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2025 Annual Conference Agenda March 18 - 20, 2025

18 TUE

2:00 PM Registration/Exhibitor Setup.....Preconference Area Registration Desk 2:00-3:30 PM ACE Board of Directors Meeting (NMPP Energy Office)......NMPP Energy Office 4:30-6:30 PM Reception with Sponsors.....Regents C & E Dinner On Your Own to Enjoy Lincoln Dining Opportunities

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6:00-9:00 AM Embassy Suites Breakfast.....Embassy Atrium 7:30 AM Registration/Exhibit Booths Open.....Regents C & E 8:00-9:30 AM Opening/Keynote Speaker.....Regents A Coach Bill Busch - "Successfully Navigating Life's Turnovers" 9:30-10:00 AM Break/Visit Sponsor Booths.....Regents C & E 10:00-11:00 AM **Breakout Sessions** The Energy Authority - Natural Gas Market Conditions.....Regents D 10:00-11:00 AM **Breakout Sessions** Sandhills Energy - Community Scale Solar: From Conception to Operations.....Regents F 11:00-12:00 PM State Issues Legislative Panel.....Regents A 12:00-1:00 PM Lunch/Sponsor Introductions.....Regents B 1:30-2:30 PM **Breakout Sessions** Western Area Power Administration (WAPA).....Regents D Hydro Update (Virtual) 1:30-2:30 PM **Breakout Sessions** Nebraska State Auditor's Office......Regents F Ethics and Fraud in Government 2:30-3:00 PM Break/Visit Sponsor Booths.....Regents C & E 3:00-4:45 PM Roundtable Sessions.....Regents A 5:30 PM Social Time.....Regents B 6:30 PM Awards and Banquet......Regents B 6:00-9:00 AM Embassy Suites Breakfast.....Embassy Atrium

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8:00-9:15 AM

American Public Power Association (APPA).....Regents A Mutual Aid & Disaster Recovery Program

9:30-10:30AM

Wade Greening, FBI - Physical Security/Cyber Attacks......Regents A

ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS WEDNESDAY MARCH 19, 3-4:45 PM

Eight roundtable sessions will run concurrently from 3-4:45 p.m. in Regents B on Wednesday, March 19.

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

The Upside and Downside of Unified Utility Solutions

InHANCE Utilities/PowerManager Isabelle McCarthy, Marketing Specialist Andrew Jordan, Executive Vice President

Managing a utility office often means switching between different software platforms for customer service, billing, payroll, accounting, financials and inventory, resulting in a process that's time-consuming and inefficient. This session will discuss the pros and cons of unified, centralized solutions versus those from managing utility functions in multiple disparate systems.

GIS Mapping Technologies

Jim Herchenbach, Electrical System Analyst & GIS Specialist

This session will provide an overview on Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping technology with a focus on urban areas, highlighting the tools and trends of a basic GIS system. Additionally, it will touch on maintenance and common issues associated with GIS systems.

Utility Technology Planning and Deployment

Katama Technologies Scott Durham, Partner/Sr. Consultant

Advancement of emerging technologies is having a profound impact on our business operations, service delivery and customer management. This session will review and focus on how to develop a technology plan that is aligned with strategic goals and maximizes long-term value across the utility.

RTOs, Demand Response and Aggregations related to FERC Orders 2222 and 719

Healy Law Offices, LLC Heather Starnes, Attorney

Learn the basics about FERC Orders 719 and 2222 regarding demand response and aggregations of distributed energy resources and how these orders may impact your cities. Understand the applicability of the opt-in and opt-out provisions of each and help your city to assess its options and make decisions to best ensure your city protects its ability to manage its generation and load and ensure reliability.

Power Optimization

Secured Energy/PowerHouse Paul Wohl, Consultant

This session will discuss how to increase capacity and raise the power factor to consume power more efficiently within your electric distribution system.

What to do About Nitrates in Public Drinking Water

Groundwater Solutions Group, LLC Tom Christopherson, Owner

This presentation will illustrate the need for abundant highquality groundwater and the methods and technology for water quantity restoration. The presentation will focus on the efforts to identify the water wells that can be restructured to restore intended use of the well or how to permanently seal the well to preserve the site. Case histories where such methods were used to improve water quality will be presented.

The Importance of Utility Rate **Design Planning**

JK Energy Consulting, LLC John Krajewski, Consultant

This session will focus on the importance of regularly reviewing the financial performance of your utilities and ensuring that your rates provide sufficient revenue. In addition, John will discuss the role that a cost of service and rate design study can have in ensuring your rates are providing revenue stability and appropriately recovering your costs from customers.

Optimizing Electric Distribution Systems Amid Increase of Connected Renewable Energy Sources

Schweitzer Engineering Labs Jon Larson, Technical Manager Jain Kuriakose, Engineering Manager

This session will focus on the challenges to modern electric distribution systems with the increase of connected renewable energy resources. We will discuss solutions to protect, restore, and optimize the distribution system. We will also discuss microgrid systems.

Embassy Suites by Hilton Downtown Lincoln, Neb.

Alumni Room

1,125 Sq. Ft.

Chancellor 1 520 Sq. Ft. Chancellor 2 520 Sq. Ft. Chancellor 3 520 Sq. Ft.

Directors Board

387 Sq. Ft.

Executive Board

572 Sq. Ft.

Regents A

3,040 Sq. Ft.

Regents B

2,964 Sq. Ft.

Regents C

2.964 Sq. Ft.

Regents F

Regents E

Regents D 975 Sq. Ft. Conference 1 (Suite 904)

Conference 2 (Suite 909)

Conference 3 (Suite 925)

