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# Event Agenda

Energy Thought Summit (ETS) 2025

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## Monday, May 19, 2025

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Opens
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Official Opening of ETS25
10:10 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>Harnessing Hindsight, Insight &amp; Foresight: Shaping Global Energy Futures</b> Speaker: Lawrence Jones
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>Redefining Utilities: Innovation, Partnerships, and New Business Models Driving the Future</b> Speakers: Bryan Hannegan, Mandip Samra, Kelly Goodman, Mike Partin, John Miri
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Preparing for the Next Big Thing: How Utilities Can Stay Ahead of Extreme Events</b> Speakers: Kristi Sterling, Jonathan Tijerina, Andy Quick, Matt Rettagliata, Robert Schwartz
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Networking Lunch
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	<b>ITC’s “All In” Approach to Building a Greater Grid</b> Speaker: Simon Whitelocke
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	<b>Our Energy Ethos: The Customer Perspective</b> Speaker: Hala Ballouz
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	<b>Innovating the Grid: Technology Breakthroughs Shaping Tomorrow’s Energy Landscape</b> Speaker: Peter Muhoro
1:45 PM - 2:15 PM	<b>Decoding the Resilient Infrastructure Roadmap: The electric grid faces unprecedented challenges due to increased electrification, data center demand, severe weather events, and evolving security threats. This conversation will delve into the critical aspects of building a more resilient and secure grid.</b> Speakers: Pablo Vegas, Bashir Bseirani, Erin Hardick
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>Digital Transformation Pillars: Keys to Unlocking the Power of Data</b> Speakers: Kristy Stone, Nancy Bui-Thompson, Carlos Ayala, Nicole Howard, Jan Vrins
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Networking Break
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	<b>Empowering the AI Revolution: The Future of Utilities and Data Center Energy Innovation</b> Speakers: John Hewa, Roger Kranenburg, Damali Harding, Jason Rodriguez
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Driving Sustainability and Resilience: Leadership Perspectives on the Grid of Tomorrow</b> Speakers: Heather Herndon Wright, MCA, CPSM, CPSD, Sybil Montegut, Joyce Deuley
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	ETS25 Opening Networking Reception

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## Tuesday, May 20, 2025

8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	Networking Breakfast
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Resilient Grid of the Future Town Hall: How Technology, Policy, and Customers will Reshape the Grid by 2050</b> Speakers: Mari McClure, Rudy Garza, Paul Lau, Michael O’Donnell, Jen Szaro

<b>10:00 AM - 10:15 AM</b>	<b>Leading with Purpose: Utility Leadership in the 21st Century</b> Speaker: Maria Bocanegra
<b>10:15 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Champions of Change: The Faces Behind an Equitable Energy Transition</b> Speaker: Jarred Metoyer
<b>10:30 AM - 11:15 AM</b>	<b>Quantum Leap: Revolutionizing the Energy Grid with AI and Virtual Power Plants</b> Speakers: David Wade, Raiford Smith, Janie Gonzalez, Josh Keeling, Jason Rodriguez
<b>11:15 AM - 11:45 AM</b>	<b>Wired for the Future: The Urgent Need to Reinforce Our Energy Grid</b> Speakers: Jason Ryan, Ryan Gerbrandt, Bethany Ruhe
<b>11:45 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>From Chaos to Clarity: Powering the Future of Energy Retail with Data</b> Speaker: Ruben Van den Bossche
<b>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Breakout A: The Next Generation of Energy Efficiency</b> Speakers: Jeff Jerome, Shaun Hoyte, Angie Ostaszewski, Antuan Cannon, Hg Chissell
<b>1:30 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Breakout B: Resilient Communities: Empowering Customers in the Age of Crisis</b> Speakers: Harish Raju, Kristol Simms, Cheryl Davis, Ashley Santor
<b>1:30 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Breakout C: From Data to Decisions: Harnessing Smart Data for Smarter Grids</b> Speakers: Bashir Bseirani, Joyce Deuley, Ina German, Carlos Nouel
<b>2:15 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Breakout D: DOE EPIC Pitch Prize</b>
<b>2:15 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Breakout E: Embracing Change: The Future of Distributed Energy</b> Speakers: Aron Bowman, Jason Handley, Heidi Kasper, Erin Autin
<b>2:15 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Breakout F: Transmission Technologies that are Connecting our Future</b> Speakers: Joe Nyangon, Rick Murray, Madeline Gould Laughlin
<b>3:00 PM - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>3:30 PM - 3:45 PM</b>	<b>The Next Generation of Consumer Engagement</b> Speaker: Sheri Givens
<b>3:45 PM - 4:00 PM</b>	<b>The Evolution of Electrification</b> Speaker: Shelly Francis
<b>4:00 PM - 4:45 PM</b>	<b>Hearts and Minds: How Emotional Connection Drives Customer Loyalty</b> Speakers: Brandy Bolden, DeAnna Hardwick, Chris Hilborn
<b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Day 2 Networking Reception</b>

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## Wednesday, May 21, 2025

<b>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Networking Breakfast</b>
<b>9:30 AM - 9:45 AM</b>	<b>AI, Private Capital and the Future of the Utility</b> Speaker: Seyi Fabode
<b>9:45 AM - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Keynote</b> Speaker: Joel Austin
<b>10:00 AM - 10:45 AM</b>	<b>The Future of Customer Engagement: Beyond the Traditional Utility Model</b> Speakers: Chima Chijioke, Jason Ryan, Emeka Anyanwu, Jeff Sheb, Kimberly Britton

<b>10:45 AM - 11:15 AM</b>	<b>The AI-Powered Utility Flywheel: How Utilities are Connecting Customers, Grid Management and Load Shaping to Build Momentum for the Smarter Energy Future</b> Speakers: Bill Comeau, Venkat Tirupati, Abhay Gupta
<b>11:15 AM - 11:45 AM</b>	<b>Leading the Charge: How Electric Cooperatives are Leading Grid Transformation</b> Speakers: Gary Highley, Tash McCarter, Jason Rodriguez
<b>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>DOE EPIC Pitch Prize Awards</b>
<b>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Breakout G: Shaping the Grid of Tomorrow: Resilience and Adaptability</b> Speakers: Martina Baccolo, Amy Atchely, Christina Oliver, Erin Autin
<b>1:30 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Breakout H: Empowering Communities Through Innovation and Strategic Partnerships</b> Speakers: Dave Tamayo, Janet Rehberg, Elaina Ball, Doug McMahon, Jason Rodriguez
<b>1:30 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Breakout I: Beyond Compliance: Rethinking Energy Policy</b> Speakers: Hilary Scott-Ogunrinde, Chan Wong, Tamer Rousan, Hg Chissell
<b>2:15 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Breakout J: Electrifying the Last Mile</b> Speakers: Cameron Freberg, Karl Popham, Andrew Farell
<b>2:15 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Breakout K: VPPs: The Future of Energy Resilience</b> Speakers: Jp Dowling, Venkat Tirupati, Andrew Higgins, Kurt West, Emily Phan-Gruber
<b>2:15 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Breakout L: Beyond the Grid: Charting a Course for Energy Retailers in the Distributed Future</b> Speakers: Mark Parsons, Ruben Van den Bossche, Bethany Ruhe
<b>3:00 PM - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>3:30 PM - 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Accelerating the Integration of Renewable Energy into the U.S. Grid</b> Speakers: Thomas Dunn, Woody Rickerson, Vandan Divatia, Grzegorz Marecki, Melissa Miller
<b>4:15 PM - 4:45 PM</b>	<b>Agile+Sustainable Resilience: How New Industry Forces Impact Grid Investment Decision Making</b> Speakers: Pat Hohl, Sunny Elebua, Vanessa Edmonds
<b>4:45 PM - 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Improving Community and Utility Disaster Resilience through a digital Virtual World</b> Speaker: Ian McLeod
<b>5:30 PM - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Closing Day 3 Networking Receipt</b> Location: Devil's River Whiskey Distillery

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## Thursday, May 22, 2025

<b>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast &amp; Networking</b>
<b>9:30 AM - 9:45 AM</b>	<b>Tackling the Biggest Challenges for Electric Utilities</b> Speaker: James Conlin
<b>9:45 AM - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Pillars of Grid Modernization</b> Speaker: Daniel Booth
<b>10:00 AM - 10:45 AM</b>	<b>Robots or ChatBots? Which will Disrupt the Energy Workforce The Most?</b> Speakers: Evan O'Mahoney, Greg Brown, Kevin Monagle, Mary Jo Nye
<b>10:45 AM - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Achieving Net Zero: What's Next for Utilities?</b> Speakers: Lora Anguay, Luis Reyes Jr., Amanda Rome, Scott Engstrom, Jason Rodriguez

**11:30 AM - 12:15 PM**

**VPPs, AI, and Storage: Which will save us, which will doom us?**

Speakers: Khalil Shalibi, Anissa Rodriguez Dickerman, John Choi, Jeremy Adleman, Brent Sitterly

**12:15 PM - 12:25 PM**

**ETS25 Thought Leader of The Year Award**

**12:25 PM - 12:30 PM**

**Closing Session: Empowering the Future Through Collective Action**

Speakers: Shaun Hoyte, Nancy Bui-Thompson, Bobby Godsey

**12:30 PM - 12:30 PM**

**Event Close**