



Draft Agenda

Sunday, August 6

Time	Session
12:00 – 7:00 pm	Registration
12:00 – 5:00 pm	WhiteCaps Baseball Game / Exploring
4:00 – 5:00 pm	MARC Board Meeting
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Opening Reception at the JW Marriott Hotel

Monday, August 7

Time	Session
7:15 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:15 – 8:35 am	Welcoming Remarks Mayor Rosalyn Bliss, City of Grand Rapids
8:40 – 9:20 am	Plenary Keynote: In the Shadow of President Ford
9:25 – 10:10 am	Plenary Panel: Utility Decarbonization & Net Zero Goals <i>(Moderator: Doug Scott, Great Plains Institute)</i>
15 min	Networking Break
10:25 – 11:10 am	Plenary Panel: Taking the Blinders Off: Visualizing Our Future Grid <i>(Moderator: Comm. Andrew French, Kansas Corp. Comm.)</i>
11:15 – 11:45 am	Plenary Keynote: Ensuring Equity in the Energy Transition <i>(Moderator: Chair Rebecca Cameron Valcq, PSC-Wisconsin)</i>
12:00 – 1:15 pm	Lunch Hosted by MARC 2024 Host State - Minnesota

1:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>Breakout Session #1-A Connected: Smart Appliances, EVs, and the Growing Synergies between Energy and Telecommunications <i>(Moderator: Comm. Sarah Freeman, Indiana URC)</i></p>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>Breakout Session #1-B Water Energy Management</p>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>Breakout Session #1-C Greening the Rust Belt: Reducing Energy Waste in High Consumption Industries <i>(Moderator: Comm. Tyler Huebner, PSC Wisconsin)</i></p>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>Breakout Session #1-D Promoting Gas Safety in an Era of Expanding Threats</p>
15 min	Networking Break
2:45 – 3:45 pm	<p>Breakout Session #2-A Planning for a Just Transition for Power Plant Communities</p>
2:45 – 3:45 pm	<p>Breakout Session #2-B Stretching the Grid: Maximizing Customer Benefits through Demand Flexibility <i>(Moderator: Comm. Katie Anderson, Arkansas PSC)</i></p>
2:45 – 3:45 pm	<p>Breakout Session #2-C What Regulators Need to Know about Financial Markets <i>(Moderator: John Quackenbush, President, JQ Resources)</i></p>
2:45 – 3:45 pm	<p>Breakout Session #2-D Keeping Watch: Ensuring Resilience and Adaptation of Critical Energy, Water, and Telecommunications Systems in the Face of Escalating Climate Risks and Cybersecurity Attacks</p>
15 min	Networking Break
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session #3-A Engaging the Customer in Designing Assistance Programs <i>(Moderator: Comm. Maida Coleman, Missouri PSC)</i></p>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session #3-B Best Practices in the Sharing of Utility and Customer Data <i>(Moderator: Comm. Ann McCabe, Illinois Commerce Commission)</i></p>

4:00 – 5:00 pm	Breakout Session #3-C Emerging Risks: Workforce, Supply Chain and Geopolitical Challenges
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Breakout Session #3-D Interconnection Reforms to Bring New Generation Online
6:00 – 8:00 pm	OPEN (small group dinners and industry receptions)

Tuesday, August 8

Time	Session
7:15 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:15 – 8:30 am	Announcements
8:35 – 9:35 am	Plenary Keynote: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment
9:40 – 10:25 am	Plenary Panel: The Day the Grid Didn't Go Down
15 min	Break
10:40 – 11:25 am	Plenary Panel: Siting Critical Infrastructure
11:30 – 12:15 pm	Plenary Panel: The Future of Natural Gas: Maintaining Affordability and Achieving Decarbonization Goals While Preserving Utility Finances
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
Afternoon	Workshop: Emergency Planning and Preparedness
Afternoon	Demonstration: EV Ride and Drive Showcase
Afternoon	Tour: A- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Walking Tour – Downtown GR
Afternoon	Tour: B- Integrating Housing, Energy Efficiency, and Transit for Equitable Deployment - Bus Tour
Afternoon	Tour C- Switch Data Center
Afternoon	Tour D – Furniture City: Steelcase Manufacturing
Afternoon	Tour E- Water Resource Facility & Biodigester
Afternoon	Tour F- Holland Energy Park with Holland Lighthouse

Wednesday, August 9

Time	Session
7:15 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:15 – 8:30 am	Announcements
8:30 – 9:30 am	Plenary Keynote: EV-isioning the Future
15 min	Break
9:45 – 10:45 am	Plenary Panel: The Future Grid: Withstanding Increased Extreme Weather, Accommodating DERs, and Electrifying End Uses
15 min	Break
11:00 – 11:55 am	Plenary Panel: What's Next: A Roundtable on Advanced Technologies and the Future of Energy and Telecommunications
12:00 pm	Conference Adjourns
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Grid Resilience Workshop – Hosted by DOE Grid Deployment Office/NARUC CPI Partnership