opportunities and risks, using datadriven insights to shape future-focused strategies.

Sam delivers dynamic talks on AI, computing, and tech advancements, emphasizing ethical considerations. Her approach demystifies complex trends, empowering audiences with actionable insights to tackle current and future challenges.

Sam's background includes founding TrovBase and leadership roles at IBM, complemented by mentoring at NYU Stern and directing ethical leadership initiatives at the Carnegie Council. She champions using technology for societal good, advocating for informed decision-making to shape a positive future.

NETWORKING BREAK



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10:45-11:45

INNOVATION EXCHANGE: AI PERSPECTIVES FROM UTILITY INDUSTRY TECH LEADERS



MICHELLE FERRARA Officer, APS



CHARLES KING SVP & Chief Chief Information Technology Officer, Evergy, Inc.



CHRIS LAZZARO SVP & Chief Information Officer, AECI



Chief Innovation Officer, Burns & McDonnell



ROBYN TWEEDY VP Enterprise Technology & Chief Information Officer, NPPD

With new Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities emerging almost daily, the conversation around Al has never been more urgent—or more expansive—and it's reshaping the way utilities plan, operate, and serve their communities. In this panel discussion, Chief Technology, Information, and Innovation Officers from across the electric utility industry will share how they're navigating Al's rapid evolution and harnessing its potential to transform operations, enhance reliability, and improve customer experiences. From predictive analytics and outage prevention to workforce tools and data-driven decision-making, hear perspectives on the opportunities, and the challenges, of responsible AI adoption in an industry where trust, safety, and resilience are essential.

Moderator: CHRIS MARQUEZ, Managing Director—Plant Operations (Thomas Hill Energy Center), AECI • Alltricity Network Board Member

11:45-12:45

NETWORKING LUNCH & 2025 ALLTRICITY NETWORK LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Alltricity Network's awards program celebrates individuals driving innovation, excellence, and lasting impact across the electric utility industry. Join us in honoring the 2025 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.



12:45-13:30

POWER & POLITICS: AN INSIDER'S LOOK AT SHIFTING UTILITY POLICY



KATE MARKS SVP—Critical Infrastructure Practice, Venn Strategies

In an era of rapid policy shifts and a new presidential administration, utility leaders face an unprecedented balancing act to keep pace with political change while ensuring reliable, affordable, and sustainable power. This presentation will provide insight into the forces shaping utility policy today, from legislative priorities and regulatory rulings to political dynamics, stakeholder pressures, and public opinion, and what they mean for your organization. Discover how fast-moving decisions in city halls, statehouses, and the nation's capital ripple through the industry, and beyond, impacting infrastructure investments, operational priorities, and the communities utilities serve.



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FROM RISK TO RESILIENCE: STRATEGIC WILDFIRE MITIGATION FOR UTILITIES



TODD FILSINGER
Founder & Senior
Managing Director,
Filsinger Energy
Partners

Wildfires pose an increasing threat to communities, infrastructure, and utility operations across the country. This session will explore the critical role utilities play in both preventing and responding to wildfire events, focusing on proactive strategies to reduce ignition risks and enhance overall system resilience. Learn industry best practices for vegetation management, equipment hardening, advanced monitoring technologies, and operational planning, as well as approaches for collaboration with regulators, first responders, and communities. Gain practical insights on how utilities are turning lessons from past incidents into actionable strategies that protect lives, property, and the reliability of the electric grid.

14:15-14:30

NETWORKING BREAK

14:30-15:15

DCFLEX & THE FUTURE GRID: TRANSMISSION & LOAD FORECASTING INSIGHTS



PARAG MITRA
Principal Technical
Leader, EPRI

As data center load growth accelerates, utilities face new challenges in maintaining reliable transmission, managing congestion, and accurately forecasting system demand. EPRI's DCFlex initiative demonstrates how data centers can not only meet their own energy needs but also actively support and stabilize the electric grid, improving interconnection efficiency and overall system resilience. This session will explore operational challenges posed by high-density, flexible loads as well as strategies for leveraging them as grid-supporting assets through collaborative approaches, turning data center growth from a potential stressor into an opportunity.

15:15-16:00

DRIVING EDUCATION & NETWORKING: UPDATES & PRIORITIES FROM ALLTRICITY NETWORK COMMITTEE LEADERS



SPENCER GARLAND Senior Manager of Gas Generation, Tri-State G&T (Next Generation Power Pioneers)



BRENT
GERLING
Distribution
Engineering &
Design Supervisor,
Evergy, Inc.
(Distribution)



SARAH
LABARRE
Manager of
Electric & Gas
Design, Colorado
Springs Utilities
(Vital Issues)



KEVIN LUDWIG VP & Grid Solutions Leader, Black & Veatch (Transmission)



RANDI PRIME Generation Engineering Manager, Tri-State G&T (Generation)



RUSS WEATHERLY Health & Safety Manager, AECI (Safety)

From sparking new ideas to creating meaningful connections, Alltricity Network's Education Committees are at the heart of our mission. Join committee leaders and members as they share fresh updates on their work, upcoming events, and the hot topics shaping future programs. You'll hear what's on the horizon, learn where your expertise can make an impact, and leave with clear ways to get involved in driving education and networking across the industry.

Moderator: PATRICK HANRAHAN, General Manager of Retail Services, NPPD • Alltricity Network VP of Education



16:00-17:00

VIEW FROM THE C-SUITE: PRIORITIES & PRESSURES FACING UTILITY LEADERS

Utility industry C-suite executives share how they're navigating industry transformation, balancing operational demands with long-term strategy, and addressing pressures from regulators, customers, and stakeholders. Hear what keeps these leaders up at night—and where they see the greatest opportunities.

Moderator: STEVE VETSCH, Vice President—Transmission, Evergy, Inc. • 2025-2026 Alltricity Network Board President

Institute, and EPRI.



Tom joined NPPD in 1990 as an engineer at Cooper Nuclear Station and has held leadership roles including Vice President & COO. He holds a B.S. in electrical engineering, an MBA from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and completed INPO's reactor technology course at MIT. A U.S. Navy veteran, he serves on boards including the Nebraska Power Association, Nuclear Energy

TOM KENT President & Chief Executive Officer. Nebraska Public Power District



GAVIN McCOLLAM SVP & Chief Operating Officer, Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Gavin has worked for Pasin Electric for 34 years, holding various leadership

Gavin has worked for Basin Electric for 34 years, holding various leadership roles. He oversees Generation, Transmission, Engineering & Construction, and Environmental functions. Gavin holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from North Dakota State University, an M.S. in Systems Management from the University of Southern California, and is a registered Professional Engineer in North Dakota.



JIMMY MORGAN EVP & Chief Commercial Officer, Babcock & Wilcox

With over 35 years in the global energy and construction industries, Jimmy has extensive experience in large project management and operations. He joined B&W in 2016 and leads commercial and business development for B&W's ClimateBright™ and BrightLoop™ technologies, as well as select biomass and waste-to-energy projects. He holds a B.S. in electrical and computer engineering and an MBA from the University of South Carolina.



KEVIN NEEDHAM President of Power Engineering, Kiewit

Kevin Needham leads a team of over 1,300 professionals delivering engineering, EPC, and consulting solutions across North America. He also directs Kiewit's power market strategy and business development. With nearly 30 years in the energy industry, he has held key roles in high-profile projects from engineering and design to executive leadership. Before joining Kiewit, he worked in corporate finance, focusing on mergers, acquisitions, and strategy.

18:00-21:30

NETWORKING RECEPTION (Sponsored by Alltricity Network Champions), **DINNER & ALLTRICITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

Join us for an engaging evening of dinner, networking, and spirited bidding at the annual Alltricity Scholarship Foundation Auction. Every dollar raised supports scholarships for students pursuing careers in the electric utility industry, with over 714 awarded totaling \$1.5 million since 2000.





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08:00-09:00

NETWORKING BREAKFAST

09:00-09:15

WELCOME BACK & PASSING OF THE GAVEL



JOSH JOHNSON
Vice President,
Black & Veatch
—
2024-2025 Alltricity
Network Board
President



STEVE VETSCH
Vice President—
Transmission,
Evergy, Inc.
—
2025-2026 Alltricity
Network Board
President



09:15-10:30

DAY 2 KEYNOTE ADDRESS



GREGORY ROBINSON
33-Year Veteran of NASA,
Former Director, James Webb
Space Telescope, Columbia
University Faculty, TIME100
Pioneer 2022

Gregory is the former director of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, one of the most ambitious scientific missions in history. Over a 33-year career at NASA, Robinson built a legacy of transformational leadership, most notably turning around the \$10 billion Webb program—boosting its efficiency from 55% to 95%—and overseeing its successful launch.

Under his calm and collaborative leadership, Webb became the most powerful space observatory ever built, now capturing unprecedented images from a million miles away. Robinson has earned honors such as TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2022 and the Distinguished Presidential Rank Award.

From humble beginnings in rural Virginia to leading one of NASA's most complex missions, he now teaches at Columbia University and speaks globally on innovation, resilience, and leading through complexity.

10:30-10:45

NETWORKING BREAK



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GRID AT A CROSSROADS: RTOs RESPOND TO DEMAND SURGE FROM AI, DATA CENTERS **& BEYOND**



KEVIN BRYANT EVP of Stakeholder Relations & Chief Strategy Officer, SPP



JEREMIAH DONER Director of Cost Allocation & Competitive Transmission, MISO



CHAD SEELY SVP—Regulatory Policy, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & Corporate Secretary, **ERCOT**

Skyrocketing demand from AI, data centers, and other high-load technologies is putting RTOs and the electric grid at a critical inflection point. This panel of senior RTO leaders will explore the most pressing stress points created by this surge—transmission congestion, load forecasting uncertainties, system reliability risks, and more—and share how their organizations are adapting to meet these challenges. Panelists will also offer predictions for future demand trends and outline what utilities must consider now to prepare for a more dynamic, high-load grid.

Moderator: KYLE WILLIAMS, Vice President—Generation Operations, LCRA • Alltricity Network Board Member

11:30-12:30

THE CONVERSATION THAT MATTERS: AN OPEN FORUM ON THE VITAL ISSUES KEEPING YOU UP AT NIGHT



Moderator: **CHUCK NORDHAUSEN** Vice President of Business Development, Kiewit Alltricity Network

Board Member

opportunity to share your insights, concerns, and big takeaways as the 2025 Fall Convention comes to a close. This interactive session invites every voice into the conversation, creating a space to reflect on the key themes, challenges, and opportunities discussed throughout the week—and what's most important to you, both professionally and personally. From rapid data center growth and emerging technologies to supply chain shifts and workforce evolution, no topic is off the table. Join your peers in shaping the dialogue, exchanging perspectives, and helping define the priorities that will guide utilities and service providers into the future.

Now open to all attendees, this forum for vital issues is your

12:30 **ADJOURN**

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events and view all education and networking opportunities at AlltricityNetwork.org/eventlist.

PLANNING SESSION: 2026 Alltricity Network Spring Conference

October 16, 2025

11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. MDT

Hosted in-person at Ulteig in Greenwood Village, CO & virtually via Teams

All Alltricity Network members are invited to help plan the 2026 Spring Management, Engineering & Operations Conference. By joining the planning session, you can shape an education program that addresses critical issues for your role and company.

Registration is complimentary and lunch is included for in-person attendees. Learn more and register at AlltricityNetwork.org/SpringPlan26



2026 Alltricity Network Spring Conference

April 27-29, 2026

Hilton Omaha in Omaha, NE

A cornerstone of Alltricity Network since its inception, the annual Spring Management, Engineering, and Operations Conference delivers top-tier continuing education and exceptional networking for electric utility professionals. Featuring 20+ presentations, the conference dives deep into critical topics across generation, transmission, distribution, safety, customer service, human resources, and management.

Registration will open in late 2025. Learn more at AlltricityNetwork.org/Spring26



PLANNING SESSION: 2026 Alltricity Network Fall Convention

November 13, 2025

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

Hosted in-person at Kiewit in Lone Tree, CO & virtually via Teams

Members are encouraged to help plan the 2026 Fall Convention by suggesting senior management-focused topics and speakers. Ideas can include a CEO's vision for the future, project case studies, or other relevant subjects. Senior executive and C-level speakers are preferred. Join the planning session to share your input and help shape this valuable event.

Registration is complimentary and breakfast and lunch is included for in-person attendees. Learn more and register at AlltricityNetwork.org/FallPlan26



2026 Alltricity Network Fall Convention

October 5-7, 2026

Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort in San Antonio, TX

The Alltricity Network Fall Convention, established in 1903, has grown into a premier event for senior management in the electric utility industry. With a focus on education, the Fall Convention features presentations from CEOs, senior executives, and other industry leaders addressing critical topics like future trends, major projects, lessons learned, workforce development, technology, regulation, and more.

Registration will open in 2026. Learn more at AlltricityNetwork.org/Fall26





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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Tyndale Company
Wärtsilä North America, Inc.

Registrant Information

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| Title: | | | |
| Company Name: | | | |
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| 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 | |
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| MEMBER | |
| Full Convention | \$1,195 |
| Monday Only | \$345 |
| Tuesday Only | \$745 |
| Wednesday Only | \$575 |
| GROUP REGISTRATION (MEMBERS ONLY) | |
| 5-Pack Full Conference | \$5,125 |
| 10-Pack Full Conference | \$9,995 |
| NON-MEMBER | |
| Full Convention | \$1,745 |
| Monday Only | \$575 |
| Tuesday Only | \$1,295 |
| Wednesday Only | \$995 |
| GUEST/SPOUSE | |
| Full Convention | \$245 |
| Monday Only | \$95 |
| Tuesday Only | \$175 |
| Golf Outing (List those you wish to be paired with) | \$175 |

TOTAL: \$

Payment Options

1. ONLINE AT ALLTRICITYNETWORK.ORG

Members can visit AlltricityNetwork.org/FALL25, 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: | |
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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.