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7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast & Networking Sponsored By: 
8:00 – 8:30 am	Opening Remarks Stan Barnes , <i>President and CEO, Copper State Consulting</i> Kevin Thompson , <i>Commissioner, Arizona Corporation Commission</i>
8:35 – 9:35 am	The Future of Interconnection, Transmission and Regional Dynamics What are the impacts on transmission interconnection under FERC Order 2023? How are regulatory changes impacting development of transmission infrastructure? Are these changes creating opportunities or hurdles for streamlining project development? Moderator: Ken Saline , <i>Managing Partner, K.R. Saline & Associates</i> Panelists: Brian Cole , <i>General Manager of Western Market Affairs, APS</i> John Coyle , <i>Managing Partner, Duncan & Allen LLP</i> Mark Etherton , <i>President/Executive Consulting Engineer, TransCo. Energy</i>
9:40 – 10:40 am	Customer Perspective: Changing Energy Demand Are utilities able to keep up with growing customer demand? How are ESG capital requirements driving siting decisions? Are there technologies available and practical for customers to implement to alleviate market demand constraints? Moderator: Michelle De Blasi , <i>Senior Energy and Environmental Attorney, Law Office of Michelle De Blasi</i> Panelists: Chris Lucero , <i>Engineering Director, Intel</i> Tom Maples , <i>P.E. LEED AP, Project Executive, DPR Construction</i> Andrew Patterson , <i>Director, Utility Engagement, QTS Data Centers</i> Mark Thackeray , <i>Head of Electromobility, Nikola</i>
10:40 – 11:00 am	Coffee & Networking Break Sponsored By: 
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Utility Perspective: Meeting Growing Customer Demand in a Constrained Energy Market How have utilities' IRPs changed to meet changing market demands? Is the current plan for a renewable energy transition achievable? How are utilities partnering with customers to resolve capacity constraints? Is transmission development keeping up with demand? Moderator: Rex Stepp , <i>Director of Business Development, McCarthy Building Companies</i> Panelists: Angie Bond-Simpson , <i>Senior Director, Resource Management, SRP</i> Mike Eugenis , <i>Manager, Resource Planning, APS</i> Jesse Groner , <i>CEO, Triple Oak Power</i> Ravi Sankaran , <i>Director of Business Development, Southwestern Power Group</i>



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12:00 – 12:45 pm	<p>Lunch & Networking Sponsored By:  Terracon <small>Explore with us</small></p>
12:50 – 1:40 pm	<p>Energy/Water Nexus & Drought Planning</p> <p>With the vast amount of industrial growth, how is the West attracting more industry with less water? Despite the headlines, what is the current state of water availability in the West? What are the implications of drought planning on the energy transition efforts?</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Russell Smoldon, CEO, B3 Strategies, LLC</i></p> <p>Panelists: <i>Darrin Francom, Assistant General Manager, Central Arizona Project</i> <i>Paul Gardner, Water Resource Director, Town of Queen Creek</i> <i>Chelsea McGuire, Assistant Director for External Affairs, Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona</i></p>
1:45 – 2:45 pm	<p>A Fireside Chat with Utility CEOs</p> <p><i>Jeff Guldner, Chairman, President and CEO, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation; Chairman and CEO, APS</i> <i>Martin Hermann, Founder and CEO, BrightNight</i> <i>Jim Pratt, General Manager and CEO, SRP</i></p>
2:45 – 3:15 pm	<p>Coffee & Networking Break Sponsored By:  Guidehouse</p>
3:15 – 4:15 pm	<p>Keeping Pace with Regional Growth</p> <p>With the vast amount of industry growth in the Southwest, particularly in Arizona, can the region sustain the current growth trajectory? How are industries handling and planning for challenges?</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Jessica Pacheco, Managing Partner, Horizon Strategies</i></p> <p>Panelists: <i>Mark Bauer, Senior Managing Dir./ National Dir., Data Center Solutions Group, JLL</i> <i>Chris Camacho, President & CEO, Greater Phoenix Economic Council</i> <i>Mike Greenawalt, CEO, Rosendin</i> <i>Mike Huckins, Senior VP of Public Affairs & IT Operations, Greater Phoenix Chamber</i></p>
4:20 – 5:20 pm	<p>Technology Changes and Market Demand</p> <p>What technologies are being utilized to help utilities and customers meet market demands? Are there innovative solutions being proposed to solve market constraints?</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Scott Lipton, Energy Policy Manager, Western Region, Enchanted Rock</i></p> <p>Panelists: <i>Jordy Fuentes, Executive Director, Arizona Power Authority</i> <i>Bobby Olsen, Associate General Manager and Chief Planning, Strategy and Sustainability Executive, SRP</i> <i>Derek Seaman, Director, Resource Acquisition, APS</i> <i>Joe Varela, Director of Emerging Technology, Southwest Gas</i></p>
5:20 – 5:30 pm	<p>Closing Remarks</p>
5:30 – 7:00 pm	<p>Cocktail Reception Sponsored By:  Duncan & Allen LLP <small>COUNSELLORS AT LAW</small></p>