



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 18 – Big Grid vs. Little Grid

Leading thinkers and policymakers will discuss how the increasing deployment of technology will change the needs of the Bulk Electric System. What will be the appropriate balance between the “big” and “little” grids? How will regulation at the federal and state level shape future developments at the transmission and distribution-level in order to benefit customers.

12:45 pm **Welcome & Introduction**

- Jesse Heier, Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association (MGA)
- Marcus Hawkins, Executive Director, Organization of MISO States (OMS)

1:00 pm

Keynote Address: [Dr. Peter Fox-Penner](#), Founder and Director, Boston University Institute for Sustainable Energy and Professor of Practice, Questrom School of Business, Boston University

1:45 pm

Panel Discussion: Regional Regulator Perspectives

- Commissioner [Arthur D’Andrea](#), Public Utility Commission of Texas
- Commissioner [Sarah Freeman](#), Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
- Commissioner [Ted Thomas](#), Chair, Arkansas Public Service Commission
- Commissioner [Becky Valcq](#), Chairperson, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
- **Moderator:** [Marcus Hawkins](#), Executive Director, Organization of MISO States (OMS)

3:15 pm

Day 3 Wrap-Up/Next Steps