



RISKMANAGERS FORUM2025

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-10:10am

Networking Break

10:10am-11:40am

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

11:40am-12:50pm

Lunch

12:50pm-2:20pm	Addressing the Resource Adequacy Challenge in the RTO/ISO Markets	<p>Zak Joundi, Executive Director Market & Grid Strategy, MISO</p> <p>Adam Keech, Vice President of Market Design and Economics, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.</p> <p>Casey Cathey, Vice President of Engineering, Southwest Power Pool</p> <p>Moderator: John Rohrbach, Executive Director of Regulatory Strategy, ACES</p>
2:20pm-2:50pm	Networking Break	
2:50pm-3:50pm	Reliably Serving America's Energy Needs, Today and Tomorrow	<p>Mark Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer, NERC</p>
3:50pm-5:00pm	Innovative Approaches to Enhancing Member Value	<p>Jeff Haase, Director, Member Services, Great River Energy</p> <p>Alison Kaufmann, Vice President, Strategic Electrification & Member Services, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative</p> <p>Jay Mendoza, Member Relations Manager, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.</p> <p>Moderator: Mike Salva, Enterprise Risk Program Manager, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.</p>
6:00pm	Reception and Dinner	<p>Located at the Backyard and LaGrotta, Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia</p>

**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-10:35am	Networking Break	
10:35am-11:50am	Balancing the Risks and Rewards of AI to Optimize Performance	Nate Melby , Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Dairyland Power Cooperative Chris Haas , CEO, Meridian Cooperative Mike McFarland , Director, Enterprise Risk Management, Great River Energy
11:50am-Noon	Concluding Remarks	Melissa Fischer , Vice President of Risk Management Services, ACES