



Agenda

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 Kalamazoo and Southwest Michigan Electric Vehicle Association
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Opening Reception at the JW Marriott Hotel (International Ballroom)

Monday, August 7

Time	Session
7:00 – 8:15 am	Breakfast
8:10 – 8:25 am 8:25 – 8:30 am	Welcoming Remarks (JW Marriott, International Ballroom) Chair Dan Scripps, Michigan PSC and MARC President Rosalynn Bliss, Mayor, City of Grand Rapids
8:30 – 9:00 am	Plenary Keynote: In the Shadow of President Gerald Ford President Ford's Legacy Gleaves Whitney, Executive Director of Ford Presidential Foundation A Comprehensive Federal Approach to Energy Policy: Then and Now Moderator: Chair Dan Scripps, Michigan PSC and MARC President Greg White, Executive Director, NARUC
9:05 – 9:55 am	Plenary Panel: Utility Decarbonization & Net Zero Goals Moderator: Comm. Ann McCabe, Illinois Commerce Commission Jerry Norcia, CEO, DTE Energy Emily Sanford Fisher, Executive VP of Clean Energy, EEI Betsy Beck, Global Energy Markets, Google Peggy Simmons, Executive VP, American Electric Power

15 min	Networking Break
10:10 – 11:00 am	<p>Plenary Panel: Taking the Blinders Off: Visualizing Our Future Grid</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Andrew French, Kansas Corporation Commission Commissioner Mark Christie, FERC Krista Tanner, Sr. VP, and Chief Business Officer, ITC Holdings Corp. Steve Gaw, Sr. VP Infrastructure/Markets, Advanced Power Alliance David Kelley, VP Engineering, Southwest Power Pool</i></p>
11:00 – 11:45 am	<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>
15 min	Networking Break
12:00 – 1:15 pm	Lunch Hosted by MARC 2024 Host State – Minnesota
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>Breakout Session #1-A (Amway Hotel – Ford Ballroom) 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 Tracee Cook, Client Partner, connected Solutions, Industrial IoT & Vehicles, Verizon Wireless Scott C. Blecke, Chief Strategy Officer, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative</i></p>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>Breakout Session #1-B (Amway Hotel – Vandenberg A) Riding the Wave: Managing Increasing Challenges Facing the Water Sector</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. David Veleta, Indiana URC Rebecca Losli, President, Illinois American Water Steve Lubertozzi, Sr. VP North Region, Corix Group of Companies Megan Meadows, Director, Division of Energy Assistance, Office of Community Services, US Dept. of Health and Human Services</i></p>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>Breakout Session #1-C (Amway Hotel – Vandenberg B) 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, Policy Director, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance Jeff Burks, Relationship Manager, Key Green Solutions</i></p>

<p>1:30 – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Breakout Session #1-D (Amway Hotel – Governors Room) Promoting Gas Safety in an Era of Expanding Threats</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Kim David, Oklahoma Corporation Commission Shantel Norman, Managing VP of Field Operations, ONE Gas Jared Martin, Executive Director, Gas Asset Mgmt., Consumers Energy Kayode Dawodu, P.E., PhD, Director, Gas Transmission, Storage & Integrity Management Operations, DTE Energy Timothy Gaither, Director of Preparedness, Emergency Support and Security, US Department of Transportation, PHMSA</i></p>
<p>15 min</p>	<p>Networking Break</p>
<p>2:45 – 3:45 pm</p>	<p>Breakout Session #2-A (Amway Hotel – Vandenberg 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>
<p>2:45 – 3:45 pm</p>	<p>Breakout Session #2-B (Amway Hotel – Ford Ballroom) 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 Brian George, Global Energy Market Development and Policy, Google</i></p>
<p>2:45 – 3:45 pm</p>	<p>Breakout Session #2-C (Amway Hotel – Vandenberg B) What Regulators Need to Know about Financial Markets</p> <p><i>Moderator: John Quackenbush, President, JQ Resources (Commissioner Emeritus-Michigan) Anthony Crowdell, Managing Director, Mizuho Lillian Federico, Research Director, Energy, S&P Global Barbara Chapman, Sr. Director, FitchRatings</i></p>
<p>2:45 – 3:45 pm</p>	<p>Breakout Session #2-D (Amway Hotel – Governors Room) 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 PSC Thomas Wall, PhD, Climate Resilience Lead, Argonne National Laboratory Megan Levy, Project Manager, US DOE CESER SLTT Kelley Goldblatt, Supervisory Cybersecurity Advisor, CISA Jennifer Greenburg, VP of Govt Affairs, Peninsula Fiber Network</i></p>

15 min	Networking Break
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session #3-A (Amway Hotel – Ford Ballroom) Engaging the Customer in Designing Assistance Programs</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Maida Coleman, Missouri PSC Derrick Collins, Independent Living Manager, Disability Advocates 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 David Becker, Marketing Program Manager, DTE Energy</i></p>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session #3-B (Amway Hotel – Vandenberg B) Best Practices in the Sharing of Utility and Customer Data</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Ann McCabe, Illinois Commerce Commission Carmen Best, Recurve Christopher Villarreal, President, Plugged In Strategies Annie Levenson-Falk, Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota Angela Navarro, Head of State Regulatory Affairs, Arcadia</i></p>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session #3-C (Amway Hotel – Vandenberg A) Emerging Risks: Workforce, Supply Chain and Geopolitical Challenges</p> <p><i>Moderator: Comm. Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, North Dakota PSC Colin Seals, Director, Energy and Environment, Public Sector Consultants Chris Watts, Director of Regulatory Affairs, S&C Electric Company Brooke Beebe, Sr VP of Advocacy and Engagement, Hemlock Semiconductor Dawn Stone, Dean of Workforce Development, Alpena Community College</i></p>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session #3-D (Amway Hotel – Governors Room) Interconnection Reforms to Bring New Generation Online</p> <p><i>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</i></p>
5:15 – 6:00 pm	MARC Board Meeting (Commissioners Only) (Amway Hotel – Vandenberg B)
6:00 – 8:00 pm	OPEN (small group dinners and industry receptions)

Tuesday, August 8

Time	Session
7:00 – 8:15 am	Breakfast
8:10 – 8:25 am	Announcements (JW Marriott – International Ballroom)
8:25 - 8:35 am	<p>Workforce Spotlight featuring graduates of Alpena Community College Utility Arborist training program</p> <p><i>Don MacMaster, PhD, President, Alpena Community College</i> <i>Terissa Bird, Trimmer, Asplundh Tree Expert</i> <i>Randy Peterman, Trimmer, Asplundh Tree Expert</i></p>
8:35 – 9:15 am	<p>Plenary Keynote: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)</p> <p><i>Eric Frederick, Chief Connectivity Officer, Michigan High Speed Internet Office</i> <i>Tremaine Phillips, President of Third Coast Strategies, LLC (Commissioner Emeritus-Michigan)</i></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</i> <i>Clair Moeller, President and COO, MISO</i> <i>Rob Gramlich, Founder and President, Grid Strategies</i> <i>Bob W. Gee, President, Gee Strategies Group</i> <i>Michelle Bloodworth, President and CEO, America's Power</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 PUC</i> <i>Sarah Mills, PhD, Director, University of Michigan</i> <i>Michael Skelly, CEO, Grid United</i> <i>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</i> <i>Scott Weitzel, VP of Regulatory and Governmental Affairs, Spire Energy</i> <i>Marnese Jackson, Co-Director, Community Engagement and Equity, Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition</i> <i>Audrey Partridge, Policy Director, MN Center for Energy and Environment</i></p>

12:15 – 1:15 pm	Boxed Lunch
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Workshop: Emergency Planning and Preparedness (JW Marriott – International Ballroom)
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Session 1: Day in the Life of Emergency Personnel Jennie Pollak, Interim Executive Director, 211 Lt. Jeff Yonker, District Region 1 Coordinator, Michigan State Police Julie Ginevan, Emergency Planning Analyst, Michigan PSC Anthony Lasher, Director-North Central Division, American Red Cross
2:00 – 2:10 pm	Break
2:10 – 2:55 pm	Session 2: ICS for Regulators Nicole Zawadzki, Manager, National Programs and Business Services, Emergency Support Function #12, HAMMER Federal Training Center
2:55 – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Session 3: Regional Petroleum Response Planning & Coordination Megan Levy, SLTT Project Manager, US DOE CESER Ben Bolton, Senior Energy Programs Administrator, Tennessee ESF 12 Office of Energy Jeffrey Pillon, Senior Advisor for Energy Security, NASEO
12:45 – 5:15 pm	Tour: Switch Data Center – Pyramid Campus Steelcase Furniture Manufacturing Facility
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Tour: Holland Energy Park (Holland Board of Power and Light)
1:15 – 2:45 pm	Tour: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Walking Tour City of Grand Rapids. (Two tour times offered) E-Bike option last 30 minutes
1:30 – 3:30 pm	Tour: Integrating Housing, Energy Efficiency, and Transit for Equitable Deployment – Bus Tour
1:30 – 4:00 pm	Tour: Water Resource Facility & Biodigester (City of Grand Rapids)
3:00 – 4:45 pm	Tour: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Walking Tour City of Grand Rapids. (Two tour times offered) E-Bike option last 30 minutes
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Dinner Reception at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, 272 Pearl Street, NW

Wednesday, August 9

Time	Session
7:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 am	Announcements (JW Marriott, International Ballroom)
8:45 – 9:25 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
9:40 – 10:40 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) Donnel Baird, CEO, BlocPower Jeffrey Schlegelmilch, Director, Nat’l Center for Disaster Preparedness, Columbia Climate School Becca Jones-Albertus, PhD, Deputy Assistant Director for Renewable Energy & Director, Solar Energy Technologies Office, US DOE PJ Martin, AVP Modeling and Analytics for Integrated System Planning, Xcel Energy</i>
15 min	Break
10:55 – 11:50 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 Comm. Alessandra Carreon, Michigan PSC</i>
11:50 – 12:00 pm	Closing Remarks and Michigan Give-Away
12:00 pm	Conference Adjourns
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Boxed Lunch (for Registered Workshop Attendees)
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Bonus: Grid Resilience Workshop – Hosted by DOE Grid Deployment Office and NARUC Center for Partnerships (JW Marriott – International Ballroom) <i>William McCurry, Senior Technical Program Officer, NARUC Cameron Brooks, Founder and President, E9 Insight Ted Ko, Policy and Strategy Consultant, Ted Ko Consulting Chris Villarreal, President, Plugged In Strategies Cory Felder, Project Manager, DOE Grid Deployment Office Mike Byrne, COO, Michigan PSC</i>