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ANDREW LATRELL RECEIVES ALLTRICITY NETWORK'S 2024 EMERGING LEADER AWARD

Andrew (Drew) Latrell, Civil & Transmission Engineer V, Colorado Springs Utilities, is a recipient of the Alltricity Network 2024 Emerging Leader Award. The award was conferred during the 2024 Alltricity Network Spring Management, Engineering, and Operations Conference held May 20th-22nd in Denver, Colorado.

The Emerging Leader Award recognizes and honors Alltricity Network members who are high potentials in their company and have 5-10 years of experience in the industry, establishing significant contributions within their organization and have demonstrated the potential for leadership and continuing service in the electric utility industry.

Drew joined Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) in 2017 and is a Principal Engineer on the Electric Advanced Design team. In this role he is responsible for the design of the civil-structural aspects of substation and transmission projects as well as owner's representation for consultant led design. He also engages with the Planning and Operations teams on new project evaluation, estimating, and construction support.

Drew is quick to volunteer to provide support across CSU. Recently he volunteered as his department's representative for the Employee Action Team to take forward employee input to executive leadership. Through project meetings, his knowledge and quality work has captured attention and has led to regular presentations to leadership, including presenting to CSU's Utility Board. Drew has guided, trained, and mentored other civil engineers within the Electric Advanced Design team. The SEP effort has also now spanned years, and he continues to play a lead role within the full scope.

He frequently receives support requests from field crews, development services, transmission planning, emergency response, city infrastructure, infrastructure maintenance, and leadership, on top of regular projects assigned. These requests have been so recurring, that it may be easy to assume these are within his duties, but most of these requests fall outside his responsibilities. His contributions have simply become so noticeable that many groups see him as THE structural civil engineer to reach out to for miscellaneous requests. These duties expand across a wide range of

tasks not just limited to the electric utility but also CSU's natural gas and water service lines. His knowledge and professionalism have contributed to a higher appreciation of structural considerations across all utilities infrastructure.

Eight electric energy industry professionals from across the United States received the 2024 Alltricity Network Emerging Leader Award:

- **Nick Barnwell**, Technical Manager of Transmission & Distribution, Ulteig
- **Jonathon Crawford**, Substation Engineer, Salt River Project
- **Crystal Harper**, Financial Planning Manager, Nebraska Public Power District
- **Spencer Hicks**, Distribution Section Manager, Burns & McDonnell
- **Sarah Khan**, Lead Structural Engineer, Kiewit
- **Andrew Latrell**, Civil & Transmission Engineer V, Colorado Springs Utilities
- **Randi Prime**, Generation Engineering Manager, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association
- **Jorge Vasquez**, Manager of Occupational Health, CPS Energy

The Emerging Leader Awards Program began in 2014 as an Alltricity Network Board of Directors initiative to recognize the future generation of leaders who are already making an impact. To date, 93 individuals have been selected.

Congratulations to all 2024 Alltricity Network Emerging Leader Award Winners and thank you for your dedication to the electric energy industry.

The nomination form for the 2025 Emerging Leader Award will be available in late 2024. The Emerging Leader Award goes beyond a trophy, with numerous networking and professional development opportunities provided for recipients throughout the year, and we encourage you to start thinking about who you'd like to nominate for 2025.

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About Alltricity Network *(formerly known as RMEL):*

At Alltricity Network, we are redefining what's possible in electrical energy. We are a diverse community of people who support the US electric energy industry, and together – united through education, networking, and training – our impact is stronger.

Alltricity Network is a not-for-profit energy trade association that has served the electric utility industry with a variety of education and networking services since 1903. Alltricity Network's mission is: ***Preparing the electric energy industry for the future through education and networking.*** Formerly known as the Rocky Mountain Electrical League and RMEL, the association officially became Alltricity Network in the 2024 to better reflect a membership base that spans the entire country.

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