

2nd Annual International Electric & Utility Symposium

Recent Energy Reform Bills, Utility Leadership Panel Discussion, Utility Rebuild Projects

Keynote Speaker, Charles Matthews

President and CEO of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas

AGENDA

Friday, April 28, 2017 at MB Financial Park in Rosemont, IL

Breakfast 7:30 am – 8:15 am

Morning Sessions: 8:30 am

- **Renewables Development 101, an introduction to Wind Energy Development**
- **America Electric Power System, Transco Rebuild Program and FERC 1000**
- **Easement Drafting Nuts and Bolts: How to Draft Utility Easements Ahead of Time to Ensure a Successful Project**
- **Stakeholder engagement and outreach planning with focus on Illinois Post-Energy Reform**

Lunch 11:45 am – 12:45 pm

Afternoon Sessions: 1:00 pm

- **Routing, Siting and Public Involvement Process**
- **Update on Recent Energy Reform Bill passed in Illinois**
- **Utility Leadership Panel Discussion - project lifecycles and risk mitigation measures along the way as well as best practices to manage cost, schedule and budget.**
- **“Working hard at being boring” - Keynote Speaker, Charles Matthews**

Social Hour 5:00 pm

****Detailed agenda enclosed****

Registration details

WHEN: * Symposium - Friday, April 28, 2017
* Region 5 Forum - Saturday, April 29, 2017

WHERE: Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel & Conference
MB Financial Park, Rosemont, IL

HOTEL RATE: **\$119/ NIGHT + TAX**

Hotel reservation link: [International Right of Way Association IRWA](http://www.internationalrightofway.org/IRWA)

Or Call: 1-877-337-5793 and mention IRWA or the group code "I9T"

REGISTRATION: * **Symposium Registration: \$125**

Registration link: <http://www.irwchapter12.org/index.php>

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- **Wind Development 101, an introduction to Wind Energy Development** *presented by Stephen W. Gardiner, CGP, Team Leader and Chase Pelletier, Project Manager for ATWELL – Consulting, Engineering, Construction*
The presentation will focus around the lifecycle of Wind Energy Development projects. The planning process, siting considerations, development process, feasibility studies, preconstruction, environmental development process and construction.
- **America Electric Power System, Transco Rebuild Program and FERC 1000** *presented by Thomas Schaffer, Right-of-Way Manager at AEP Transmission*
The presentation will provide an overview of the AEP Transmission System particularly the TRANSCO Rebuild Program and focused strategy for projects post FERC 1000.
- **Easement Drafting Nuts and Bolts: How to Draft Utility Easements Ahead of Time to Ensure a Successful Project** *presented by Mischa M. Boardman and Devin R. Sullivan at Zausmer, August & Caldwell, P.C. Farmington Hills & Lansing*
The presentation will particularly focus on thinking strategically when drafting easements or acquisition documents, as well as seeking regulatory approval for said documents, in order to avoid potential valuation or necessity issues later.
- **Stakeholder engagement and outreach planning with focus on Illinois Post-Energy Reform** *presented by Beth Minear, Esq. / Vice President Project Strategy & Regulatory Compliance for Contract Land Staff*
The presentation will address Project/Stakeholder Outreach with the backdrop of the Reform Bills and conflicting positions of impacted entities. It will cover outreach strategy, talking points and landowner communications, as well as two-way communication to establish reliability and trust in acquisitions. The presentation will address how to find and tie key messages into outreach strategies while maintaining the integrity of companies' project needs and the intent of legislation.

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- **Routing, Siting and Public Involvement Process** *presented by Jake Farrell, SR/WA Supervisor – Land Management, Siting and Records T& D Engineering and Substation Division Omaha Public Power District*
The presentation will focus on Land Management's Routing Siting and Public Involvement Process of the Elkhorn River Valley Transmission project; it will focus on the early stages of a project and introduce concepts such as Flexible Engagement Plan, Stake Holder Advisory Committee and Route Selection Criteria.

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Afternoon Sessions: (continued)

- **Update on Recent Energy Reform Bill passed in Illinois** *presented by Glenn Rippie, Partner at Rooney Rippie & Ratnaswamy LLP (aka "R3")*

This session will address strategies for securing state regulatory approval to construct new projects and acquiring the necessary rights-of-way. We will highlight key state legislative and regulatory developments in Illinois and elsewhere in the Midwest, including the recently enacted Illinois clean energy legislation, identify how those developments affect the approval of new projects and rights of way, and discuss how right of way professionals can use and better adapt to them.

- **Utility Leadership Panel Discussion**

Each panelist will be presenting a current project they are working on and the presentation will focus on project lifecycles and risk mitigation measures along the way as well as best practices to manage cost, schedule and budget.

Panelists:

Eric Kozak, Sr. Director Gas Operations, Ameren Illinois

Eric is currently the Sr. Director of Gas Operation for Ameren Illinois where he is responsible for construction maintenance and operation of Ameren Illinois Gas Transmission system and 12 Gas Storage fields.

Amy Kurt, Director for the development for Clean Line's Midwestern projects, Clean Energy Partners LLC

Amy Kurt serves as a Director for the development for Clean Line's Midwestern projects. In this role, Amy is involved in permitting, routing, right-of-way negotiations, and outreach efforts in Illinois and Missouri. She works to build relationships with key stakeholders, including community leaders, landowners, and elected officials throughout the project area.

- **"Working hard at being boring" - Keynote Speaker, Charles Matthews**

As president and CEO of Peoples Gas, Matthews oversees the daily operations, strategy, growth and administrative activities of Peoples Gas. Matthews has served as president and CEO since July 2015, when WEC Energy Group acquired Integrys, which owned Peoples Gas. Matthews brings more than 30 years of energy and natural gas experience to this role

In his keynote presentation, "We're working hard at being boring," Charles Matthews will discuss why boring is good, what the company is doing behind the scenes to ensure that it stays boring and delivers what customers depend on from the utility. Matthews will also talk about the exciting projects his company is working on behind the scene to ensure that the company stays boring.

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