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DAY 1

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday, May 8

 BIRCH 203

PRECONFERENCE SEMINAR

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM RULES

This training will include LCR & RCR overviews, updates, and compliance, including: site sample plans, sample locations, material evaluations, and certification of deliveries. CT positives will be discussed, understanding real detects versus sampling issues. There is also a hands-on sampling lab component to this workshop, giving attendees an understanding of proper procedures and technique demonstrations, followed by actual attendee sample collection. Other areas of instruction will include Data Collector, Level 1 Assessments, repeat samples, and the Groundwater Rule. This training is provided at no cost through a contractual agreement between the KDHE, Public Water Supply Capacity Development Program, using the State Revolving Fund Set-aside, and Kansas Municipal Utilities.

It is also provided in cooperation with the Kansas Section of the American Water Works Association and Midwest Assistance Program, an RCAP network member.



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The KMU Golf Tournament is back by popular demand! Come join the action at this fun and informal four-man scramble. All skill levels are welcome! Register as a team or as an individual. All proceeds will be donated to the KMU Hurt Lineman and the KMU Training Field Development Funds.

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DAY 1

 BIRCH 203, CYPRESS,
REDBUD EXHIBIT HALL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

KMU CONFERENCE BEGINS

8 am - 3 pm **KMU Golf Tournament**

*Auburn Hills Golf Course
Wichita, Kansas*

9 am - 3 pm **Preconference Seminar**

Distribution System Rules
Birch 203

4 pm **KMEA/KMGA Board Meeting**

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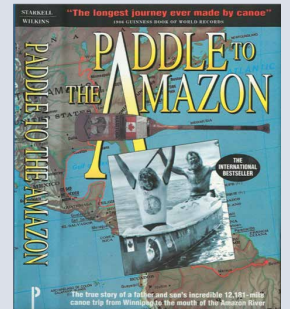
5 pm - 6:30 pm **KMU Welcoming Reception**

Redbud Exhibit Hall

KEYNOTE SPEAKER DANA STARKELL

Paddle to the Amazon

Dana Starkell was 19 when he undertook a two-year odyssey with his father and brother in what has been described as possibly the greatest canoe adventure of all times. The harrowing 12,000-mile adventure took Dana from Winnipeg through 13 countries, ending at the mouth of the Amazon River in South America. The trip is featured in the international bestseller “Paddle to the Amazon” and is the subject of an upcoming Netflix documentary and possible feature film.



Other Conference Session Speakers:



TERRY BASSHAM

Evergy, Inc.
President and Chief Executive Officer

Terry Bassham is president and chief executive officer of Evergy. Previously, he served as chairman and chief executive officer of Great Plains Energy, Inc. and KCP&L. Bassham joined Great Plains Energy in 2005 as executive vice president of finance & strategic development and chief financial officer, then subsequently moved to executive vice president- utility operations and ultimately president and chief operating officer. Before joining KCP&L, Bassham was executive vice president, chief financial officer and chief administrative officer for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) in Texas.



MIKE HYLAND

Senior VP, Engineering Services
American Public Power Association

Mike Hyland has overseen engineering and operations for the American Public Power Association since 1996. He helped launch the Association's Reliable Public Power Provider program and the Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo. He oversees the national mutual aid, safety, and security programs. Mike has served as chair of the National Electric Safety Code and is on the board of the Association of Demand Response and Smart Grid. He is a registered Professional Engineer with more than 25 years of experience in the electric utility industry.



BRENT KISLING

Brent Kisling, Executive Director
Oklahoma Department of Commerce

Brent Kisling is the Executive Director for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, appointed by Governor Stitt in 2019. He previously held the position as Executive Director of the Enid Regional Development Alliance, ensuring regional growth through the recruitment of new industry to Enid and Northwest Oklahoma. Prior to that, Brent was appointed by President George W. Bush and spent 8 years as the Oklahoma State Director for USDA Rural Development, overseeing rural housing, and utilities state-wide.



STEVE COLLIER

Director, Smart Grid Strategies
Milsoft Utility Solutions

Steve Collier is Director, Smart Grid Strategies, at Milsoft Utility Solutions. He is Milsoft's resident smart grid expert and an industry thought leader who writes, speaks and consults on the issues, technologies, and applications related to the development of a modern intelligent electric grid. Beginning at Houston Lighting & Power in the early 1970s, he has worked as a professional, executive, consultant and board member with energy, telecommunications and technology companies in the US and abroad.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

**REDBUD EXHIBIT HALL, CYPRESS BALLROOM, EAGLE BALLROOM
& RIVERVIEW BALLROOM**

7:30 am Exhibit Hall Open

Breakfast | *Redbud Exhibit Hall*

8:30 am President's Welcome

Cypress Ballroom

*Larry Paine, City Administrator, City of Hillsboro
2018-2019 KMU President*

8:45 am "Not Your Grandfather's Utility"

As customers get more savvy about behind-the-meter generation, smart energy management, energy efficiency and other new technologies, municipal utilities can no longer afford to be in "business as usual" mode. See why and how you should rethink your business model and update services, rates and operations to remain relevant in this changing market.

*Steve Collier, Director of Smart Grid Strategies
Milsoft Utility Solutions*

9:30 am Light Up Navajo

The Navajo Nation is the largest Native American territory in the United States, with an estimated population of 300,000. Among the 55,000 homes located on the 27,000 square mile reservation, about 15,000 do not have electricity. They make up 75% of all unelectrified households in the United States. Learn more about an ambitious new project to bring water and electricity to those most in need.

*Wally Haase, General Manager
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority*

10:15 am Refreshment Break

Redbud Exhibit Hall

10:45 am Bringing A Region Together: Combining Forces for Future Water

Northwest Oklahoma has its share of water resource complexities. Located in an arid region of the state that is heavily dependent on industry and agriculture, maintaining viable water supplies for a growing community and thriving economic region is a significant challenge. Learn how unlikely partners have joined together to move a region forward for a water-secure future.

*Brent Kisling, Executive Director
Oklahoma Department of Commerce*

11:30 am Tools for Building a Strong and Competitive Electric Utility

Municipal electric utilities are expected to do more than just keep the lights on. Our utilities must be partners in building strong communities to improve the lives of our citizens and our local economies while managing a host of issues including reliability, engineering, cybersecurity, workforce development, community development, and much more. Learn more about the many tools and resources that the American Public Power Association (APPA) offers to help Kansas municipal utilities be that strong, competitive partner for our communities.

*Michael Hyland, Senior Vice President, Engineering Services
American Public Power Association*

12:00 pm Lunch

Eagle Ballroom | Please take time to visit Exhibit Hall during break.

1:30 pm Communicating the Value of Your Municipal Utility

As competition evolves in new and different forms, it's more important than ever to share the unique benefits of public power with multiple stakeholders. Whether in times of storm or calm, communication and outreach initiatives can help your utility build lasting community trust, confidence, and goodwill. Our utilities and our employees must be involved with the community, getting to know their customers, and building real connections for customers to see the value of their public utility and what it can do for them.

*David Mehlhaff, Chief Communications Officer
Kansas City Board of Public Utilities*

2:30 pm - 4 pm Roundtable Sessions

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Eagle Ballroom

4:30 pm - 6 pm President's Reception

Redbud Exhibit Hall

6 pm - 7:30 pm Conference Banquet

Eagle Ballroom

7:30 pm Hospitality Reception

Riverview Ballroom

ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

2:30 - 4 pm | Eagle Ballroom

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to participate in three 25-minute round table sessions of their choice.

Cybersecurity Scorecard

Understanding and improving your cybersecurity posture is increasingly important in the face of increasing cyber threats to the utility sector. The Public Power Cybersecurity Scorecard is an online self-assessment tool for public power utilities to assess cyber risk, plan improvements, prioritize investments, and benchmark their security posture.

Michael Hyland, American Public Power Association
Steve Strom, Custom Internet Solutions

Can Existing Local Generation Power the Future?

Power generation strategies and concepts have changed dramatically in the past decade. Changing fuel sources, renewable generation, environmental standards, and many more factors have contributed to the change. These factors are shifting the focus away from massive central power plants and towards smaller, more nimble distributed units. With nearly 300 municipally owned small generating units in the state, has Kansas already built the infrastructure needed for the future? This discussion will focus on how existing municipal electric generation assets potentially place Kansas public utilities in an advantageous position in an evolving electrical grid.

Brian Meek, Director of Safety & Training
Kansas Municipal Utilities

Water & Wastewater Regulatory Update

Staying abreast of the current and upcoming regulatory changes is critical for every water and wastewater utility. Don't miss this opportunity for a face-to-face conversation with KDHE to get the latest information, discuss challenges, and plan for the future.

Cathy Tucker-Vogel – Public Water Supply Section Chief
Shelly Shores-Miller – Technical Services Section Chief
Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Bureau of Water

Distributed Generation: Is your utility ready?

Are you ready for your next customer that walks in and wants to install their own generation – whether solar or wind? Your utility system needs to be prepared for that customer who wants to interconnect their customer-owned generation with your system. Learn what is required and what it takes to be prepared for those customers by using the KMU Distributed Generation Toolkit. The toolkit provides information on interconnection standards, customer agreements, and other forms and policies to allow your system to accommodate your customer's interest while protecting your utility system.

Don Gruenemeyer, President
Sawvel & Associates

Getting to Zero: Preventing Accidents or Injury Before They Happen

Implementing a behavior based safety program can influence employee actions toward safer outcomes, ideally by preventing an accident or injury before it occurs. When implemented correctly, the program can provide positive rewards to change unsafe behavior, reduce job-related injuries, minimize lost production hours, and improve workplace morale—essential ingredients for creating a strong safety culture. Learn more about how a behavior based safety program can improve the safety culture in your utility.

Michael Wallace, Catalyst Safety
Kansas Municipal Utilities

Small Cell and Pole Attachments

Is your community ready? Wireless carriers are beginning to deploy network infrastructure to support the roll-out of 5G services. While a new FCC order gives wireless providers access to public rights-of-way, the order does not allow them to install small cell nodes on government-owned structures, or erect new structures in public rights-of-way, without approval from local government. Establishing installation standards and attachment agreements can help your community support these network services while protecting public property.

Mike Shook, City of Coffeyville
Penny M. Speake, Healy Law Offices, LLC

PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) & What That Means for Public Water Supplies

PFAS are a class of man-made chemicals with complicated chemistry. Not only do thousands of these compounds exist, they are showing up in the environment as well as some source water supplies. Attend this important session to learn more about these compounds and what is being done at the national and state levels.

Jaime Gaggero – Director
Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Bureau of Water

Understanding Water Rights, Authorized Quantities, and Avoiding Over Pumping

It's important to have a clear understanding of water rights, authorized quantities, and the recent changes in state regulation regarding over pumping violations. Born out of state-wide stakeholder feedback during the Governor's Water Vision process, regulation changes for over pumping have impacted some municipal water suppliers. Visit with DWR at this session and make sure you are up-to-date on this important information.

Lane Letourneau - Water Appropriation Program Manager
Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources

ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

2:30 - 4 pm | Eagle Ballroom

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Municipal Utility Outreach Toolkit

Only 1 in 7 customers of a public power utility knows that their utility is not-for-profit and owned by the community. Communication is an evolving segment of municipal utilities and can be advantageous in building strong relationships with customers and the community. Having a plan and strategy on how to utilize social media, websites, print media, and community events can play a big part in how your customers and the general public view your business. Toolkit included with roundtable discussion.

*Corey Long, Communication Specialist
Kansas Municipal Utilities*

Distributed Generation Rates

Many Municipal utilities across the country are seeing rapid growth of distributed generation (DG), notably rooftop solar, on their systems. As citizens install generation there are engineering and rate considerations for utilities to be aware of, especially as installations reach certain penetration levels. This interactive discussion will address these questions and other technical engineering considerations, and financial case study rate structure and impact results.

Adam Toth, Toth & Associates

Energy Services Contracts: Energy Efficiency with Guaranteed Cost Savings

Save your city money and help your customers with energy costs. By utilizing Kansas State Statute 75-37, 125 you can create savings solutions that pay for themselves and ease the pressure on capital improvement budgets. This session will cover the ways cities can keep the money spent on these improvements in the community, stimulating the local economy and creating jobs. Your city achieves better financial stability, while improving quality of life for your citizens.

*Curtis Wondra, Performance Contracting Account Executive
CTS Group*

Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Programs

Many municipal utilities qualify for funding for rural projects through the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. Learn more about whether these funds could benefit your community.

*Phil Wages, Director of Member Services and Govt. Affairs
Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo)*

FRIDAY, MAY 10

 CYPRESS BALLROOM

8:00 am KMU Annual Business Meeting

- Nominations to KMU Board & Committees
- KMU Training Center Update
- KMU 2016-2019 Strategic Plan

9:00 am A Transitioning Utility in a Changing Environment

With an evolving energy environment, the state's largest investor-owned utility – Evergy – is working to provide clean, safe, and reliable energy to 1.6 million customers in Kansas and Missouri. The Evergy subsidiaries of Westar and KCP&L have been transitioning to diversify its generation resources while considering customer preferences and economic development opportunities. The President and CEO of Evergy will provide an update on the merger of Westar Energy and Great Plains Energy (KCP&L) as well as the company's plans for the future as it moves forward as a combined utility.

*Terry Bassham
Evergy, Inc., President and Chief Executive Officer*

10:15 am Recruiting & Retaining Qualified Employees with Competitive Pay

Recruiting and hiring qualified employees is difficult. Once you have found the right people, how do you keep them? Is it simply a pay issue, or is there more to it? Elk River Utilities in Minnesota had similar issues. This presentation describes the approach they took to overcome the problem of high employee turnover.

*Troy Adams, P.E., General Manager
Elk River (Minnesota) Municipal Utilities*

11:00 am Paddle to the Amazon

When Don and Dana Starkell left Winnipeg in a tiny three-seater canoe, they had no idea of the dangers that lay ahead. Two years and 12,180 miles later, father and son had each paddled nearly twenty million strokes, slept on beaches, in jungles and fields, dined on tapir, shark, and heaps of roasted ants. Hear the impressive and amazing story of the longest journey ever made by canoe.

Dana Starkell

12:00 pm Door Prizes | Adjourn Conference

REGISTRATION

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REGISTRATION FEES

Preconference Seminar: Distribution System Rules **NO CHARGE**

General Conference Registration
\$250 (Member) \$325 (Non-member)

Extra Luncheon Tickets @ \$30/person

Extra Banquet Tickets @ \$45/person

TOTAL CONFERENCE FEES

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Conference Luncheon and Banquet included in Registration Fees

Cancellations received ten days prior to the event entitle the registrant to a full refund.

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Hyatt Regency Wichita
400 West Waterman
KMU Room Rate: \$124/night
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Group Rate Code: KMU Annual Conference
Cutoff Date: April 16th

Drury Plaza Broadview
400 West Douglas Avenue
KMU Room Rate: \$159.99/night;
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Group Confirmation # 2365512
Cutoff Date: April 23rd

Hotel at WaterWalk
711 South Main
KMU Room Rate: \$111/night (king);
No Online Reservation
Phone: 316-263-1061
Cutoff Date: April 12th

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