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## JORGE VASQUEZ RECEIVES ALLTRICITY NETWORK'S 2024 EMERGING LEADER AWARD

Jorge Vasquez, Manager of Occupational Health, CPS Energy, 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 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Jorge is currently the Manager of Occupational Health at CPS Energy, strategically leading a team of occupational health and safety professionals. Under his leadership, the team has navigated high-pressure environments, providing critical medical services with unwavering dedication. Further, his commitment to excellence has translated into tangible results—saving hundreds of thousands of dollars while ensuring the safety and wellbeing of CPS Energy's most precious resource, the employees.

Jorge's contributions have closed gaps in CPS Energy's medical surveillance programs, increased direct engagement with field personnel, and in-sourced injury triage to improve incident reporting and reduce employee anxiety surrounding safety incidents. Specifically, through partnership across Safety and Occupational Health, first-aid reporting increased by 40% over the past 18 months, while recordable incidents dropped significantly. This focus on early intervention is among the key contributors to meeting organizational safety goals and is attributable in part to the great work of the Occupational Health team under Jorge's leadership.

Beyond the numbers also lies a deeper narrative about Jorge's personal commitment to supporting CPS Energy—one of compassion, advocacy, and resilience. Throughout his time at CPS Energy, he's embraced every challenge as an opportunity for growth. Whether navigating compliance regulations, spearheading training programs, or driving process improvements, he approaches each task with unwavering determination and a commitment to excellence.

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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