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Sunday, March 29

8 am – 5 pm

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SATURN GALLERY (FIRST FLOOR)

8:30 am – Noon

PRECONFERENCE SEMINARS

Conducting Thorough Incident Investigations

SATURN SALON 1 (SECOND FLOOR)

Strategic Distribution System Management for the Modern Grid

SATURN SALON 3 (SECOND FLOOR)

1:30 – 5 pm

PRECONFERENCE SEMINARS

Own Your Journey: Leadership Strategies for You and Your Team

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Battery Energy Storage System Strategies for Public Power

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5 – 6:30 pm

Welcome Reception

NEXTTECH EXPO,
SATURN BALLROOM

Enjoy music, food, and drinks while connecting with friends and colleagues.

Use your Rocket Flight Plan to explore the Public Power NextTech Expo and enter for a chance to win exciting prizes!



Monday, March 30

**ALL GENERAL SESSIONS
ARE IN EAST HALL 2**

8:45 – 10 am

Presiding: *Fredrick Rumery, Supervisor, Project Management, Lincoln Electric System, and Section Chair, APPA Engineering & Operations Conference and Safety Summit Planning Committee*



Welcome

Brian Solsbee, *Executive Director, Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association, APPA Executive Committee Member*



Honoring Our Colleagues: Safety Awards

Travis Hoops, *Manager, Training and Performance Improvement, Omaha Public Power District, Nebraska; and Chair, APPA Safety Summit Planning Committee*



Leading Through Impossible

Jack Fischer, *Astronaut, Military Pilot, and Military Space Operations Leader*



Tuesday, March 31

**ALL GENERAL SESSIONS
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8:45 – 10 am

Welcome

Scott Corwin, *President & CEO, American Public Power Association*



Honoring Our Colleagues: RP3 Designations

Jeremy Ash, *General Manager, Kansas City Board of Public Utilities, Kansas; and Chair, APPA RP3 Panel*



How Huntsville Utilities is Adapting to Meet the Needs of Their Community

Wes Kelley, *President & CEO, Huntsville Utilities, Alabama*



Building a Culture of Safety

John Haarlow, *CEO & General Manager, Snohomish County PUD, Washington; and Chair, APPA Board of Directors*



General Sessions

Monday, March 30

Environmental, Generation & Fuels Salon 2 Second Floor	Grid Modernization Salon 1 Second Floor	Transmission & Distribution East Hall 3 First Floor	Reliability & Resilience Salon 3 Second Floor	Industry Spotlight Salon 4 Second Floor	Safety Summit East Hall 1 First Floor
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7 am – 5 pm	Registration Saturn Gallery (First Floor)					
7:30 – 8:30 am	Networking Breakfast: Public Power NextTech Expo, Saturn Ballroom (First Floor) Newcomers Breakfast: Salon 5 (Second Floor)					
8:45 – 10 am	Opening General Session: East Hall 2 (First Floor)					
10 – 10:30 am	Break: Public Power NextTech Expo, Saturn Ballroom (First Floor)					
10:30 – 11:45 am	EPA's Regulatory Agenda and Public Power	EV Infrastructure: Utility and Commercial Perspectives	Managing the Growing Pains of Large Loads	Tackling the Root Cause of Outages	From Crisis to Capacity: Partnership Strategies for the Next Transformer Surge	Does Your Leadership Drive a Culture of Safety and Commitment?
11:45 am – 1:15 pm	Lunch (on your own)					
1:15 – 2:30 pm	The Shifting Fortune of Fossil Fuels	Finding and Realizing Value in Energy Storage	Artificial Intelligence and Grid Optimization JOINT SESSION East Hall 3 (First Floor)		From Patrol to Performance: Dock-Based Drone Ops for Utility Reliability	Learning from Safety Incidents
2:30 – 3 pm	Break: Public Power NextTech Expo					
3 – 4:15 pm	Evolving Environmental Compliance: Core Obligations Meet AI	Lessons in Distributed Energy Resource Management	Navigating Supply Chain Challenges and Tariffs	Effective Emergency Management Planning for All Hazards	Electrifying the Navajo Nation	Tools for Advancing Safety Programs
4:30 – 6 pm	Rocket City Reception Public Power NextTech Expo Celebrate Huntsville's legacy of space exploration while networking with peers and enjoying cosmic-inspired food and drinks. Bring your Rocket Launch Map to explore the NextTech Expo and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win exciting prizes!					
5 – 6 pm	Award Photos (RP3 Designees and Safety Award Winners) Public Power NextTech Expo					

Breakout Sessions

Tuesday, March 31

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7 am – 5 pm	Registration Saturn Gallery				
7:30 – 8:30 am	Networking Breakfast: Public Power NextTech Expo, Saturn Ballroom Women in Public Power Breakfast: Salon 5				
8:45 – 10 am	General Session: East Hall 2				
10 – 10:30 am	Break: Public Power NextTech Expo, Saturn Ballroom				
10:30 – 11:45 am	Navigating Nuclear Energy	Monitoring Your Distribution System	Stress-Free Asset Management	The Future of FEMA and Maximizing Federal Disaster Assistance	Bridging the Generational Gap with Safety Training
11:45 am – 1:15 pm	Lunch in the Public Power NextTech Expo Public Power NextTech Expo, Saturn Ballroom Network with peers and sponsors during this complimentary lunch in the Expo Hall				
Noon – 1 pm	Award Photos (RP3 Designees and Safety Award Winners):  Public Power NextTech Expo, Saturn Ballroom				
1:15 – 2:30 pm	The Reality of Supporting Data Centers	Managing Distributed Solar and Storage	Operational Benefits of Advanced Metering Infrastructure	Communicating the Importance of Resource Adequacy	Planning Your Utility's Technology Path
2:30 – 3 pm	Break				
3 – 4:15 pm	A New Look at Alternative Fuels	The Economics of Grid Modernization	Building an Operations Center for the Future	Engineering the Grid for Extreme Events	Applications for Challenging Safety Manual Rules and a Look Ahead at NESC Updates
4:30 – 6 pm	Happy Hour (pay your own way) Embassy Suites Huntsville, 800 Monroe St SW Get together with friends and associates before exploring Rocket City's historical downtown charm, southern farm-to-table restaurants, and unique brewery scene.				

Wednesday, April 1

7:30 – 8:30 am

NETWORKING BREAKFAST

EAST HALL 1

8:45 – 10 am

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

EAST HALL 2

AI, Cybercrime, Identity Theft, and Scams

Known for his former life as con man, check forger, and impostor between the ages of 15 and 21, Frank Abagnale's story inspired the Academy Award-nominated feature film, *Catch Me If You Can*. Abagnale's unique expertise and first-hand experience now focus on a life of service and his contributions to the world of cybersecurity are immeasurable.

Frank Abagnale, *Renowned Cybercrime and Fraud Prevention Expert, Bestselling Author, and subject of Catch Me If You Can*



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Guam Power Authority (GU)
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Harrisonburg Electric Commission (VA)
Hartford Utilities (WI)
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Henderson Municipal Power & Light (KY)
Holland Board of Public Works (MI)
Hope Water & Light (AR)
Hudson Public Power (OH)
Huntsville Utilities (AL)
Hurricane City Power (UT)
Hutchinson Utilities Commission (MN)
Imperial Irrigation District (CA)
Independence Power & Light (MO)
Jackson Energy Authority (TN)
Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (NY)
JEA (FL)
Kennett Board of Public Works (MO)
Kerrville Public Utility Board (TX)
Keys Energy Services (FL)
Kissimmee Utility Authority (FL)
Knoxville Utilities Board (TN)
La Plata Electric Assn., Inc (CO)
Lafayette Utilities System (LA)
Marshall Electric Department (MI)
Marshall Municipal Utilities (MN)
Marshall Municipal Utilities (MO)
Marshfield Utilities (WI)
Mason County PUD No. 1 (WA)

Mason County PUD No. 3 (WA)
Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company/ Stony Brook Energy Center (MA)
Medford Utilities (WI)
Memphis Light, Gas and Water (TN)
Menasha Utilities (WI)
Middleborough Gas & Electric Department (MA)
Middleton Municipal Electric Department (MA)
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Town of Smyrna (DE)
Town of Tarboro Electric Utility (NC)
Town of Wake Forest (NC)
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Village of Chatham (IL)
Village of Minster (OH)
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Village of Yellow Springs (OH)
Wadsworth Electric and Communications (OH)
Washington City (UT)
Waunakee Utilities (WI)
Waupun Utilities (WI)

Waverly Utilities (IA)
Wellesley Municipal Light Plant (MA)
West Memphis Utility Commission (AR)
Willmar Municipal Utilities (MN)
Winchester Utility System (TN)
Winter Park Electric Utility (FL)
Wisconsin Rapids Water Works & Lighting Commission (WI)
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City of Elizabeth City Electric (NC)
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Clyde Light & Power (OH)
Cowlitz PUD (WA)
Crisp County Power Commission (GA)
Cuyahoga Falls Electric System (OH)
Danville Utilities (VA)
Denison Municipal Utilities (IA)
Fairhope Electric Department (AL)
Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities (MI)
Ipswich Electric Light Department (MA)

Littleton Electric Light & Water Departments (MA)
Milan Public Utilities Authority (TN)
Missouri River Energy Services (SD)
North Carolina State University - FREEDM Systems Center (NC)
Oak Harbor Public Power (OH)
Princeton Electric Plant Board (KY)
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