

AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

MERIDIAN COOPERATIVE 3 Ravinia Drive, Suite P007, Atlanta, GA 30346

7:30am-8:00am	Breakfast	
8:00am-8:20AM	Welcome	Mike Steffes, President and CEO, ACES
		Chris Haas, CEO, Meridian Cooperative
8:20AM-9:40AM	Navigating the Current Economic and Capital Market Landscape	Dr. Roger Tutterow , Professor of Economics, Kennesaw State University
		Mo Saleh, Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, NRUCFC
		Moderator: Kevin Suhanic , Vice President of Portfolio Strategy and Origination
9:40am-10:05am	Networking Break	
10:05am-11:35am	Going Nuclear	Greg Cullen, Vice President, Energy Services and Development, Energy Northwest
		Kati Austgen, Director, Public Engagement and New Nuclear, Nuclear Energy Institute
		Scott Hunnewell , Vice President of the New Nuclear Program Operations, Tennessee Valley Authority
11:35am-12:45pm	Lunch	

12:45pm-2:15pm	Addressing the Resource Adequacy Challenge in the RTO/ISO Markets	Zak Joundi, Executive Director Market & Grid Strategy, MISO Adam Keech , Vice President of Market Design and Economics, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
		Casey Cathey, Vice President of Engineering, Southwest Power Pool
		Moderator: John Rohrbach, Executive Director of Regulatory Strategy, ACES
2:15pm-2:45pm	Networking Break	
2:45pm-3:45pm	Reliably Serving America's Energy Needs, Today and Tomorrow	Mark Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer, NERC
3:45pm-5:00pm	Balancing the Risks and Rewards of AI to Optimize	Nate Melby, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Dairyland Power Cooperative Chris Haas, CEO, Meridian Cooperative
	Performance	
6:00pm	Reception and Dinner	Located at the Backyard and LaGrotta, Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

7:30am-8:00am	Breakfast	
8:00am-9:00am	Can "Unleashing American Energy" Reshape the Future Generation Mix in America?	Michelle Freeark, Executive Director of Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Services, Arizona G&T Cooperatives Jerry Purvis, Vice President, Environmental Affairs, East Kentucky Power Cooperative

9:00am-10:10am	Best Practices for Effective Construction Risk Management	 Sean Wright, Vice President of Engineering and Construction, Associated Electric Cooperative Travis Fucich, Vice President, Operations & Gas and Heavy Industrial, Power, Burns & McDonnell Brad Young, Vice President of Construction, East Kentucky Power Cooperative Moderator: Tara Givins, Vice President, Risk Management, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
10:10am-10:40am	Networking Break	
10:40am-11:40am	Innovative Approaches to Enhancing Member Value	Jeff Haase, Director, Member Services, Great River Energy
		Alison Kaufmann, Vice President, Strategic Electrification & Member Services, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative
		Reg Rudolph , Chief Energy Innovations Officer, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
		Moderator: Mike Salva , Enterprise Risk Program Manager, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
11:40am-Noon	Concluding Remarks	Melissa Fischer, Vice President of Risk Management Services, ACES