

ACES

Risk Managers Forum August 20-21, 2026



THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. Welcome

Mindy Kidwell, Vice President of Trading Control, ACES
and **Mo Saleh**, Senior Vice President and Chief Risk
Officer, CFC

8:15 a.m. Update on the Economic,
Business, and Political Climate

Dr. Roger Tutterow, Professor of Economics, Kennesaw
State University

9:15 a.m. BREAK

9:45 a.m. The New Cost of Capital:
Navigating Rates and Market
Dynamics

Mo Saleh, Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, CFC

10:45 a.m. Political Update

Ashley Slater, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, NRECA

11:45 a.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. Cognitive Biases and Other
Irrationality

Shari Heino, Chief Risk and Compliance Officer, Brazos
Electric Power Cooperative

1:50 p.m. Schrödinger's Resource
Planning: When Certainty is
the Real Risk

Panelists: **Micah Bushnell**, Vice President of Energy
Services, Big River Electric Corporation | **Christy Langley**,
Director of Power Supply and Risk Management, Hoosier
Energy | **Christian Nagel**, Senior Director of Power Supply
and Production, Rayburn Electric Cooperative

Moderator: **Kevin Suhanic**, Vice President of Portfolio
Strategy and Origination, ACES

3:10 p.m. BREAK

3:40 p.m. Powering the Surge: How PJM,
Data Centers, and Electric
Cooperatives are Managing
Explosive Load Growth

Panelists: **James Wright**, Director of Rates and Financial
Forecasting, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative | **Steve
Abraham**, Senior Director Technical Sales, Equinix |
Timothy Burdis, Director, State Policy Solutions, PJM
Moderator: **John Rohrbach**, Executive Director of
Regulatory Strategy, ACES

5:00 p.m. RECEPTION AND DINNER @ CFC

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. **Natural Gas Generation in a Constrained World: Market, Infrastructure, and Operational Risk**

Panelists: Mark Horn, Director, Fuel and Emissions, East Kentucky Power Cooperative | Grant Gunderson, Vice President of Resource Planning and Markets, Minnkota Power Cooperative | Tyson Boatler, Director of Hedging and Optimization, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative
Moderator: Scott Akin, Executive Director of Natural Gas Trading, ACES

9:10 a.m. BREAK

9:40 a.m. **Artificial Intelligence for Operations**

Brian Sloboda, Director, Utility Research and Policy, CFC | Eugene Hamrick, Director of Enterprise Analytics and Innovation, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative | Ryan Edge, Vice President, Strategy & Innovation Services, Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative

10:50 a.m. **Integrating Enterprise Risk Management with Strategic Planning**

Panelists: Brett Bergeson, Internal Auditor and Chief Risk Officer, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative | Mike McFarland, Director of Enterprise Risk Management, Great River Energy | Tara Givins, Vice President of Risk Management, Oglethorpe Power Cooperative
Moderator: Melissa Fischer, Vice President of Risk Management Services, ACES

11:50 a.m. Wrap-Up

Mindy Kidwell, Vice President of Trading Control, ACES

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TRANSPORTATION DETAILS

Hotel Shuttle Services

Courtyard by Marriott Dulles Town Center provides shuttle services to and from Dulles Airport on a first-come, first-served basis. Call (571) 494-6400 once you arrive at the airport to request shuttle services.

CFC Shuttle Services

CFC is providing two 11-passenger vans for shuttle services

Thursday morning, August 20, and Friday morning, August 21:
Shuttle service from the Courtyard to CFC for the Risk Managers Forum will run from 7:00 a.m. through 7:50 a.m.

Friday afternoon, August 21:

Shuttle service from CFC to Dulles Airport beginning at the conclusion of the Risk Managers Forum at 12:00 p.m. CFC is willing to make multiple round trips from CFC to Dulles Airport. Estimated round trip time is 25 minutes. Please note there is no scheduled shuttle service from CFC to the Courtyard after the Forum.

** Luggage can be placed in a holding room at the Courtyard or CFC on Friday, August 21*

Chariots for Hire Shuttle Services

Chariots for Hire will be providing a 24-passenger bus to shuttle participants from CFC to the Courtyard on Thursday evening, August 20, after the evening reception and dinner.

The shuttle will run from 7:30 p.m. through 8:30 p.m.