TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
gridCONNEXT 2019 KICK-OFF EVENT (Open to all Attendees – Must RSVP on Registration Form)
GWA AND EY PERSPECTIVES ON THE FUTURE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
Join EY and the GridWise Alliance (GWA) for the culmination of a year-long project that pursued answers from utilities and grid stakeholders on how we successfully transition to a future energy world that is cleaner, more decentralized, and increasingly digital. Key insights will be shared during the half day launch event, which is a great opportunity to network and explore distribution system challenges as we kick off gridCONNEXT 2019.

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
PERSPECTIVES ON THE FUTURE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INTRODUCTION
  • Steve Hauser, CEO, GridWise Alliance
  • Dana Hanson, Americas Power and Utility Leader, EY

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM EY/GRIDWISE ALLIANCE WHITE PAPER
  • Jeff Miller, US Power and Utility Strategy Leader, EY
  • Omar Al-Juburi, US Power and Utility Digital Grid Leader, EY

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
PERSPECTIVES FROM UTILITY LEADERS
  • Miguel Romero, VP Grid Services, San Diego Gas & Electric
  • Steve Greenley, Senior Vice President - Gas Operations, CenterPoint Energy
  • Roger Kranenburg, Vice President, Energy Strategy and Policy, Eversource Energy
  • Lola Infante, Senior Director, Generation Fuels & Market Analysis, Edison Electric Institute

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM
Lunch

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM
INTERVIEW WITH A CLIMATE CHAMPION – LIVE PODCAST
  • Lee Krevat, The Climate Champions Podcast Host
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
GRIDWISE ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

- Policy Council report on 2020 Initiatives
- Technology Council report on 2020 Initiatives

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
EVENING RECEPTION AT THE DUBLINER (DC’s Historic Irish Restaurant & Pub)

All attendees are invited to attend the GridWise Alliance Membership Meeting and Evening Reception.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, & NETWORKING

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM
INTRODUCTIONS
- Welcomes by gridCONNEXT Co-Hosts Steve Hauser and Ron Pernick

9:10 AM – 9:40 AM
UTILITY KEYNOTE: NORA MEAD BROWNELL ON UTILITIES IN THE FACE OF RAPID CHANGE
- Nora Mead Brownell, Chair of the Board, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

9:40 AM – 10:00 AM
KEYNOTE: INNOVATION: FINDING A PATH FORWARD ON CLIMATE CHANGE
- Chris Gould, Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Chief Innovation & Sustainability Officer, Exelon

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM
PANEL: HAVE WE REACHED PEAK NATURAL GAS IN BUILDINGS? – ASSESSING THE BUILDING DECARBONIZATION & ELECTRIFICATION TREND
- Panama Bartholomy, Director, Building Decarbonization Coalition
- Katie McGinty, Vice President, Global Government Relations, Johnson Controls
- Moderated by Sue Gander, Director, Energy, Infrastructure & Environment, National Governors Association
10:45 AM – 11:30 AM
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND RISKS IN THE AGE OF UBIQUITOUS DATA

- **Tom Hassenboehler**, Founder and Executive Director, Energy Consumer Market Alignment Project
- **Wendee Hilderbrand**, Privacy Officer, Hawaiian Electric Company
- Moderated by **Michele Tihami**, Country Manager and Business Line Director, DNV GL

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
KEYNOTE: THE FIVE GREATEST RISKS FACING THE GRID

- **John MacWilliams**, Senior Fellow, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University and Former Associate Deputy Secretary, U.S. DOE

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
LUNCH & NETWORKING BREAK

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM
PANEL: THE GREAT ENABLER: THE CONNECTED AND DISTRIBUTED GRID

- **Prasanth Gopalakrishnan**, Founder and CEO, Kalkitech
- **Prithpal Khajuria**, Global Segment Leader, Industrial Automation, Artificial Intelligence, and Machine Learning, Intel
- **Giovanni Polizzi**, Director, Digital Energy Solutions, ACS & Energy Solutions Manager, Indra
- **Josh Wong**, CEO, Opus One
- Moderated by **Karen Wayland**, CEO, kW Energy Strategies

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM
INVESTING IN CONNECTED AND ELECTRIC MOBILITY: THE ROAD AHEAD

- **Andrew Shapiro**, Founder and Partner, Broadscale Group
- In Conversation with **Julia Steyn**, Senior Advisor, McKinsey; Non-Executive Board Member, First Group PLC; and Former VP, Urban Mobility and Maven, General Motors
2:30 PM – 3:15 PM
PANEL: GRID INNOVATION, INCUBATING START UPS, AND SCALING GROWTH
- Wade Bitaraf, Founder, Energy & Sustainability, Plug & Play Technology Center
- Ben Pickard, Director, National Grid Partners
- Dr. Emily Reichert, CEO, Greentown Labs
- Moderated by Ron Pernick, Managing Director, Clean Edge and Co-Producer, gridCONNEXT

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM
NETWORKING BREAK
- Refreshments provided

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM
POINT-COUNTERPOINT: THE BEST POLICIES AND TOOLS TO DECARBONIZE THE GRID
- Melanie Kenderdine, Principal, Energy Futures Initiative and Former Energy Counselor, DOE and Executive Director, MIT Energy Initiative (D View)
- Rich Powell, Executive Director, ClearPath (R View)
- Moderated by Calvin Butler, Interim CEO, Exelon Utilities and CEO, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE)

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
POLICY KEYNOTE: THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN AMERICA: WHY STATES, CITIES, AND BUSINESSES ARE DRIVING DECARBONIZATION
- Bill Ritter Jr., Former Governor, Colorado and Founder, Center for the New Energy Economy

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT THE LIAISON HOTEL
- GMI 2019 Awards ceremony
- Music, open bar, heavy hors d’oeuvres
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING BREAK

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
FIRESIDE CHAT: NEW YORK STATE’S JOURNEY TO REFORM ENERGY AND REINVENT THE GRID
• Richard Kauffman, Chairman, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Former Energy Czar, New York State

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
KEYNOTE: UTILITIES 2.0 FOR THE DEVELOPING WORLD
• Kristina Skierka, CEO, Power For All

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
IN CONVERSATION: ELECTRICITY & THE PUBLIC GOOD – COMPETITIVE MARKETS VS. REGULATED UTILITIES
• Todd Glass, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
• Phil Moeller, Executive Vice President, Business Operations Group and Regulatory Affairs, Edison Electric Institute

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
PANEL: THE PROMISES AND PERILS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)
• Marissa Hummon, Chief Technology Officer, UtiliData
• Ram Sastry, Vice President, Innovation & Technology, American Electric Power
• Mahesh Sudhakaran, Chief Digital Officer, IBM Energy, Environment, and Utilities
• Moderated by Marty Rosenberg, Journalist, Author, and Former Editor-in-Chief and Founder, EnergyBiz

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM
PANEL: OIL & ENERGY MAJORS INVESTING IN GRID INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
• Eric Bradley, Global General Manager, Distributed Energy, Shell Energy
• Ken Cowan, Vice President, Solutions Sales and Marketing, ENGIE
• Moderated by Mike Bianco, Managing Director, Energy Practice, Navigant

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
FINAL KEYNOTE TBA, NETWORKING, & LUNCH [Conference Concludes]