



Draft Agenda

Additional Speakers Updated Weekly

Sunday, August 6

Time	Session
12:00 – 7:00 pm	Registration
12:00 – 5:00 pm	WhiteCaps Baseball Game / Exploring (on your own)
3:30 – 6:30 pm	Demonstration: Electric Vehicle Showcase Michigan Electric Auto Association
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 Dan Scripps, Chair of Michigan PSC and MARC President
8:40 – 9:20 am	Plenary Keynote: In the Shadow of President Ford Featuring: Greg White, Executive Director, NARUC
9:25 – 10:10 am	Plenary Panel: Utility Decarbonization & Net Zero Goals <i>Moderator: Doug Scott, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission</i> <i>Jerry Norcia, CEO, DTE Energy</i> <i>Emily Fisher, Exec VP of Clean Energy, Edison Electric Institute</i> <i>Betsy Beck, Global Energy Markets, Google</i> <i>Peggy Simmons, Executive Vice President, American Electric Power</i>
15 min	Networking Break

<p>10:25 – 11:10 am</p>	<p>Plenary Panel: Taking the Blinders Off: Visualizing Our Future Grid</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Andrew French, Kansas Corporation Commission Mark Christie, Commissioner, FERC Krista Tanner, Sr. VP, ITC Holdings Corp. Steve Gaw, Sr. VP Infrastructure/Markets, Advanced Power Alliance David Kelley, Vice President Engineering, Southwest Power Pool</i></p>
<p>11:15 – 11:45 am</p>	<p>Plenary Keynote: Ensuring Equity in the Energy Transition</p> <p><i>Moderator: Chair Rebecca Cameron Valcq, PSC-Wisconsin Conrad Bolston, Sr. Counsel, Environment Justice and Equity, FERC</i></p>
<p>12:00 – 1:15 pm</p>	<p>Lunch Hosted by MARC 2024 Host State - Minnesota</p>
<p>1:30 – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Breakout Session #1-A Looking to the Future: Growing Synergies between the Energy and Telecommunications Sectors (Grid Modernization, Smart Technologies, Electric Vehicles, Broadband Expansion, and more).</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Sarah Freeman, Indiana URC Josh Cohen, Head of Policy, SWTCHenergy Lewis Binswanger, Sr. VP of Govt and Regulatory Affairs, ComEd Alex Minard, VP, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association Erik Varney, Managing Director of Industrial IoT & Telematics, Verizon Wireless Scott C Blecke, PE, Great Lakes Energy</i></p>
<p>1:30 – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Breakout Session #1-B Water Energy Management</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. David Veleta, Indiana URC Rebecca Losli, President, PE, Illinois American Water Steve Lubertozi, Sr. VP North Region, Corix Group of Companies Megan Meadows, Office of Community Services, US Dept. of Health and Human Services</i></p>
<p>1:30 – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Breakout Session #1-C Greening the Rust Belt: Reducing Energy Waste in High Consumption Industries</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Tyler Huebner, PSC Wisconsin Sadzi Oliva, VP Govt Relations & Community, United Scrap Metal Jason Liechty, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance Jeff Burks, Key Green</i></p>
<p>1:30 – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Breakout Session #1-D Promoting Gas Safety in an Era of Expanding Threats</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Kim David, Oklahoma Corporation Commission Shantell Norman, ONE Gas Jared J. Marten, Gas Asset Management, Consumers Energy</i></p>

	<i>Kayode Dawodu PhD, P.E. Director, Gas Transmission, Storage & Integrity Management Operations, DTE Energy</i>
15 min	Networking Break
2:45 – 3:45 pm	<p>Breakout Session #2-A Planning for a Just Transition for Power Plant Communities</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Michael Carrigan, Illinois Commerce Commission Larry Steckelberg, Administrator, Community Services, Bureau of Local and State Government, MI Department of Treasury Jon Grosshans, Senior Advisor US EPA Hilary Scott-Ogunrinde, Deputy Director of Energy and Utility, IL Dept. Of Commerce and Economic Activity</i></p>
2:45 – 3:45 pm	<p>Breakout Session #2-B Stretching the Grid: Maximizing Customer Benefits through Demand Flexibility</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Katie Anderson, Arkansas PSC Mark Dyson, Managing Director, RMI Patrick Ryan, VP Corporate Strategy, Exelon Amy Heart, VP Public Policy, Sunrun</i></p>
2:45 – 3:45 pm	<p>Breakout Session #2-C What Regulators Need to Know about Financial Markets</p> <p><i>Moderator: John Quackenbush, President, JQ Resources (Comm. Emeritus-MI) Anthony Crowdell, Mizuho Lillian Federico, S&P Global Barbara Chapman, FitchRatings</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> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Eric Kamler, Nebraska Public Service Commission Dr. Thomas Wall, Climate Resilience Lead, Argonne National Laboratory Megan Levy, US DOE CESER SLTT Project Manager Kelley Goldblatt, Supervisory Cybersecurity Advisor, CISA</i></p>
15 min	Networking Break
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session #3-A Engaging the Customer in Designing Assistance Programs</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Maida Coleman, Missouri PSC Derrick Collins, Disability Advocates of Kent County</i></p>

	<p>Crystal Green, Associate Director of Energy and Climate Equity Markets, DNV Energy Services Synia Gant-Jordan, Owner, Samaria J's Salon Tanya Paslawski, Principal and Founder, Elevated Engagement</p>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session #3-B Best Practices in the Sharing of Utility and Customer Data</p> <p>Moderator: Comm. Ann McCabe, Illinois Commerce Commission Carmen Best, Recurve Katie Papadimitriou, UtilityAPI Annie Levenson-Falk, Citizens Utility Board of MN</p>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session #3-C Emerging Risks: Workforce, Supply Chain and Geopolitical Challenges</p> <p>Moderator: Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, North Dakota PSC Colin Seals, Energy Director, Public Sector Consultants Chris Watts, Director Regulatory Affairs, S&C Electric Company Brooke Beebe, Sr Vice President Advocacy and Engagement, Hemlock Semiconductor</p>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session #3-D Interconnection Reforms to Bring New Generation Online</p> <p>Moderator: Comm. Joshua Byrnes, Iowa Utilities Board Beth Soholt, Executive Director, Clean Grid Alliance Kamran Ali, VP of Transmission Planning and Analysis, AEP Gina Mace, Regulatory Affairs, Enel North America Evelyn Robinson, Managing Partner and Director, PJM</p>
5:15 – 6:15 pm	MARC Board Meeting (Commissioners Only)
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
8:30 – 9:15 am	<p>Plenary Keynote: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD Program)</p> <p>Eric Frederick, Chief Connectivity Officer, Michigan High Speed Internet Office Tremaine Phillips, Commissioner Emeritus - Michigan</p>

9:20 – 10:10 am	<p>Plenary Panel: The Day the Grid Didn't Go Down</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Julie Fedorchak, North Dakota PSC Clair Moeller, President and CEO, MISO Rob Gramlich, Founder and President, Grid Strategies Bob W. Gee, Gee Strategies Group</i></p>
15 min	Break
10:25 – 11:15 am	<p>Plenary Panel: Siting Critical Infrastructure</p> <p><i>Moderator: Chairperson Kristie Fiegen, South Dakota PSC Dr. Sarah Mills, Director, University of Michigan Michael Skelly, CEO, Grid United Richard Leger, Sr. VP, CenterPoint Energy</i></p>
11:20 – 12:10 pm	<p>Plenary Panel: The Future of Natural Gas: Maintaining Affordability and Achieving Decarbonization Goals While Preserving Utility Finances</p> <p><i>Moderator: Chair Katie Sieben, Minnesota PUC Scott Weitzel, Regulatory Affairs, Spire Energy Marnese Jackson, Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition Audrey Partridge, MN Center for Energy and Environment</i></p>
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 4:00 pm	<p>Workshop: Emergency Planning and Preparedness</p> <p>Session 1: Day in the Life of Emergency Personnel <i>Jennie Pollak, Interim Executive Director, 211 Lt. Jeff Yonker, District Region 1 Coordinator, Michigan State Police Julie Ginevan, Emergency Planning Analyst, Michigan PSC</i></p> <p>Session 2: Incident Command System (ICS) for Energy Regulators <i>Nancy Ness, HAMMER Federal Training Center, US DOE</i></p> <p>Session 3: Regional Petroleum Response Planning & Coordination <i>Megan Levy, SLTT Project Manager, US DOE CESER Ben Bolton, Senior Energy Programs Administrator, Tennessee ESF 12 Office of Energy</i></p>
1:15 – 2:45 pm	<p>Tour: A - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Walking Tour – Downtown Grand Rapids (two tour times offered)</p>
1:15 – 3:45 pm	<p>Tour: B - Integrating Housing, Energy Efficiency, and Transit for Equitable Deployment - Bus Tour</p>
12:45 -5:15 pm	<p>Tour C - Switch Grand Rapids Data Center - Pyramid Campus Furniture City: Steelcase Manufacturing</p>
1:30 – 4:00 pm	<p>Tour D - Grand Rapids Water Resource Facility & Biodigester</p>

1:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Tour E - Holland Energy Park (Holland Board of Power and Light)
3:00 – 4:45 pm	Tour: F - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Walking Tour – Downtown Grand Rapids (two tour times offered)
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Dinner Reception at the Grand Rapids Public Museum

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 <i>Moderator: Comm. Katherine Peretick, Michigan PSC Chris Smith, Chief Government Affairs Officer, Ford</i>
15 min	Break
9:45 – 10:45 am	Plenary Panel: The Future Distribution Grid: Withstanding Increased Extreme Weather, Accommodating DERs, and Electrifying End Uses <i>Moderator: Sally Talberg, Talberg Policy Solutions (Commissioner Emeritus-Michigan) Jeffrey Schlegelmilch, Director Nat'l Center for Disaster Preparedness, Columbia Law School Donnel Baird, CEO, Blocpower Dr. Becca Jones-Albertus, Deputing Assistant Director for Renewable Energy & Director, Solar Energy Technologies Office, US DOE</i>
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 <i>Moderator: Chair Dan Scripps, Michigan PSC Garrick Rochow, President and CEO, Consumers Energy Kelly Speakes-Backman, Executive VP Public Affairs, Invenergy</i>
12:00 pm	Conference Adjourns
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Bonus: Grid Resilience Workshop – Hosted by DOE Grid Deployment Office and NARUC Center for Partnerships <i>William McCurry, NARUC Cameron Brooks, E9 Insight</i>

	<p><i>Ted Ko, Ted Ko Consulting</i> <i>Chris Villarreal, Plugged In Strategies</i> <i>DOE Grid Deployment Office: TBD</i></p>
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