



FINDING TRUE NORTH:

A regional dialogue about delivering tomorrow's energy



JUNE 16 | 8 a.m. – noon CDT

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

8 – 8:20 a.m.

- ▶ **Priti Patel** (Chief Transmission Officer – Great River Energy)
- ▶ **Michael Lamb** (Senior Vice President – Xcel Energy)

KEYNOTE: PLANNING FOR 100% CLEAN ENERGY

8:20 – 8:50 a.m.

In January 2021, the Biden administration adopted ambitious decarbonization plans that aim to reach 100% clean electricity by 2035 and net-zero emissions across the economy by 2050. Reaching these goals efficiently will require a doubling or tripling of the size and scale of the nation's transmission system.

- ▶ **Aaron Bloom** (Board Member – Energy Systems Integration Group)

PANEL 1 – POLICY & THE NEXT REGIONAL BUILDOUT

8:50 – 9:45 a.m.

On average it requires eight to 10 years from concept to energization for new transmission. Given the accelerating pace of change, how can utilities better engage with policymakers, landowners, sovereign nations and other stakeholders to meet our collective goals?

- ▶ **Moderator: Katie Sieben** (Chair – Minnesota Public Utilities Commission)
- ▶ **Julie Fedorchak** (Chair – North Dakota Public Service Commission)
- ▶ **Kade Ferris** (Tribal Archeologist – Red Lake Nation)
- ▶ **Tom Hillstrom** (Principal Agent – Xcel Energy)
- ▶ **David Moeller** (Senior Attorney & Director of Regulatory Compliance – Minnesota Power)
- ▶ **Lisa Agrimonti** (Regulatory Attorney – Fredrikson & Byron)



BREAK

9:45 – 10 a.m.

PANEL 2 – OPERATING THE FUTURE SYSTEM

10 – 10:55 a.m.

As our dispatchable generation fleet retires, it decreases the 'flexibility' relied upon by operators, particularly during extreme events. Drawing on experiences from recent polar vortexes, current system operators will discuss what it takes to maintain reliability 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – and what needs to change going forward.

- ▶ **Moderator: JoAnn Thompson** (Vice President, Asset Management – Otter Tail Power Company)
- ▶ **Dick Pursley** (Director of Operations – Great River Energy)
- ▶ **Todd Sarkinen** (Manager Transmission Control – Xcel Energy)
- ▶ **Renuka Chatterjee** (Executive Director, System Operations – MISO)
- ▶ **Lloyd Linke** (Vice President, Operations – WAPA)

PANEL 3 – PLANNING THE GRID FOR RESILIENCY

10:55 – 11:50 a.m.

As our energy production shifts to more weather-dependent technologies and climate change increases the occurrence of extreme weather events, what infrastructure is needed to maintain reliability 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

- ▶ **Moderator: Mark Mitchell** (Chief Operating Officer – SMMPA)
- ▶ **Dan Gunderson** (Vice President, Transmission & Distribution – Minnesota Power)
- ▶ **Ian Benson** (Area Vice President – Xcel Energy)
- ▶ **Tim Noeldner** (Vice President, Rates & Special Projects – WPPI)
- ▶ **Casey Cathey** (Director System Planning – SPP)

WRAP UP

11:50 a.m. – noon