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JESSICA FORREST RECEIVES ALLTRICITY NETWORK'S 2026 EMERGING LEADER AWARD

ENGLEWOOD, Colorado — Jessica Forrest, Finance & Accounting Director at Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA), was recognized as a 2026 Emerging Leader Award recipient by 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.



Joining DMEA in 2021, Jessica serves as Director of Finance & Accounting, overseeing a team and presenting strategic financial updates to the Board. She is a trusted leader whose impact on DMEA has been meaningful and measurable, driving improvements in data and automation within the finance function, including leveraging meter data to automate unbilled revenue projections and enhance accuracy and efficiency. She has also strengthened financial reporting, streamlined processes, and supported key system and billing transitions while leading her team with clarity, respect, and care.

Congratulations to Jessica 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.