

# 2021 UEDA Virtual Winter Forum

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### Tuesday, March 9, 2021 (all times are Eastern)

11:00 am **Opening Remarks**

**Jeff Mayes**, UEDA President - **Sean Trauschke**, CEO & President, OG&E Energy

11:15 am **Biden Energy Policy's Impact on Utility Economic Development**

Energy policy is a centerpiece of President Joe Biden's agenda focused on promoting renewable energy, addressing climate change and reducing the use of fossil fuels. The Biden energy policy will have a dramatic impact on U.S. utilities' ability to implement economic development programs. Dave Robinson and Tim Biggam of the Montrose Group will lead an interactive discussion bringing together the frontline perspective of public policy leaders from EEI and AGA who are working on electric and natural gas issues in Washington DC.

**Introduction:** **Pat Kelly**, FirstEnergy

**Moderator:** **Dave Robinson**, Montrose Group

**Panelists:** **Tim Biggam**, Montrose Group; **EEI Speaker (TBD)**; **AGA Speaker (TBD)**

12:00 pm **Q&A**

12:15 pm **Peer-to-Peer Discussion: External Issues** (including issues from Allies)

This interactive member-to-member and ally discussion will deal with issues and topics identified in member survey prior to the Forum as well as topics and questions raised during the session. Issues such as matching the Covid-19 unemployed to available re-emerging post Coronavirus positions, technical innovations resulting from the pandemic and lasting work-from-home trends will be explored in this session.

**Moderators:** **Jeff Mayes**, UEDA President & **Rick Edwards**, UEDA Vice President

1:00 pm **Closing Remarks:** **Alba Weaver**, OG&E Energy

### Wednesday, March 10, 2021 (All times are Eastern)

2:00 pm **Opening Remarks:** **Janet Smith**, AEP Oklahoma

2:05 pm **Renewable Energy Requirements: A Customer's View**

This interactive session will give you new insights into the criticality of renewable energy in site selection from a customer's point-of-view. In this presentation you will hear from two experienced client-side experts who will discuss current trends in data center site selection and construction, shovel ready or "certified" data center sites, EV charging stations and other technology related projects. They will explain the role of renewable energy, power purchase agreements, battery storage, "last mile" power infrastructure in location decisions and highlight best practices to prepare for and respond to RFIs/RFPs for projects with a renewable energy component.

**Introduction:** **Ed Sitar**, ComEd

**Speaker:** **Mike Grella**, Grella Partnership Strategies & former Economic Development Director, Amazon Inc.; **Carl Nelson**, Infrastructure Ready LLC & former head of North American Real Estate & Site Selection for Amazon Web Services

2:50 pm **Q&A**



**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 (continued)**

**3:05 pm UEDA Membership Meeting**

In this session our UEDA President will update you on the state of the association during COVID-19 and report on the results of Monday's UEDA Board Meeting. This will be followed by brief reports from chairs and co-chairs of UEDA committees. The reports will be as follows: Treasurer's Report, Education Committee, Membership Committee, Communication Committee, Program Committee, Future Leaders Committee, Sponsorship Committee.

**Meeting Leader: Jeff Mayes, UEDA President**

**3:25 pm Peer-to-Peer "With-a-Beer" Discussion: Internal Issues**

This ever-popular interactive member-to-member discussion will deal with issues and topics identified in member survey prior to the Forum as well as topics and questions raised during the discussion. Timely issues such as VW's Electrify America initiative, the Covid-19 unemployed to available reemerging post Coronavirus positions, technical innovations resulting from the pandemic and lasting work-from-home trends will be explored in this session.

**Moderators: Jeff Mayes, UEDA President - John Engemann, UEDA Past President; Brian Gildea, (Vectren, Electrify America & Indiana Energy Association)**

**4:10 pm Closing Remarks: Ed Sitar, UEDA Past President & Education Committee Co-Chair**

**Thank you for being part of this Virtual UEDA Forum. We hope you found it valuable and are grateful for your interest and support during these trying Covid-19 times.**

**We look forward to seeing you in person at this year's UEDA Summer Forum which will be held from July 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at The Westin Downtown in Denver, Colorado.**

***This video conference will be recorded and links will be available in the password protected section of the UEDA website for all members to review and download at their convenience.***

