
MGA Transmission Summit 2021 - Virtual

November 16, 17, and 18 2021

All times are in Central Time Zone

Wednesday, November 17 – Strengthening Federal-State Partnerships

With changes occurring at the Federal level and a strong interest in transmission expansion and grid improvements, this day will focus on the opportunity for states to strengthen relationships with Federal partners.

9:20 am **Welcome & Introduction**

- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association (MGA)

9:30 am **Keynote Address: Powering Midwestern Expansion through Transmission**

- [Michelle Manary](#), (Acting) Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Resilience Division, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy

10:15 am **Panel Discussion: Building Transmission through Federal-State Partnerships**

This panel will discuss Federal programs, initiatives, and (proposed) legislation that will impact Transmission development. The panelists will also discuss funding opportunities from the Federal level, and the impact on states

- [Whitney Muse](#), Chief of Staff, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy
- Chairman [Ted Thomas](#), Arkansas Public Service Commission
- [Eric Vandenberg](#), Deputy Director, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
- **Moderator:** [Gabe Tabak](#), Counsel, American Clean Power Association

11:45 am **Guest Speaker: Technical Assistance at U.S. Department of Energy**

The Office of Electricity at the U.S. Department of Energy is working to expand and improve technical assistance with states in developing new transmission and upgrading existing transmission. Learn about changes in Technical Assistance from DOE and DOE would also like to hear from states on what opportunities and challenges in working with DOE on technical assistance related to transmission and grid issues.

- [Whitney Muse](#), Chief of Staff, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy

12:15 pm **Day 2 Wrap-Up/Day 3 Preview**