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ERIK RIOS RECEIVES ALLTRICITY NETWORK'S 2025 EMERGING LEADER AWARD

CENTENNIAL, Colorado — Erik Rios, Engineering Supervisor—System Protection, Arizona Public Service (APS), received the 2025 Emerging Leader Award from the Alltricity Network at its 2025 Spring Conference, held May 5–7 in Dallas, TX.

The Emerging Leader Award honors Alltricity Network members with 5–10 years of industry experience who have shown strong leadership potential, made significant contributions to their organizations, and serve the electric utility industry with distinction.



Erik's leadership is evident in his proactive problem-solving and commitment to excellence. He has demonstrated leadership and mentorship by volunteering for the Rotational Engineering (RE) program to recruit, select, and mentor the next generation of engineers at APS. His mentorship of junior engineers, combined with his technical expertise, showcases his natural ability to lead and inspire, fostering a collaborative and innovative environment. His contributions to the RE program have resulted in four years of fully staffed entry-level positions, making it APS's strongest engineering talent pipeline, supporting an evolving workforce.

Congratulations to Erik and to all nine 2025 Alltricity Network Emerging Leader Award Winners. Thank you for your dedication to the electric utility industry:

- » Mohammad Amrollahi, Lead Transmission Engineer, Omaha Public Power District
- » Luis Bonilla, Senior Manager—Generation Major Projects, Salt River Project
- » Lyn England, Project Manager, POWER Engineers
- » Wyatt Lauer, Senior Electrical Engineer, Burns & McDonnell
- » Nicholas Lee, Operations Manager—Water Systems, Nebraska Public Power District
- » Marc Prasse, Engineering Manager, Sargent & Lundy
- » Ben Prueter, Project Manager, Kiewit
- » Erik Rios, Engineering Supervisor—System Protection, Arizona Public Service
- » Jeffrey Stephens, Project Manager II, Xcel Energy

Alltricity Network is now accepting nominations for the 2026 Emerging Leader Award through January 30, 2026. For details and submission guidelines, visit AlltricityNetwork.org/EmergingLeaderAward.

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

Alltricity Network is a not-for-profit energy trade association that has served the electric utility industry since 1903. United through education, networking, and training, our community—and our impact—is stronger. Alltricity Network's mission is: **Preparing the electric utility industry for the future through education and networking.** For more information, visit our website: AlltricityNetwork.org.