

ACI'S EAST COAST CONFERENCE ON

MICROGRIDS

CAPITALIZING ON MICROGRIDS FOR IMPROVED SYSTEM ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY

APRIL 11-12, 2018 • CHARLOTTE, NC

WHY ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE

- This industry is highly fractured with implementers and customers alike struggling to find repeatable business models that make financial sense.
- While each implementation is unique due to the variety of legacy equipment and brownfield resources, the process to develop a successful microgrid is highly repeatable

KEY TOPICS

Through a series of presentations, sessions, and panel discussions, this event will cover some of the major current concerns of the industry.

- Microgrid design and implementation
- Advocating for off-grid, remote, and island microgrid
- Feasibility issues: project financing and investor perspectives
- Current trends and future revenue opportunities with microgrids
- Pros and cons of a privately funded microgrid
- Sustainability and Security through increased use of microgrids
- Bridging the Gap between past infrastructure and future smart grid
- Considering alternative technologies and innovative thoughts
- Determining the correct technology mix for hybrid energy systems
- Microgrids powered by alternative sources
- Microgrid power control, management, and integration
- Regulatory and public policy advances
- Standards and interoperability issues
- Community Planning for resilience
- Market drivers and opportunities worldwide

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

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INTRODUCTION

Microgrids are getting a lot of attention, not just to support national security, but also to provide more resilient power supply at other types of facilities, and to allow for increased penetration of renewables. Agricultural complexes, academic campuses, health care centers, military bases, and even corporate grounds are exploring microgrid options to secure continuous reliability and quality of power supply. This has spurred creation of new technologies and control mechanisms that allow these systems to operate in a grid-connected mode and also independently for extended periods of time. They also support the modernization of older infrastructures and the containment of costs.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Dress Code: The dress code for the conference is business casual.

This two-day conference will offer excellent opportunities to network with peers: CEOs, CIOs, CSOs, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Senior Managers, and other senior level professionals such as:

- Investor-owned, municipal, and co-op utility professionals
- Utility network planners and engineers
- Microgrid project owners and developers
- Alternative energy and power project planners
- Related software and technology developers
- Systems integrators
- Commercial and industrial end users and campus network executives
- Academic and research professionals pushing the industry forward
- Regulators and public policy professionals
- Power Generators
- Distribution Companies
- Renewable energy companies
- Agricultural Enterprises
- Hospitals
- Hotels
- Health Care Campuses
- Education Campuses
- Jails and other confinements

Key titles include:

- Strategic planning and performance management professionals
- Grid or market operators
- Transmission system operators
- Usability professionals
- System integrators and consultants
- Energy efficiency and conservation coordinators
- Smart grid technology and software developers
- Commercial and industrial end users
- Regulators and public policy makers
- Investors and financial community leaders
- Emerging load technologies representatives

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With leading companies and organizations from the Microgrids industry attending and speaking at our event, we have the perfect opportunity to provide outstanding exposure to a high-level, professional audience.

There are varying sponsorship packages available, including sponsorship of a cocktail reception on the first evening of the event and sponsorship of a networking lunch. For further details, please contact Angela Hamilton, Manager of Sponsorship Sales, at 414.221.1700 or ahamilton@acius.net.

CONFERENCE DAY ONE • APRIL 11, 2018

8:00 AM

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

8:30 AM

CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

Kenneth Horne, Director, Energy
NAVIGANT CONSULTING

8:45 AM

TECHNOLOGIES AND DESIGN ELEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH MICROGRIDS

- Analysis of the various components of a microgrid and associated technologies
- Design considerations for reliability, resiliency, and points of failure in a microgrid
- Microgrid case history
- Microgrid controls & interconnections with the utility
- Economics of a microgrid

Kung Ven, PE, LEED AP, Associate Vice President, Power & Energy Services
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9:30 AM

UTILITY-SCALE MICROGRID CLUSTERING: THE COMED BRONZEVILLE COMMUNITY MICROGRID PROJECT

- Clustering of private and utility-owned microgrids to share resources and enhance resiliency
- Integration of third party generating resources into a utility scale microgrid
- Leveraging Microgrids to build a secure and resilient Community of the Future

Russell DeSalvo, Senior Manager, Grid Modernization
COMED

10:15 AM

MORNING REFRESHMENTS

10:45 AM

MAKING SENSE OF MICROGRIDS FOR UTILITIES AND THEIR CUSTOMERS

- Select progressive technical and financial design alternatives
- Identify, validate and realize benefits
- Manage the project through design, approval, commissioning, and operations

Craig Boice, President
BOICE DUNHAM GROUP

11:30 AM

DEVELOPING OPTIMIZED MICROGRIDS – THE SECURE MICROGRID® PROCESS

- Determining and prioritizing project-specific objectives
- Standardized approach to developing microgrids
- Implementing a successful project

Darrell Thornley, Consultant
DT ENERGY CONSULTANTS

12:15 PM

INTEGRATING STORAGE AND MICROGRIDS WITHIN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

- Control requirements and role of DERMS and DMS
- Design considerations
- Case Studies and lessons learnt

Arindam Maitra, Technical Executive
ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

1:00 PM

LUNCH

2:00 PM

LESSONS LEARNED FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO MICROGRIDS AT DUKE ENERGY

- Operational challenges
- Digital microgrid
- Protection and control challenges
- DC coupled PV & Energy storage

Aleksandar Vukojevic, PE, Manager, Technology Development, Emerging Technology Office
DUKE ENERGY

2:45 PM

TAX EQUITY AND PROJECT FINANCE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRUCTURING MICROGRID TRANSACTIONS

- Overview of tax equity and project finance legal structures and concepts
- Review of recent tax law changes and how they may affect project financing structuring
- Synopsis of Federal and State tax incentives related to green energy and microgrid projects

Jerome L. Garciano, Counsel
ROBINSON + COLE

3:30 PM

AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS

4:00 PM

ACHIEVING THE RESILIENCY MISSION: OPTIMIZING FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL BENEFIT MICROGRIDS

- Introducing a development framework that goes beyond the business case
- Making the resiliency design problem more complex – so that it can actually be solved
- Providing resiliency by focusing on non-resiliency benefits

Kenneth Horne, Director, Energy
NAVIGANT CONSULTING

4:45 PM

INDUSTRY SPECIFIC MICROGRIDS - SCALABLE SOLUTIONS THAT SOLVE CUSTOMER PROBLEMS

- Exploring the business case for industry specific microgrids
- Identifying target markets and growth areas
- Developing productized microgrid offerings

Timothy Hade, Chief Operating Officer
SCALE MICROGRID SOLUTIONS

5:30 PM

NETWORK RECEPTION OPENING ADDRESS

Vishnu Barran, Regional Development Manager
MARTIN ENERGY GROUP

5:50 PM

NETWORK RECEPTION

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7:30 PM

CLOSE OF DAY ONE

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REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9:00 AM

CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

Kenneth Horne, Director, Energy
NAVIGANT CONSULTING

9:05 AM

CREATING INNOVATIVE BUSINESS MODELS TOWARDS DEVELOPING SCALABLE COMMUNITY MICROGRIDS

- Developing a business model that partners with developers
- Navigating regulatory challenges with community microgrids
- National Grid's experience with community microgrids

Thomas Chorman, Senior Engineer, New Grid Offerings, New Energy Solutions
NATIONAL GRID

10:00 AM

CHALLENGES IN COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR MICROGRIDS

- Framing microgrid economic questions
- Demands of business-models and technical specifications
- Value of resilience

Jeffrey D. Roark, Technical Executive, Power Delivery and Utilization
ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

10:45 AM

MORNING REFRESHMENTS

11:15 AM

MICROGRID CONTROLLER STANDARDIZATION APPROACH, BENEFITS AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Recognizing the need and identifying the requirements for a standard for microgrid controllers
- Standards to facilitate the deployment of microgrids
- Microgrid control systems – function classifications
- IEEE Std. 2030.7 standard for the specification of microgrid controllers

James Reilly, Consultant
REILLY ASSOCIATES

12:00 PM

MAKING THE CASE FOR MICROGRIDS: TO INVESTORS, TO REGULATORS, AND TO CUSTOMERS

- Importance of identifying stakeholders, and clarifying the value streams among them
- Valuation of services: from tangible (cost- and market-based) to intangible (reliability and resilience)
- The long view: treatment of uncertainty in costs and benefits; discount rates; scenario analysis

John Caldwell, Director of Economics
EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE

12:45 PM

CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS

12:50 PM

END OF ON SITE CONFERENCE / LUNCH • Located in the Pavilion

1:30 PM

TRANSPORTATION TO MOUNT HOLLY MICROGRIDS SITE

2:10 PM

TOUR THE MOUNT HOLLY / DUKE ENERGY MICROGRIDS SITE

Duke Energy's Mount Holly Innovation Center was established and opened in 2015 by the Emerging Technology Organization to be a safe, secure, and self-contained operational microgrid infrastructure that integrates a diverse set of cutting-edge technology capabilities and assets. The microgrid, which showcases its ability to seamlessly island and reconnect to the grid without interruption, contains a 150kW Solar PV, 10kW Rooftop Solar Carport, 650kW AC-coupled Battery System, 240kW DC-coupled Battery System, 500kW controllable load-bank, and a variety of the other interoperable automation, sensing, metering, and telecommunications equipment. Additionally, the facility hosts a 4G LTE small-cell, miniature Operations Control room, hardware-in-the-loop real-time simulation lab, and a customer envision area that includes behind-the-meter smart appliances, smart thermostats, and residential energy storage installations.

Note: Please wear closed toe shoes for this tour.

Tour Leader:

Rodney James, Manager, Technology Development
DUKE ENERGY

4:20 PM

TRANSPORTATION BACK TO CONFERENCE HOTEL

5:00 PM

ARRIVAL BACK AT CONFERENCE HOTEL

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Vishnu Barran, Regional Development Manager, **MARTIN ENERGY GROUP**

Vishnu Barran, Regional Development Manager – Cogeneration and Energy Services at Martin Energy Group LLC., is a Chartered Engineer and PE with 24 years' experience in an engineering environment. Industry experience ranging from petrochemical & pharmaceutical plant design, materials handling equipment, building services engineering, energy and sustainability in buildings. Mr Barran worked in Europe for 20 years and in 2012 re-located to the New York City metropolitan region. Mr. Barran focuses on holistic energy solutions, energy conservation measures, and on-site generation(DG) of power, heat, cooling, and steam. Additionally, he works on ESA/PPA/ESCP/Capital contracts, carbon abatement, fiscal energy reduction, and funding for private and public clients. Prior to his work in the United States, Mr. Barran was based out of the UK working for an international Cogeneration Packager. During his career, Mr. Barran has helped develop over 400 CHP projects around the world.



Craig Boice, President, **BOICE DUNHAM GROUP**

Since 1983, Craig Boice has helped design and lead many groundbreaking demand response projects, such as Puget Sound Energy's Personal Energy Management, the California Statewide Pricing Pilot, the NVE Nevada Dynamic Pricing Trial and the Eskom National Demand Response Potential Assessment. He has interviewed thousands of customers through surveys, focus groups, and in-home interviews, and assessed many technologies, rate designs, and business plans. For 15 years a New York University faculty member teaching New Venture Management, Craig is now working on grid balancing through storage, electric loads, and distributed resources.



John Caldwell, Director of Economics, EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE

Dr. John Caldwell is Director of Economics at the Edison Electric Institute. He has worked in the electric and gas utility industry for over thirty years, first at the Illinois Power Company (now part of Ameren) as a planning engineer, and then at NiSource, where he was involved in developing forecast models, strategic planning, and the creation of innovative alternative rate designs and new products and services. At EEI, Dr. Caldwell has been examining and reporting on the interrelationship of the economy with energy supply, demand, and pricing, and working with industry consultants and colleagues in the development of new recommended regulatory policies and business models that will better enable investor-owned utilities to contend with the many imminent and potentially significant changes facing the electricity industry. He has also begun addressing the growing role of microgrids in the evolving electricity system, and how these can best be utilized. Dr. Caldwell holds a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, an MBA from the University of Illinois at Springfield, an M.S. in mathematics from the University of Iowa, and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Illinois at Chicago.



Thomas Chorman, Senior Engineer, New Grid Offerings, New Energy Solutions, NATIONAL GRID

Tom Chorman is a senior engineer at National Grid with New Energy Solutions. He has experience in residential solar and energy efficiency with Penn State and the DOE, and as a power plant consultant with Leidos. Before the power industry, Tom spent 5 years teaching high school physics in Fairfax County, Virginia. He holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering and Economics from Penn State, a MEd from Penn State, and a MS in Energy Systems from Northeastern University.



Russell DeSalvo, Senior Manager, Grid Modernization, COMED

Russell is the Senior Manager Grid Modernization Projects at ComEd. In this role he has responsibility for implementing the ComEd portfolio of Grid Modernization projects including the Bronzeville Community Microgrid project which recently received Illinois Commerce Commission approval. Russell has 18 years of experience in the industry and has been with ComEd since 2005. He has served in various roles across the organization and has experience in planning and engineering large projects and programs. Russell holds a Bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.



Jerome L. Garciano, Associate, ROBINSON + COLE

Jerome Garciano is counsel at the law firm Robinson+Cole, where he focuses his Boston-based legal practice on real estate transactions and financing, affordable housing, renewable energy, green building, sustainability, and tax credits. As a member of the firm's Real Estate + Development Group, he represents lenders, equity investors, owners, and developers in connection with real estate and project finance transactions. Mr. Garciano assists clients with renewable energy, microgrid, and energy efficiency project and finance structuring. He has represented a regional bank on a construction loan financing on a 26MW portfolio of distributed generation photovoltaic solar projects throughout the northeastern United States. He regularly contributes to the firm's blog on Sustainability. Mr. Garciano, a LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, accredited professional, advises clients on energy efficiency and renewable energy tax incentives, and he works on tax policy initiatives promoting green energy and real estate development.



Timothy Hade, Chief Operating Officer, SCALE MICROGRID SOLUTIONS

Tim is the COO and co-founder of Scale Microgrid Solutions. He previously led the microgrid team at ENER-G Rudox from 2011–2016. Additionally, Tim has served as an advisor for both the Business Council for Sustainable Energy and the US Department of Energy. In 2015, he worked directly with the Obama administration on developing the American Business Act on Climate pledge. In 2015, Tim's white paper "Sustainable Load Balancing: Integrating Distributed Natural Gas, Solar PV, and Energy Storage Assets" was named the 2015 Renewable Energy World Paper of the Year. Prior to joining ENER-G, Tim served as an officer in the United States Air Force. He holds a B.S. from the United States Air Force Academy, and received his MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.



Kenneth Horne, Director, Energy, NAVIGANT CONSULTING

Ken Horne leads Navigant's Microgrid Center of Excellence and supports utilities, project developers, manufacturers, investors, state agencies, policy advocates and other stakeholders to identify and understand opportunities and risks and to develop strategic responses to the rapidly changing DER and microgrid landscape. Ken's core expertise lies at the intersection of business model, technology, and investment risk and return optimization. His prior experience includes leading the deployment of grid modernization investments across five utilities, co-founding and running an advanced media technology start-up and consulting on strategy and operations to energy-intensive businesses across four continents. Mr. Horne is a member of the microgrid subcommittees for both DistribuTECH and SEPA and is a recognized industry expert in microgrid commercial development. He frequently presents and publishes thought leadership for the industry. Mr. Horne holds an Executive Certificate in Management and Leadership from MIT's Sloan School of Business and a Masters in Industrial Engineering from the University of Houston. He also holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and Philosophy from Iowa State University. Mr. Horne is a licensed Professional Engineer and a certified Project Management Professional.



Arindam Maitra, Technical Executive, ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Arindam Maitra is a Technical Executive at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). He is responsible for leading and managing activities related to the power system infrastructure for energy storage, plug-in hybrid vehicles, microgrids, and integrating smart distributed energy resources with distribution management systems. He is also conducting and managing numerous research activities associated with power systems and power electronics. Prior to joining the Energy Utilization group, Maitra worked as a Senior Project Manager in the System Analysis and System Studies group (previously EPRI Solutions and EPRI PEAC). He conducted and managed a wide range of research activities and power system studies in the transmission, distribution, and power quality research areas. He also managed projects related to reliability improvement, power electronic development efforts, indices for describing power quality and reliability performance, and load model development.



James Reilly, Consultant, REILLY ASSOCIATES

James T. Reilly is a consultant in the electric power industry in the U.S. and internationally. His clients include the U.S. Department of Energy, NIST, and national laboratories. He is the secretary of the working group for IEEE p2030.7 Standard for the Specification of Microgrid Controllers. He is a technical advisor to Argonne National Laboratory, NREL and EPRI on the Structuring DMS and Controller Interactive Demonstration Project and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory for the Distribution System Locational Performance Integrated Model Project. He is the author of numerous articles and research studies, most recently "Overview of Microgrid Controller Initiatives by the DOE" (co-author) for the IEEE Power & Energy July/August 2017. He is a Senior Member of the IEEE Power Engineering Society and holds degrees from Georgetown University and Columbia University.



Jeffrey D. Roark, Technical Executive, Power Delivery and Utilization, ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

At EPRI, Jeffrey Roark is a Technical Executive in the Power Delivery and Utilization sector. Joining EPRI in 2011, Mr. Roark has 41 years' experience in the electric utility industry, including 33 years at utilities in various phases of system planning and power market analysis. At EPRI, Mr. Roark has developed cost/benefit analysis methodologies and frameworks for new technologies and applications in the electric power industry, including EPRI's Integrated Grid economic analysis framework. He has worked on evaluations of smart grid projects, DER integration projects, and microgrids. Mr. Roark holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University, and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.



Darrell Thornley, Chief Operating Officer, DT ENERGY CONSULTANTS

A mechanical engineer by training, Mr. Thornley has practiced in the power and process business arenas in both private industry and governmental sectors for over 30 years. He has experience ranging from journeyman tradesman to engineering, construction and project management. Business experience includes project development, finance, joint venture formation, sales, and operations and maintenance responsibilities. Mr. Thornley has held seats on the boards of industry associations, is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Association of Energy Engineers, and Society of American Military Engineers. He has been a speaker and panelist at industry-related conferences and seminars throughout his career. He is the inventor of the patented engineering process (US patent # 92,026,260) for the Secure Microgrid®, a comprehensive engineering process for developing robust microgrids. Mr. Thornley provides technical consulting services to a diverse client base including the US Dept. of Energy, the Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC), Non-governmental organizations and Industry clients.



Kung Ven, PE, LEED AP, Associate Vice President, Business Unit Leader, Power, Energy, Commercial & Industrial, Georgia, AECOM

Mr. Ven is an Associate VP and Business Unit Leader in power and energy at AECOM. Mr. Ven is a licensed professional electrical engineer with 16+ years of experience in consulting, engineering, design, and construction in the power and energy industry. His primary focus includes microgrids, combined heat and power, renewable energy, clean energy, smart energy and smart city, transmission and distribution, generation, substations, energy efficiency, and energy savings performance contracting. Mr. Ven has worked on projects across various market sectors, including federal, mission critical, commercial, healthcare, transportation, aviation, water/wastewater, educational, institutional, and industrial facilities. This experience includes the design of medium and low voltage indoor and outdoor substations, power distribution, emergency and prime power generators, uninterruptible power supply, grounding, lighting, life safety, lightning protection, telecommunications, and technology systems. Mr. Ven is a LEED Accredited Professional, an active member of the USGBC, and has contributed to the successful design of several sustainable and renewal energy projects. Mr. Ven holds a B.S. Electrical Engineering and a M.S. Electrical and Computer Engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology, and a MBA from Georgia State University.



Aleksandar Vukojevic, P.E., Manager, Technology Development, Emerging Technology Office, DUKE ENERGY

Aleksandar Vukojevic is the Emerging Technologies Manager at Duke Energy. His responsibilities involve developing the requirements, new technology test plans, evaluation and piloting Smart Grid technologies works as a Technology Development Manager at Emerging Technologies Office in Duke Energy. His primary duties involve developing, installing, testing and evaluating new technologies for Duke Energy's electrical grid. In addition, Aleksandar is responsible for the development of the strategic roadmap for power grid devices at Duke Energy. In his career, Aleksandar worked as a Manager of Smart Grid Distribution Automation and Technology at Baltimore Gas and Electric, lead power systems engineer for Smart Grid Technologies at GE, field test engineer and transmission planning engineer at Georgia Power, and system protection and controls engineer at BGE. He received a BS degree in applied mathematics from Kennesaw State University, BSEE and MSEE degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an MBA from Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University. Currently, Aleksandar is pursuing his PhD. in Electrical Engineering at University of North Carolina at Charlotte.



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