



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Last updated May 21, 2024

Sunday, June 9

2-7 pm	Registration open
5-6:30 pm	Welcome reception at the Renaissance Hotel

Monday, June 10

7:30-8:30 am	Continental breakfast
8:30-9 am	Welcome and opening remarks
9-10 am	<p>Panel – Cooperation and Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Minnesota Chair Katie Sieben • U.S. Senator Tina Smith, FERC Commissioner Allison Clements and Bethany Owen, President and CEO of ALLETE, Inc.
10-10:30 am	Networking break
10:30-11:30 am	<p>Breakout session 1 – Innovative Ideas in Commission Permitting and Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: North Dakota Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart • Matt Prine, Indiana America Water; Randy Satterfield, Next Gen Highways; Charles Sutton, Sutton Consulting; and Sadzi Oliva, United Scrap Metal. <p>Breakout session 2 – Innovation in Transportation Electrification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Michigan Commissioner Katherine Peretick • Indiana Commissioner Wes Bennett; Phil Jones, Alliance for Transportation Electrification; Jason Grenier, Otter Tail Power; Andrea Pratt, Greenlane.
11:30-1 pm	Lunch hosted by 2025 MARC host state - Indiana
1-2 pm	<p>Panel – Data Centers and Load Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Minnesota Commissioner Joe Sullivan • Bob Frenzel, Xcel Energy; Scott Wright, MISO; Betsy Beck, Google; Aaron Tinjum, Data Center Coalition; and Kevin Pranis, LiUNA Minnesota and North Dakota.

2-3 pm	Panel – The State of Inter-Regional Planning in the MARC footprint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Indiana Commissioner Sarah Freeman • Jennifer Curran, MISO; Casey Cathey, SPP; Sami Abdulsalam, PJM; and Krista Tanner, ITC Holdings Corporation.
3-3:15 pm	Announcements
3:15-3:45 pm	Networking break
3:45-4:45 pm	Breakout session 1 – Advanced Meters, Data, and Privacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Iowa Chair Erik Helland • Wisconsin Commissioner Kristy Nieto; Sarah Moskowitz, Illinois Citizens Utility Board; Dan Jacobson, Landis+Gyr; and Bryce McKenney, NRG. Breakout session 2 – IRA and IJIA Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Wisconsin Chair Summer Strand • Karin Haas, U.S. Department of Energy; Katerina Stephan, RMI; Owen Henriksen, Great River Energy; and Pete Wyckoff, MN Department of Commerce.
5-5:45 pm	MARC Board Meeting (Commissioners only)
Evening	On your own

Tuesday, June 11

7:30-8:30 am	Continental breakfast
8:20-8:30 am	Announcements
8:30-9:30 am	Panel – Innovative Energy Technologies: Nuclear, Geothermal, Transmission, Hydrogen, and More <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Illinois Chair Doug Scott • Iowa Commissioner Josh Brynes; Jørgen Festervoll, Heimdall Power; Muss Akram, CenterPoint Energy; and Ben Reinke, X-energy.
9:30-10 am	Panel – The Future of Gas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: South Dakota Chair Kristie Fiegen • Michigan Commissioner Alessandra Carreon; Korlon Kilpatrick, Citizens Energy Group; Audrey Partridge, Center for Energy and the Environment; and Heather Dziedzic, American Biogas Council.
10:30-11 am	Networking break
11 am-12 pm	Breakout session 1 – Tales from the Demand Side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Illinois Commissioner Ann McCabe • Kansas Commissioner Andrew French; Matt Dority, Evergy; Carmen Best, Recurve; Shawn Enterline, RAP.

	<p>Breakout session 2 – Virtual Power Plants, Aggregation, Demand Response, and Distributed Energy Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Missouri Chair Kayla Hahn • Illinois Commissioner Conrad Reddick; Yok Potts, Smart Electric Power Alliance; Pier LaFarge, Sparkfund; and Avery McEvoy, RMI.
12-1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15-2:15 pm	<p>Panel – Building the Utility Workforce: Innovations in Recruitment, Training and Apprenticeship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Illinois Commissioner Michael Carrigan • Richard Kolodziejki, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters; Jason George, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49; Bejeray Morrison, Sunrun; and Kurt Zimmerman, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 160.
2:15-3:15 pm	<p>Panel – Equity and Affordability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Missouri Commissioner Maida Coleman • Jose Perez, Hispanics in Energy; Shubha Harris, Fresh Energy; and Annie Levenson-Falk, Minnesota Citizens Utility Board.
3:15-3:45 pm	Networking break
3:45-4:45 pm	<p>Breakout session 1 – Resilience and Reliability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Arkansas Commissioner Katie Anderson • Wisconsin Commissioner Marcus Hawkins; Sara Patrick, Midwest Reliability Organization; Bob Ervin, Aqua-Indiana; Robert Gee, Gee Strategies Group. <p>Breakout session 2 – Energy Storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Indiana Commissioner David Veleta • Illinois Commissioner Stacey Paradis; Eric Watson, Energy Dome; Beth Soholt, Clean Grid Alliance; and Gabe Murtaugh, Long Duration Energy Storage Council.
6:40 pm	<p>Minnesota Twins vs. Colorado Rockies</p> <p>The MARC block of tickets to the Minnesota Twins Baseball Game Outing is currently SOLD OUT. You can try to purchase a ticket to the Twins game separately, or stop by the Conference Registration Desk on Tuesday, June 11, at 5 p.m. where any unclaimed tickets will be distributed.</p>

Wednesday, June 12

7:30-8:30 am	Continental breakfast
8:20-8:30 am	Announcements

8:30-9:30 am	Panel – The State of Regulation in the MARC Footprint: Commissioners’ Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Lauren Bethke, Minnesota PUC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All MARC Commissioners!
9:30-10 am	Closing remarks
Starting at 10 am	Tours, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xcel Energy Sherco Solar Facility • Xcel Energy Marshall Operations Center • Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant • CenterPoint Energy Hydrogen Electrolyzer Pilot • LJ Shosten Union Training Center • District Energy St. Paul • Walking tour of downtown Minneapolis led by MN Commissioner John Tuma • NextEra Gopher Energy Storage Project <p>Transportation will depart from and return to the Renaissance Hotel.</p>