



Optimizing Grid Technologies – Virtual

November 16, 17, and 18 2020

All times are in Central Time Zone

This event will focus on how advanced technology is providing new pathways to optimize and unleash the potential of the Midwestern electric grid. Panelists will discuss how this technology will impact planning and operating the system.

November 16 – Advanced Transmission Line Technology

A look into the techniques and technologies that can maximize the use of existing transmission lines, including advanced forecasting, equipment rating, and sensor technologies. Speakers will discuss the benefits of and barriers to the adoption of these technologies and contemplate how they see these technologies evolving in the future.

9:45 am **Welcome & Introduction**

- Jesse Heier, Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association (MGA)
- Marcus Hawkins, Executive Director, Organization of MISO States (OMS)

10:00 am **Keynote Address:** [Rob Gramlich, Executive Director, WATT Coalition](#)

10:45 pm **Panel Discussion**

- Charlton Clark, Vice President of Business Development, WindSim
- Cynthia Crane, Manager, MISO Regulatory Strategy, ITC Holdings Corporation
- [Babak Enayati, Ph.D., P.E.](#), Manager, Technology Deployment, National Grid
- [Jake Gentle](#), Senior Power Engineer, Idaho National Laboratory
- **Moderator:** Commissioner [Julie Fedorchak](#), North Dakota Public Service Commission

12:15 pm **Day 1 Wrap-Up/Preview of Day 2**