



Agenda for MID-GRID 2035 2.0 Quarterly Meeting – In-Person

May 1-2, 2025

One Kansas City Place | 1200 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64105

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Day 1 – Thursday, May 1

9:30 am **Optional Tour – Evergy Connect Center**

Join the MGA and Evergy for a tour and opportunity to learn more about their Connect Center and the educational opportunities Evergy provides.

At Connect, Evergy understand everyone's energy needs are different. That's why we believe in a personalized approach to customer service. Our team of specialists provide one-on-one support for a variety of services, including understanding your bill and payment assistance resources, along with energy-efficiency and electric-vehicle demonstrations and more!

1:00 pm CT **Welcome and Introductions**

- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association
- [Benjamin Stafford](#), Senior Policy Manager, Energy Systems, Great Plains Institute (GPI)
- [Chair Kayla Hahn](#), Missouri Public Service Commission

1:30 pm CT **Keynote Speaker:**

2:15 pm CT **Panel Discussion: Recruiting New Industrial Customers**

As the grid continues to change, we are in a period of unprecedented load growth. While electrification and load growth are often at the center of the discussion, as more and more manufacturers and industrial customers are returning to the U.S., these large load centers need to also be a key part of how we tackle the scale of the load growth we are experiencing.

- [Tyler Huebner](#), Energy Market Development, Central Region (US), Google
- [Joshua Jefferson](#), Deputy Secretary of Business Development, Kansas Department of Commerce
- [Thomas Lewis](#), Federal Policy Manager, Manufacturing and Industrial Policy, Blue-Green Alliance

3:45 pm CT **Break**

4:00 pm CT Panel Discussion: Marginal Transmission Issues

Marginal transmission issues arise from the fact that transmission lines have limited capacity, leading to congestion and potentially higher costs when demand exceeds that capacity. This can manifest as locational marginal pricing differences, congestion charges, and the need for out-of-merit dispatch. This panel will explore opportunities to address these challenge areas in the MGA footprint.

- [Adam McKinnie](#), Chief Utility Economist, Missouri Public Service Commission
- [Clint Savoy](#), Manager, Interregional Strategy and Engagement, Southwest Power Pool (SPP)

5:30 pm CT Day 1 Wrap-up/ Preview of Day 2

5:45 pm CT Reception

Day 2 – Friday, May 2

8:30 am CT Continental Breakfast

9:00 am CT Day 2 Kick-off

9:15 am CT Panel Discussion: RTO Expedited Resource Adequacy Issues

Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) are seeking to address potential shortfalls in capacity on their systems. Three critical concerns for RTOs include (1) forecasted resource adequacy shortfalls, (2) challenges in processes to interconnect new capacity to transmission systems, and (3) immediate and future large increases in energy consumptions in transmission regions. Multiple RTOs are proposing policies such as Expedited Resource Adequacy Studies (ERAS) or other mechanisms to address these challenges. In this panel, RTOs will discuss these challenges and the status of proposals and current practices.

- [Timothy Burdis](#), Director, State Policy Solutions, PJM Interconnection
- [Kari Valley](#), Senior Director, State Policy and Strategy, MISO
- [Jake Dubbs](#), Senior External Affairs Liaison, Southwest Power Pool (SPP)

10:15 am CT Break

10:45 pm CT Panel Discussion: Perspectives on RTO Expedited Resource Adequacy Issues

Interested parties respond to RTO Expedited Resource Adequacy Issues and consider challenges from their perspectives.

- [Chairperson Andrew French](#), Kansas Corporation Commission
- [Mike Hamlin](#), Planning – Manager, Interconnections, ITC
- [Brad Pope](#), Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, OMS
- [Beth Soholt](#), Executive Director, Clean Grid Alliance

12:15 pm CT Event Wrap-Up