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**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

7:00 – 8:00 am	<p><b>Breakfast &amp; Networking</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Sponsored By:</b> </span></p>
8:00 – 8:30 am	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Stan Barnes</b>, <i>President and CEO, Copper State Consulting</i></p> <p><b>Nick Myers</b>, <i>Chairman, Arizona Corporation Commission</i></p>
8:35 – 9:35 am	<p><b>Changes in Regional Markets in the Southwest Region</b></p> <p><b>What will it take to truly connect the Western grid? How will utility and state choices between CAISO EDAM and SPP Markets+ influence market outcomes, infrastructure needs and investment decisions?</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mark Smith</b>, <i>Vice President, Calpine</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>John Coyle</b>, <i>Managing Partner, Duncan &amp; Allen LLP</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Robin Broder Hytowitz</b>, <i>Electricity Markets and Data Center Program Lead, EPRI</i></p> <p><b>Caitlin Liotiris</b>, <i>Principal, Energy Strategies</i></p> <p><b>Dan Williams</b>, <i>Principal Advisor, Western Markets, The Energy Authority</i></p>
9:40 – 10:40 am	<p><b>Powering Economic Development: Meeting Energy Demand for Advanced Manufacturing and Data Centers</b></p> <p><b>As advanced manufacturing and data centers drive rapid load growth, how can markets ensure growth pays for growth? What infrastructure and partnership models with utilities are actually working?</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Michelle De Blasi</b>, <i>Senior Energy and Environmental Attorney, Law Office of Michelle De Blasi</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Hobbick</b>, <i>Vice President of Rates and Regulatory, APS</i></p> <p><b>Tom Maples</b>, <i>P.E. LEED AP, Project Executive, DPR Construction</i></p> <p><b>Craig McKesson</b>, <i>Chief Commercial Officer, Takanock</i></p> <p><b>Kevin Thompson</b>, <i>Commissioner, Arizona Corporation Commission</i></p>
10:40 – 11:00 am	<p><b>Coffee &amp; Networking Break</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Sponsored By:</b> </span></p>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>Building the Workforce Pipeline: Solutions for Industry–Education Partnerships</b></p> <p><b>What does it take to build a sustainable talent pipeline for the energy industry? Which programs are offering solutions to workforce challenges?</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Blair Loftis</b>, <i>Vice President Renewables, Westwood</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Mike Corso</b>, <i>Executive Vice President Operations, McCarthy</i></p> <p><b>Matt Davis</b>, <i>Senior Manager of Apprenticeships &amp; Skills Training, SRP</i></p> <p><b>Jackie Fan</b>, <i>Manufacturing Department Manager, TSMC AZ</i></p> <p><b>Paul Lambertson</b>, <i>Dean, College of Engineering &amp; Technology, Grand Canyon University</i></p>
12:00 – 12:45 pm	<p><b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Sponsored By:</b> </span></p>



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<p>12:45 – 1:45 pm</p>	<p><b>Can the West's Pace of Growth Continue in a Water-Constrained Future?</b></p> <p>As industrial demand accelerates, how are the Western states and utilities balancing energy and water needs? What does current water availability actually look like, and what technologies are industries adopting to improve water usage effectiveness (WUE) while remaining competitive?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Russell Smoldon, CEO, B3 Strategies, LLC</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  <i>Jordy Fuentes, Executive Director, Arizona Power Authority</i>  <i>Mike Malano, Managing Director, Greenstone</i>  <i>Jonathan Noble, Senior Director, US Government Affairs, Microsoft</i>  <i>Warren Tenney, Executive Director, Arizona Municipal Water Users Association</i></p>
<p>1:50 – 2:50 pm</p>	<p><b>The Current and Future State of Nuclear Power</b></p> <p>Can nuclear power meet accelerating demand from industry while supporting long-term grid reliability? How does its role differ in the Southwest compared with the rest of the country? How close are advanced nuclear technologies to supporting large-scale industrial growth?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Darryn Jones, Project Development Executive, Mortenson</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  <i>Barbara Cenalmor Bruquetas, Manager of Nuclear Development &amp; Partnerships, SRP</i>  <i>Dr. Betsy Brunner, Global Director of Public Sector Partnerships, The Nuclear Company</i>  <i>Alison Krager Hahn, Technical Advisor, New Nuclear, Nuclear Energy Institute</i>  <i>Brian Smith, Director, Nuclear Reactor Development, Idaho National Laboratory</i></p>
<p>2:50 – 3:10 pm</p>	<p><b>Coffee &amp; Networking Break</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Sponsored By:</b> </span></p>
<p>3:10 – 4:10 pm</p>	<p><b>Natural Gas as a Bridge to Economic Growth</b></p> <p>How is natural gas enabling economic growth while supporting the energy transition? What are the opportunities and challenges of relying on natural gas to meet rising industrial and grid demand?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Stephen Foster, Engineering Project Manager, K.R. Saline &amp; Associates, PLC</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  <i>Brian Best, Managing Partner, Proxima Pipeline</i>  <i>Sue Forrester, Vice President of Advocacy and Outreach, American Gas Association</i>  <i>Nathan Hogue, Sr. Director of Resource Planning &amp; Acquisition, APS</i></p>
<p>4:15 – 5:15 pm</p>	<p><b>A Fireside Chat with Utility CEOs</b></p> <p>A discussion with the leading Southwest utility experts about how they are shaping the Region's energy strategies to support rapid growth and long-term economic development</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Michelle De Blasi, Senior Energy and Environmental Attorney, Law Office of Michelle De Blasi</i></p> <p><i>Ted Geisler, Chairman, President and CEO, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation; Chairman and CEO, APS</i>  <i>Erik Bakken, President, Tucson Electric Power, UniSource Energy Services and UNS Energy Corporation</i>  <i>Jim Pratt, General Manager and CEO, SRP</i></p>
<p>5:15 – 5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>
<p>5:30 – 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Cocktail Reception</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Sponsored By:</b> </span></p>