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Distribution Economics and Policy

Thursday, August 27 — Sunday August 30, 2026

Hyatt Centric Park City
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Park City, UT 84098

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AGENDA

Thursday August 27: Arrival at your convenience

Friday August 28

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| 8:00-9:00 | Breakfast (<i>White Pine Patio/Rotunda</i>) |
| 9:00-10:45 | Welcome & Icebreaker (<i>Wasatch Ballroom-A</i>)
Lynne Kiesling , Director, Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics; Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economic |
| 10:45-11:00 | Break |
| 11:00-12:00 | Retail Pricing, Customer Behavior, and Peak Demand (<i>Wasatch Ballroom-A</i>)
David Rapson , Chancellor's Leadership Professor, University of California, Davis Department of Economics |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch (<i>White Pine Patio/Rotunda</i>) |
| 1:00-2:00 | Electrification and DER Integration (<i>Wasatch Ballroom-A</i>)
David Rapson , Chancellor's Leadership Professor, University of California, Davis Department of Economics |
| 2:00-3:00 | EV Policy, Integration, and Adoption (<i>Wasatch Ballroom-A</i>)
David Rapson , Chancellor's Leadership Professor, University of California, Davis |

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- 3:00-3:15 **Break**
- 3:15-4:45 **Experiment: Automation of Market Participation and Distributed Coordination** (*Wasatch Ballroom-B*)
[Rim Baltaduonis](#), Lecturer, Department of Economics, Stanford University
- 4:45-6:00 **Break/Free Time**
- 6:00-6:30 **Reception** (*White Pine Patio or Wasatch Ballroom-B*)
- 6:30-8:00 **Dinner** (*White Pine Patio or Wasatch Ballroom-B*)

Saturday August 29th

- 8:00-9:00 **Breakfast** (*White Pine Patio/Rotunda*)
- 9:00-10:15 **AI-Driven Data Center Load Growth, Reliability, and Stranded-Asset Risk**
(*Wasatch Ballroom-A*)
[Lynne Kiesling](#), Director, Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics; Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economics
- 10:15-10:30 **Break**
- 10:30-12:00 **Experiment: EV Bidirectional Charging and Market Participation** (*Wasatch Ballroom-B*)
[Rim Baltaduonis](#), Lecturer, Department of Economics, Stanford University
- 12:00-1:00 **Lunch** (*White Pine Patio/Rotunda*)
- 1:00-2:15 **Hosting Capacity and Distribution System Planning Under Uncertainty** (*Wasatch Ballroom-A*)
[Lynne Kiesling](#), Director, Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics; Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economics
- 2:15-2:30 **Break**
- 2:30-3:45 **Interconnection Governance and Cost Allocation** (*Wasatch Ballroom-A*)
[Lynne Kiesling](#), Director, Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics; Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economics
- 3:45-4:00 **Break**

4:00-5:00	Affordability, Investment Incentives, and Regulatory Decision-Making Under Uncertainty (<i>Wasatch Ballroom</i>) <i>All Faculty</i>
5:00-6:30	Break/Free Time
6:30-8:00	Dinner

Sunday August 30th: Departure at your convenience

Participant List

1. **Mark Alder**, Utility Technical Consultant, Utah Public Service Commission
2. **Kelsey Bagot**, Chair, Virginia State Corporation Commission
3. **Rimvydas Baltaduonis**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, Stanford University, IRLE Faculty Member
4. **Derek Duran**, Economic and Policy Analyst, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
5. **Megan Gilman**, Commissioner, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
6. **Hwikwon Ham**, Commissioner, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
7. **Erik Hanser**, Energy Markets Manager, Strategic Operations Division, Michigan Public Service Commission
8. **Dayn Hardie**, Commissioner, Idaho Public Utilities Commission
9. **Darcie Houck**, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission
10. **Peter Hubbard**, Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission
11. **Al-Azad Iqbal**, Assistant Director, Electric Power Division, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities
12. **Lynne Kiesling**, Director, Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics; Faculty Fellow, Paula M. Trierens Institute for Sustainability & Energy, Northwestern University; External Faculty, Santa Fe Institute
13. **Jeremy McDiarmid**, Chair, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities
14. **Joel Nightingale**, Energy Planning, Section Manager, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
15. **Stacey Paradis**, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
16. **Ramya Ramaswamy**, Director, Energy Efficiency, Public Utility Commission of Texas
17. **David S. Rapson**, Chancellor's Leadership Professor, University of California, Davis, Department of Economics
18. **Bill Reitz**, Commission Advisor, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
19. **Zoë J. Romano**, Policy Advisor to Commissioner Stacey Paradis, Illinois Commerce Commission
20. **Radina Valova**, Commissioner, New York Public Service Commission