



Optimizing Grid Technologies – Virtual

November 16, 17, and 18 2020

All times are in Central Time Zone

This event will focus on how advanced technology is providing new pathways to optimize and unleash the potential of the Midwestern electric grid. Panelists will discuss how this technology will impact planning and operating the system.

November 17 – Non-Transmission Alternatives and Distributed Energy Resources

A look at how the grid can be optimized to account for changes occurring on the demand-side of the equation. Speakers will describe the interaction between technologies deployed on utility distribution systems and the big grid, discuss how these technologies will be used to provide services to the grid, and touch on how system planners can properly forecast and account for them.

- 9:45 am **Welcome & Introduction**
- Jesse Heier, Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association (MGA)
 - Marcus Hawkins, Executive Director, Organization of MISO States (OMS)
- 10:00 am **Keynote Address:** Rick Blumenstock Executive Director of Electric Supply, Consumers Energy
- 10:45 am **Panel Discussion**
- [Dan Kopin](#), Operations and Planning Analyst, Utility Services
 - [Anne Margolis](#), Deputy Director, Regulated Utility Planning Division, Vermont Department of Public Service
 - [Susan Mora](#), Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives, Exelon
 - [John Shenot](#), Senior Advisor, Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP)
 - **Moderator:** [Matt Prorok](#), Senior Policy Manager, Great Plains Institute (GPI)
- 12:15 pm **Day 2 Wrap-Up/Preview of Day 3**