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JUNE 22-25, 2025 | THE WESTIN INDIANAPOLIS



CONFERENCE AGENDA

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025



TIME	TOPIC
Noon - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Pre-Conference Workshop & Lunch <i>Presented by the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP)</i> Attendance is limited to Commissioners and commission staff only</p> <p>From Flat to Fast: Regulatory Tools for Unexpected Infrastructure Investment After decades of flat customer demand, we are now in an era of booming load growth. As a result, regulators are currently evaluating the need for large investments in new infrastructure, often from multiple utilities at the same time. Large new data center and manufacturing loads present a novel challenge as they require fast approval for investments that will impact the electric system for decades to come.</p> <p>To meet the needs of this new era, regulators need to expand and sharpen their tool kit for managing this growth. This session will focus on gathering much needed input from fellow MARC regulators and will document the tools and strategies that they can use as they review utility requests.</p>
2:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Conference Registration open
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	<p>Welcome Reception The Westin Indianapolis</p>



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MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025



TIME	TOPIC
7:30 a.m.	Conference Registration opens
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Full Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	General Session We have BIG plans for this – stay tuned!!!
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Threat Level Midnight: Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure All utility sectors
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch <i>Hosted by 2026 MARC host state (Public Service Commission of Wisconsin)</i> Get excited for MARC 2026 in Madison, Wisconsin!
1:00 - 4:45 p.m.	Tours – tour times to be announced <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indiana Statehouse & Legislative Meet & Greet <i>Duration: 1 hour</i> This comprehensive, guided tour allows guests to explore Indiana’s Statehouse, a building of outstanding architectural beauty, that has served as the center of civic life in Indiana since 1888. The tour will be followed by a conversation with Indiana legislators.• Citizens Energy Group Pump Station and Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour <i>Duration: 2.5 hours</i> The outing will include a tour of the pump station, which is located 280 feet below ground and is the confluence of the tunnel system and the treatment plant.• Through2Eyes Walk & Talk <i>Duration 1 hour, 10 minutes</i> Local resident, Sampson Levingston, invites guests to walk and talk about the hidden and unique history that Indiana has to offer. The tour takes place throughout downtown Indianapolis and includes highlights of the city’s utility history.• Mystery Utility-focused Tour <i>Details to be announced SOON!</i>



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MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025 (CONTINUED)



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1:00 - 4:45 p.m.	Climate READi® Intensive <i>Facilitated by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 1 – 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.• Session 2 – 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.• Networking Break – 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.• Session 3 – 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1A Water and Its Critical Role in Public Health and Safety and Economic Development	BREAKOUT 1B Natural Gas: Innovations in Planning and Technology
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	BREAKOUT 2A Public Engagement and Regulatory Culture	BREAKOUT 2B MARC Safety Message: Don't Look Down! Pipelines and Underground Plant Protection
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Announcements	
3:15 - 3:45 p.m.	Networking Break	
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT 3A What Are They Talking About? Utility Regulation and the Media	BREAKOUT 3B BEAD Funding and the Impact on Energy Utilities
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	MARC Board Meeting Commissioners only	
Evening	On your own	



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TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025



TIME	TOPIC
7:30 a.m.	Registration opens
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Full Breakfast
8:20 - 8:30 a.m.	Announcements
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Nuclear: Go Small or Go Home
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Affordability through Technology All utility sectors
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Networking Break
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	To Serve Man: Regulating in the Public Interest in a Post-DEI World
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 - 4:45 p.m.	Tours – tour times to be announced <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indiana Statehouse & Legislative Meet & Greet <i>Duration: 1 hour</i> This comprehensive, guided tour allows guests to explore Indiana’s Statehouse, a building of outstanding architectural beauty, that has served as the center of civic life in Indiana since 1888. The tour will be followed by a conversation with Indiana legislators.• Citizens Energy Group Pump Station and Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour <i>Duration: 2.5 hours</i> The outing will include a tour of the pump station, which is located 280 feet below ground and is the confluence of the tunnel system and the treatment plant.• Through2Eyes Walk & Talk <i>Duration 1 hour, 10 minutes</i> Local resident, Sampson Levingston, invites guests to walk and talk about the hidden and unique history that Indiana has to offer. The tour takes place throughout downtown Indianapolis and includes highlights of the city’s utility history.• Mystery Utility-focused Tour to be announced SOON!



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1:15 - 4:45 p.m.	Load Growth Intensive <i>Facilitated by Advanced Energy United</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 1 – 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Load Growth Primer• Session 2 – 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. Innovative Planning Makes Perfect• Networking Break – 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.• Session 3 – 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. Changes We Can Afford to Make: Approaches to Contain Costs and Promote Efficiency in the Face of Load Growth	
1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	BREAKOUT 4A Education, Training, and Workforce Development	BREAKOUT 4B Full Circuit: Connecting Regulators, Utilities, and Emerging Players for Success
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.	BREAKOUT 5A Utilities Driving Economic Development	BREAKOUT 5B Building Trust Across Competing Interests
3:15 - 3:45 p.m.	Networking Break	
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT 6A Rate Design, but Entertaining	BREAKOUT 6B Yes, We're Still Talking About Gas-Electric Coordination
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	An Evening at the Eiteljorg Museum with The Indigos	



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025



TIME	TOPIC
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Full Breakfast
8:20 - 8:30 a.m.	Announcements
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	CEO Roundtable All utility sectors
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Commissioner AMA Ask Me Anything
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Closing Remarks
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Post-Conference Workshop & Lunch <i>Presented by the Financial Research Institute (FRI) at the University of Missouri</i> Best Practices in Water Affordability

