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CARLY ORTIZ RECEIVES ALLTRICITY NETWORK'S 2026 EMERGING LEADER AWARD

ENGLEWOOD, Colorado — Carly Ortiz, Long-Term Distribution Planning Engineer at Evergy, Inc., received the 2026 Emerging Leader Award from Alltricity Network at its 2026 Spring Conference, held April 27-29 in Omaha, NE.

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.



Carly exemplifies strong leadership through initiative, collaboration, technical excellence, and a commitment to team success. She plays a key role in improving the Front-of-the-Meter interconnection process, bringing structure to a complex, cross-functional area and strengthening communication across stakeholders. A dedicated mentor in the Long-Term Distribution Planning group, Carly helps build interns' technical skills and confidence. Her positive attitude, reliability, and customer-focused mindset make her a trusted contributor across the organization.

Congratulations to Carly and to all ten 2026 Alltricity Network Emerging Leader Award Winners. Thank you for your dedication to the electric utility industry:

- » Matthew Daniel, Mechanical Engineer, Kiewit
- » John Dunnuck, Lead Professional, Civil Engineering—Phoenix Overhead Transmission Lines, WSP
- » Jessica Forrest, Finance & Accounting Director, Delta-Montrose Electric Association
- » TJ Halia, Line Working Foreman—Distribution Maintenance Reactive East, Salt River Project
- » Ashley Jensen, Manager of Skills Training, Salt River Project
- » Bradford Kearbey, Senior Project Engineer, Burns & McDonnell
- » Alisha Manza, Senior Metering Data Assurance Analyst, Tri-State G&T Association, Inc.
- » Abby Martin, Technical Manager—Renewables, Ulteig
- » Carly Ortiz, Long-Term Distribution Planning Engineer, Evergy, Inc.
- » Zach Woodfin, Senior Supervisor, Copper Roots, Inc.

Alltricity Network is now accepting nominations for the 2027 Emerging Leader Award through January 29, 2027. For details and submission guidelines, visit AlltricityNetwork.org/EmergingLeaderAward.

About Alltricity Network (formerly known as RMEL):

Alltricity Network is a not-for-profit electric utility trade association that has served the 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.