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# Sunday, January 9



**5 – 6 p.m.**

Welcome Reception (Guests welcome)

*Sunset Terrace*

# Monday, January 10

All times Central Standard Time.

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**

REGISTRATION  
*Pre-Function Area*

## Networking Breakfast

*Grand Piazza*

All sessions to be held in Crystal 2 & 3

**8:30 – 9 a.m.**

## Welcome & Introductions

*CEUs .1 / PDHs .5 / CPEs .5, Specialized Knowledge*  
*Crystal 2 & 3*

## American Public Power Association CEO Address

**JOY DITTO**, *President & CEO, American Public Power Association*

**9 – 10:15 a.m.**

## Preparing for the Clean Energy Future

*CEUs .1 / PDHs 1.25 / CPEs 1.5, Specialized Knowledge*

Hear how a panel of joint action agency leaders are adjusting their energy portfolios to build toward a non-emitting future. Discuss recent and expected legislation and regulatory changes, including what steps joint action agencies are taking to meet policy and rule changes at the federal and state levels.

**KEVIN GADEN**, *President & CEO, Illinois Municipal Electric Agency*; **RANDY, HOWARD**, *General Manager, Northern California Power Agency*; **DOUG HUNTER**, *CEO & General Manager, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems*; and **JACOB WILLIAMS**, *General Manager & CEO, Florida Municipal Power Agency*

**10:15 – 10:30 a.m.**

BREAK

**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

## The Future of Coal

*CEUs .1 / PDHs 1 / CPEs 1.2, Specialized Knowledge*

From carbon capture to decommissioning and site redevelopment, hear about the latest barriers and opportunities for coal-fired plants. Review options for such facilities in the changing energy landscape, from further emissions controls to potential site reuse as an economic development tool.

**EMILY MEDINE**, *Principal, Energy Ventures Analysis*

Monday, January 10

**11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

## Networking Lunch

(hosted by APPA)

*Grand Piazza*

**12:45 – 1:30 p.m.**

## The Future of Nuclear

*CEUs .1 / PDHs .75 / CPEs .9, Specialized Knowledge*

Dive into the state of nuclear energy, including prospects and challenges facing the current fleet and the exciting developments happening with the next generation of nuclear technology. Explore advancements and trends in nuclear energy in the U.S. and globally, including the variety of microreactors, small modular reactors, and medium and large units poised to come online in the next decade.

**MARIA KORSNICK**, *President & CEO, Nuclear Energy Institute*

**1:30 – 1:45 p.m.**

BREAK

**1:45 – 2:45 p.m.**

## The Future of Renewable Energy

*CEUs .1 / PDHs 1 / CPEs 1.2, Specialized Knowledge*

Hear about new developments in renewable energy, including solar, wind, storage. Hear about challenges and opportunities of each of the technologies and where they are headed. Then hear how joint action agencies are moving forward with their projects and how you can learn from their experiences.

**PATRICK BOWLAND**, *CEO & General Manager, Michigan Public Power Agency*; **TOM ROWLANDS-REES**, *Head of Research, North America, BloombergNEF*

**2:45 – 3 p.m.**

BREAK

**3 – 4 p.m.**

## The Future of Natural Gas

*CEUs .1 / PDHs 1 / CPEs 1.2, Specialized Knowledge*

Get an update on the natural gas market, including forecasts on expectations for the supply, demand, and prices in the near and long term. Reflect on industry lessons learned from Winter Storm Uri and explore the possible role of natural gas in a clean energy future.

**CATHERINE ELDER**, *Principal Associate, Energy Policy & Market Assessment, Aspen Environmental Group*

**4 – 5 p.m.**

## New Developments in Cybersecurity

*CEUs .1 / PDHs 1 / CPEs 1.2, Specialized Knowledge*

Get an update on recent developments in cybersecurity from your JAA peers. Learn about APPA's Cybersecurity Defense Community and cooperative agreement for developing and deploying OT cybersecurity technology at public power utilities. Learn about programs being offered by other joint action agencies and opportunities for collaboration and engagement.

**CARTER MANUCY**, *IT/OT & Cybersecurity Director, Florida Municipal Power Agency*

**5:30-6:30 p.m.**

## Reception

*Grand Lawn*



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# Tuesday, January 11

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**

## Breakfast

Grand Piazza

**8:30 – 9:45 a.m.**

## New Services for Emerging Utility Needs

*CEUs .1 / PDHs 1.25 / CPEs 1.5, Specialized Knowledge*

As operating a public power utility becomes increasingly complex, your members are in need of an expanding array of expertise – from communications to data management, engineering, mutual aid, security, and technology services. Get ideas and practical tips for how joint action agencies can meet these needs – including how to make these services attractive so that your members actually use them. Share details about any new services you are offering, ask your peers for experience in other areas you're exploring, and swap strategies on effectively supporting smaller utilities.

**ANDREW FUSCO**, Vice President, *ElectriCities of North Carolina, Inc.*; **JONI LIVINGSTON**, Vice President of Member Services & Communications, *Missouri River Energy Services*; **DAVID OSBURN**, General Manager, *Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority*; and **MICHAEL PETERS**, President/CEO, *WPPI Energy*

**9:45 – 10 a.m.**

BREAK

**10 – 11:30 a.m.**

## Creating a Culture of Innovation

*CEUs .2 / PDHs 1.5 / CPEs 1.8, Specialized Knowledge*

Learn how to stimulate a culture of innovation in your agency, including what processes, tools, and techniques are effective at shaping change and capturing ideas. Walk through others' journeys to become more innovative, including the challenges and successes faced to date.

**TOM KENT**, President & Chief Executive Officer, *Nebraska Public Power District*; **JOLENE THOMPSON**, President & CEO, and **JOANIE TEOFILO**, President & CEO, *The Energy Authority*

**11:30 a.m.**

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