

# executive partner **summit**

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## **Program Guide**

April 22–24, 2026



## **A Message from Blake Nixon, President and CEO of Geronimo Power**

On behalf of everyone at Geronimo Power, it's a pleasure to have you join us at the 2026 Executive Partner Summit.

We're gathering at a crucial moment for our industry. Things are moving fast and decisions are carrying greater weight than ever before. Rapid load growth, driven by accelerating data center development, among other uses, make this an exciting time, but also one of substantial risk and uncertainty. How we respond in this critical time will define what's possible in the years ahead — making our conversations this week that much more vital.

During the Summit, we'll address the key issues that we face as a collective industry together to better understand what it takes to move power to market responsibly, all at the scale and speed that this era demands. Our sessions will span policy and permitting realities, anticipated FERC actions, and the market conditions emerging across RTOs, informed by insights from system operators and industry leaders confronting data center growth in real time.

This year's Texas Hill Country setting will provide just the environment we need for focused discussion and candid exchange. Whether over dinner, between sessions, or during quieter moments across the resort, our hope is that the relationships and ideas formed here travel well beyond Austin and shape the progress our industry makes together in 2026.

So, thank you for joining us. We couldn't be more appreciative of your time and perspective as we navigate this important next chapter.

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# Wednesday, April 22

4:00 p.m.

**Guest Check-in**

Omni Barton Creek Resort  
& Spa

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Welcome Reception and Badge Pickup**

Hill Country Pavilion



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# Welcome Reception: Hill Country Pavilion

Kick off your Summit experience at our Welcome Reception, where you'll check in to receive your welcome packet and name tag before settling in for a relaxed evening of connection and celebration. Enjoy a dinner buffet and complimentary beverages with the live band, Pendulum Hearts. The evening also will include a build-your-own hat bar—an Austin-inspired experience to help you dive into the local culture.

## ABOUT THE VENUE

Set in the scenic Texas Hill Country just 20 minutes from downtown Austin, Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa offers a luxurious and relaxing retreat for conference attendees. The resort features elegant accommodations, multiple dining options, four championship golf courses, and a full-service spa. Guests can enjoy hiking trails, pools, and other recreational activities, making it an ideal destination for both work and leisure during your stay.



# Thursday, April 23

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast and Morning Networking</b>	Prefunction & Darrell Royal Ballroom
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<b>Serving the Future: Geronimo Power's Strategic Growth in the Hyperscale Era</b> Blake Nixon, David Reamer	Darrell Royal Ballroom
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Power at Pace: Partnership Models for AI-Driven Load Growth</b> Adam Tromblay, Steve Schoeneck, Javier Fernandez	Darrell Royal Ballroom
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Networking Break</b>	Darrell Royal Ballroom
10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	<b>A Federal View of the Grid: FERC Perspectives on Large-Load Growth and Reliability</b> David Rosner	Darrell Royal Ballroom
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	<b>Reliability at Scale: How ISOs and RTOs Are Preparing for the Next Wave of Demand</b> Aubrey Johnson, Timothy Burdis, Natasha Henderson, Chad V. Seely	Darrell Royal Ballroom
12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>	Darrell Royal Ballroom
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Hosted Networking Events</b> Wild West Adventure Backyard Pitmasters BBQ Class Golf Tesla Gigafactory Tour	Lone Star Ranch Hop Squad Brewing Co. Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa Tesla Gigafactory
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner Reception in Austin</b>	Brazos Hall

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# Thursday General Sessions

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

## Serving the Future: Geronimo Power's Strategic Growth in the Hyperscale Era

Blake Nixon and David Reamer will open the 2026 Executive Partner Summit by outlining Geronimo Power's strategic evolution since its acquisition by Brookfield and examining how changing market dynamics have shaped its approach to development and partnership. While remaining farmer-founded and community-focused, Geronimo Power has solidified its position as an industry leader, delivering powered land solutions for hyperscalers and data center customers while partnering closely with utilities and the communities they serve.

This session will introduce the agenda for the remainder of the Summit and highlight the speakers who will help guide conversations over the coming days. Drawing on real-world examples from three active data center projects, the discussion will highlight how distinct utility relationships demand different development strategies, underscoring the value of a flexible, non-monolithic business model. With more than 20 years of development experience, Geronimo Power continues to lead local development, enable scalable hyperscale growth, and deliver solutions both in front of and behind the meter.

### OPENING REMARKS



**Blake Nixon**  
President and CEO,  
Geronimo Power

### FEATURED SPEAKER



**David Reamer**  
Chief Development Officer,  
Geronimo Power



9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

## Power at Pace: Partnership Models for AI-Driven Load Growth

As data center growth accelerates alongside AI and high-performance computing, the electric power system is reaching a critical inflection point. Utilities and developers face growing pressure to deliver power faster, more reliably, and at scale, often within planning frameworks not designed for today’s pace of demand. In response, data center developers, generation developers, and utilities are exploring new partnership models to better align load growth with available supply. This panel will examine how these partnerships support faster power delivery by combining onsite generation with traditional utility supply and reducing interconnection delays through closer coordination of generation and load development. The discussion will also explore how localized, flexible resources can improve grid reliability and limit infrastructure upgrades, while supporting community engagement, economic growth, and scalable power solutions for the future of energy infrastructure.

### PANELISTS



**Adam Tromblay**  
CEO and General Manager,  
Nobles Cooperative Electric



**Javier Fernandez**  
President and CEO,  
Omaha Public Power District



**Steve Schoeneck**  
VP Retail Operations,  
Otter Tail Power Company

### MODERATOR



**Ryan Butterfield**  
Vice President of Strategy,  
Geronimo Power

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10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Virtual

## A Federal View of the Grid: FERC Perspectives on Large-Load Growth and Reliability

As data-driven industries expand and large-scale data center development accelerates, the electric grid is confronting unprecedented load growth that challenges existing planning, operational, and regulatory frameworks. While demand can materialize rapidly, transmission and generation investments require long lead times, creating a growing mismatch between system readiness and commercial timelines. The size and concentration of these loads also raise fundamental questions around reliability, cost allocation, and equity, with implications for utilities, customers, and regulators alike. In this keynote, FERC Commissioner David Rosner will examine how federal policy and regulatory tools can help address these pressures, exploring the role of coordination, cost recovery, and market design in supporting grid reliability while enabling economic growth, national security objectives, and a fair transition as demand continues to evolve.

### FEATURED SPEAKER



**David Rosner**  
Commissioner, Federal Energy  
Regulatory Commission

### MODERATOR



**Matt Morais**  
Senior Director of Policy,  
Geronimo Power

# Thursday General Sessions

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

## Reliability at Scale: How ISOs and RTOs Are Preparing for the Next Wave of Demand

As hyperscale technologies drive unprecedented near-term and forecasted increases in electricity demand, the nation's electric grids are entering a period of heightened strain and structural change. While all regions of the country are seeing interest from hyperscale loads, certain competitive regions of the country are forecasting significant growth. PJM, MISO, SPP, and ERCOT are expecting substantial growth. In response to these circumstances the ISOs and RTOs are actively exploring effective means of meeting these challenges with their stakeholders and regulators.

This panel will examine these load growth challenges through both a national lens and the perspectives of individual regions. Panelists will discuss key policy considerations, market reforms, and specific initiatives under evaluation across PJM, MISO, SPP, and ERCOT, highlighting how each region is adapting to accelerating demand and what these responses signal for the future of grid planning and operations.

### PANELISTS



**Aubrey Johnson**

Vice President, System Planning and Competitive Transmission, MISO



**Natasha Henderson**

Senior Director, Grid Asset Utilization, SPP



**Timothy Burdis**

Director, State Policy Solutions, PJM



**Chad V. Seely**

Senior Vice President, Regulatory Policy, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary, ERCOT

### MODERATOR



**Matt Morais**

Senior Director of Policy, Geronimo Power

# Backyard Pitmasters BBQ Class

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | HOP SQUAD BREWING CO.



Dive into a 90-minute, high energy BBQ experience that is as fun as it is flavorful. Led by expert pitmasters, this hands-on class features live demonstrations, interactive Q and A, and easy-to-follow guidance on authentic Texas-style techniques, from trimming and seasoning to mastering temperature control and smoke profiles. Hosted in a laid-back brewery or bar with complimentary drinks, each guest also takes home a 56-page guidebook and wraps up the experience by enjoying a full Texas BBQ spread with classic sides. It's an unforgettable way to learn, sip, and savor like a true pitmaster.

# Wild West Adventure

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | LONE STAR RANCH



Step into an authentic Texas ranch experience that blends adventure, relaxation, and true Hill Country charm. Guests will saddle up for scenic horseback trail rides through forests and open meadows, then test their aim during a professionally guided shotgun trap shoot, all led by experts with a strong focus on safety and fun. After enjoying both signature activities, guests will unwind in true Texas style with Tex-Mex appetizers and cocktails at the onsite Saloon. Adventure seekers will love getting a firsthand taste of authentic Austin cowboy culture.

# Tesla Gigafactory Tour

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | TESLA GIGAFACTORY



Geronimo Power is pleased to partner with Tesla to offer an exclusive 30-minute tour of the state-of-the-art Tesla Gigafactory for Executive Partner Summit attendees. Join the tour for an inside look at Tesla's global headquarters and one of the most advanced manufacturing facilities in the world, where innovation, scale, and cutting-edge AI technology come together to shape the future of electric vehicles.

# Golf

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | OMNI BARTON CREEK RESORT & SPA



Tee off on one of two renowned championship courses set against the stunning backdrop of the Texas Hill Country. With rolling terrain, limestone cliffs, and sweeping panoramic views, each course offers a rewarding blend of challenge and playability for golfers of all skill levels. Enjoy pristine fairways and beautifully maintained greens, along with a seamless outing that includes foursomes, cart and club rentals as needed, and boxed lunches with drinks. This experience has everything you need for an exceptional day on the course.

## ATTIRE

Golfers are expected to be appropriately attired in slacks or hemmed walking shorts. Fashions designed specifically for golf are acceptable. Men's and women's fashion collar-less golf shirts and women's sleeveless golf shirts are acceptable. Blue jeans and denims are not considered proper attire. Jagged or ribbed/soled jogging footwear, track spikes or rubber spiked shoes (other than those specifically designed for golf) may not be worn while using the golf facilities. Non-metal spikes or soft spikes are mandatory at courses and practice facilities.

## RULES

All golfers must adhere to the rules set by the golf professional. The expected pace of play is four hours and fifteen minutes. Course marshals have full discretion to help accommodate this pace. Golf pairings are required 24 hours in advance. Golfers should arrive at the pro shop 30 minutes prior to tee time.

## PRO SHOPS

All courses offer a full-service pro shop featuring a wide range of golf attire and equipment. Shirts, hats, golf balls, golf clubs, accessories and other merchandise are available with the Omni Barton Creek logo. Gift cards may be used anywhere in the resort and are a perfect option for tournament prizes. Cards may be purchased in advance through your CSM or arranged on-site.



# Thursday Dinner Reception in Austin

7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | BRAZOS HALL



Join us for an evening at Brazos Hall, a premier downtown Austin venue for events, featuring an open-air setting with scenic views of the city skyline. Enjoy a buffet-style dinner, live music by Beth // James, and time to network with fellow attendees. Shuttle transportation will be provided from the Omni to Brazos Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will run continuously throughout the evening, with the final pickup from Brazos Hall at 10:00 p.m.

**Looking for fun things to do while in Austin?  
Check out the guide in your Executive Partner Summit folder!**



# Austin Map



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# Friday, April 24

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast and Morning Networking</b>	Prefunction & Darrell Royal Ballroom
8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Morning Welcome</b> David Reamer	Darrell Royal Ballroom
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12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A with Geronimo Power</b> David Reamer	Darrell Royal Ballroom
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>	Darrell Royal Ballroom

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# Friday General Sessions

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Virtual

## Energy, Infrastructure, and Economic Growth: A Conversation with Congressman Dusty Johnson

As federal policy increasingly influences the pace and direction of energy and data center infrastructure development, understanding Washington's role has become critical for industry stakeholders.

Join Congressman Dusty Johnson of South Dakota for a discussion examining the intersection of federal policy, energy development, and economic growth.

Drawing on a pragmatic perspective, Congressman Johnson will explore how current policy approaches to infrastructure, transmission, and emerging sectors such as data center development are shaping investment decisions and project viability. The conversation will offer insight into the evolving policy landscape and its implications for the future of American energy development and capital deployment.

### FEATURED SPEAKER



**Congressman Dusty Johnson**  
U.S. House of Representatives

### MODERATOR



**Justin Pickar**  
Senior Director of Origination,  
Geronimo Power

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9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

## Power Under Pressure: Are We Ready to Meet the Moment?

With U.S. utilities planning to integrate roughly 180 GW of new large loads to their systems through 2030, data center expansion is rewriting the rules of the nation's power and gas markets. AI-driven electricity demand, shifting supply chains, and evolving policy incentives are redefining power and renewables investment dynamics in 2026 and beyond. The data center boom has become a forcing function, not only for how rapidly innovation occurs, but for how effectively deployment keeps pace. In doing so, it is reshaping the industry's understanding of reliability, resilience, and readiness in a clean energy future.

### FEATURED SPEAKER



**Chris Seiple**  
Vice Chairman,  
Wood Mackenzie

### MODERATOR



**John Larkey**  
Senior Director of Strategic Business  
Development, Geronimo Power

# Friday General Sessions

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

## Electric Rate Impacts: Evidence, Perceptions, and Predictions for the Future

As data center growth accelerates and power demand intensifies, public perception and reality rarely match, especially when it comes to electricity rates. What does the data show? What do surveys on public perception show? Are rising rates being accurately attributed or are misconceptions shaping opposition and policy? This panel will unpack the evidence behind rate impacts, examining proposed and implemented large-load tariffs, utility cost recovery strategies, and regulatory approaches across the country.

Panelists will explore how these realities contrast with public sentiment, how misinformation affects permitting and investment decisions, and what can be done to close the perception gap. The conversation will look ahead to how rates and perceptions are likely to evolve and how the industry can better inform communities, regulators, and policymakers to ensure affordability, reliability, and understanding move hand-in-hand.

### PANELISTS



**Mark Gusakov**  
CEO,  
The Digital Infrastructure Alliance



**Cameron Poursoltan**  
Senior Manager, Energy Policy – Texas,  
Data Center Coalition



**Chris Seiple**  
Vice Chairman,  
Wood Mackenzie



**Ann Benson Monn**  
Manager, Renewable Energy Resources,  
Great River Energy

### MODERATOR



**Drew Terwilliger**  
Executive Consultant,  
Geronimo Power



# Friday General Sessions

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

## Community-First Engagement: Turning Dialogue into Development

As power and data center infrastructure development accelerates, effective community engagement has become a critical determinant of project success and public trust. In an environment marked by heightened skepticism and organized opposition, developers, utilities, cooperatives, and data centers face growing pressure to address misinformation, manage local dynamics, and communicate transparently with communities. This panel will examine where community engagement efforts have succeeded and where they have fallen short, highlighting how local sentiment and stakeholder (mis)alignment influence whether a project prevails or derails.

Panelists will explore how organizations are evolving engagement strategies amid increasing demands for efficiency and accountability, including how tailored, community-specific approaches influence outcomes through the lens of return on investment. The discussion will also focus on how tools such as in-person engagement, digital platforms, and media outreach can be leveraged to foster sustained dialogue and translate engagement into project development.

### PANELISTS



**Mike Casey**

President and Founder,  
Tigercomm



**Brent Bergland**

Vice President Project Development,  
Mortenson



**Joab Ortiz**

Senior Project Manager,  
Stakeholder Management Solutions,  
Burns & McDonnell



**Josh Moenning**

Director,  
New Power Nebraska

### MODERATOR



**Lindsay T. Smith**

Vice President of External Affairs and  
Communications, Geronimo Power

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Q&A with Geronimo Power

### MODERATOR



**David Reamer**

Chief Development Officer,  
Geronimo Power

# Speaker Biographies



## **Brent Bergland**

Vice President Project Development, Mortenson

Brent is a 30-year veteran of Mortenson and leads the Data Centers + Energy market sector, spearheading the convergence of hyperscale data centers and gigawatt-scale energy generation and storage. The driving force behind Mortenson's Energy Storage business since its launch in 2015, his leadership has propelled the company to the #1 ENR ranking for energy storage contractors every year of the award's existence. He brings multi-national experience, having delivered complex utility-scale projects across the U.S., Canada, and Australia. Brent holds a B.S. from North Dakota State University.



## **Timothy Burdis**

Director, State Policy Solutions, PJM

Timothy serves as Director of State Policy Solutions at PJM, harmonizing state electricity policies with wholesale market design. His team specifically focuses on offshore wind and clean energy development, resource adequacy, grid modernization, and grid security. With two decades of experience at PJM, his previous leadership roles involved managing portfolios related to corporate governance, regulatory filings, long-term corporate strategy, and state government engagement. He holds an M.S. in Engineering from West Virginia University and is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



## **Ryan Butterfield**

Vice President of Strategy, Geronimo Power

Ryan is Vice President of Strategy at Geronimo Power, where he leads planning for powered data parks, new development investments, and the integration of renewable and dispatchable energy. He plays a key role in shaping the company's long-term growth strategy. He joined Geronimo Power in 2022, bringing experience across wind, solar, and energy storage, including leadership roles at NextEra Energy focused on operational strategy and performance. Ryan's expertise spans design optimization and economic dispatch, and he holds two U.S. patents. He holds a Master of Science from Minnesota State University.



### **Mike Casey**

President and Founder, Tigercomm

Mike brings more than 40 years of experience designing winning communication strategies for cleantech executives and investors. As a leading innovator in cleantech marketing, PR, and public affairs, he has authored groundbreaking analyses and presented at more than two dozen major conferences. A communications veteran of the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and two presidential campaigns, Mike also co-hosts Renewable Energy World's podcast, *This Week in Cleantech*.



### **Javier Fernandez**

President and CEO, Omaha Public Power District

Javier has served as President and CEO of the Omaha Public Power District since July 2021, previously joining as vice president and CFO in 2017. He came to OPPD from the Bonneville Power Administration, where he was executive vice president and CFO. With extensive experience in public finance and utility management, he holds a B.A. in Economics from ITAM in Mexico City and an M.B.A. from Yale University.



### **Mark Gusakov**

CEO, The Digital Infrastructure Alliance

Mark is the CEO of The Digital Infrastructure Alliance and serves as managing partner of Conn3ct Data. As a globally recognized speaker on energy, edge computing, and facility resiliency, his a 20-year career spans automation, process control, and value-added consulting. Passionate about aligning data centers with nuclear power, he advises the DOE, EPRI, and the Idaho National Laboratory. Mark holds an ATS Accreditation from the Uptime Institute and Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt certification.

# Speaker Biographies



## **Natasha Henderson**

Senior Director, Grid Asset Utilization, Southwest Power Pool

Natasha brings 20 years of electric utility experience to SPP. As senior director of Grid Asset Utilization, she leads Generation Interconnection Transmission Service and Resource Adequacy for both the Western and Eastern Interconnections to plan a reliable bulk electric system. Her recent efforts involve SPP's Consolidated Planning Process and High Impact Large Load assessments. Previously, as director of System Planning, she managed long-term power supply strategy and directed ERCOT market compliance. She holds a master's in economics from Wichita State University.



## **Aubrey Johnson**

Vice President, System Planning and Competitive Transmission, MISO

Aubrey is the Vice President of System Planning and Competitive Transmission for MISO's future system needs, including reliability and expansion planning, transmission cost allocation, and competitive transmission developer selection. He brings more than 25 years of energy industry experience, with prior leadership roles at Public Service Company of New Mexico, GE Energy Services, and Southern Company.



## **FEATURED SPEAKER | VIRTUAL**

### **Congressman Dusty Johnson**

U.S. House of Representatives

Dusty Johnson brings an energetic and optimistic style to Washington as South Dakota's lone voice in the U.S. House of Representatives. An outspoken leader on issues related to border security, countering China, and welfare reform, he serves on the Select Committee on China, Agriculture Committee, and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He also chairs the Republican Main Street Caucus, a group of 80 solutions-focused conservatives. Prior to being elected to Congress, he served as chief of staff to the Governor and as vice president of an engineering firm specializing in rural telecommunications. Dusty lives in Mitchell with his wife and three sons.



### **John Larkey**

Senior Director of Strategic Business Development, Geronimo Power

John currently serves as Senior Director, Strategic Business Development for Geronimo Power, where he leads the company's growth and commercial activities as an Independent Power Producer (IPP). Prior to joining the commercial team, he served as Vice President, Power Marketing, where he established the company's trading and market activities, functions, and process. Previously he served as the company's Vice President, Origination.



### **Josh Moening**

Director, New Power Nebraska

Josh serves as Director of New Power Nebraska, a state affiliate of the American Clean Power Association, and operates a small business in renewable energy development and public affairs. A dedicated public servant, he served as mayor of Norfolk, Nebraska, from 2016 to 2024. His extensive public affairs background includes work in the Nebraska Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as serving as executive director of 4 Lanes 4 Nebraska. He holds a journalism degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



### **Ann Benson Monn**

Manager, Renewable Energy Resources, Great River Energy

Ann serves as Manager of Renewable Energy Resources in Great River Energy's Resource Planning department. Previously a Senior Portfolio Modeler, she led the organization's EnCompass modeling software work. Prior to joining Great River Energy, she gained valuable industry experience working in transmission planning at MISO. Her diverse background also includes managing education and volunteer programs at nonprofit organizations. Ann holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Minnesota and a B.A. from Middlebury College.

# Speaker Biographies



## **Matt Morais**

Senior Director of Policy, Geronimo Power

Matt is the Senior Director of Policy at Geronimo Power. Prior to joining the company, Matt worked for PJM, ERCOT, and SPP in roles with a focus on the legal, regulatory, and policy aspects of organized electric markets in the U.S. In his role at Geronimo Power, he oversees the company's interests in ISO/RTO regions and matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.



## **Blake Nixon**

President and CEO, Geronimo Power

Blake is the President & CEO of Geronimo Power, leading its growth into a leading independent North American power development company. With extensive experience in private equity and venture capital, he has shaped investment strategies and portfolio management across the renewable energy and financial sectors. Blake holds a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Washington and studied at The London School of Economics.



## **Joab Ortiz**

Senior Project Manager, Stakeholder Management Solutions,  
Burns & McDonnell

Joab is Senior Project Manager at Burns & McDonnell, where he leads public involvement and stakeholder engagement efforts for clients across the United States. With more than 25 years of experience in marketing and communications, he designs and executes engagement strategies for electric utilities, developers, and local governments. His experience spans transportation, transmission, and generation projects, with a focus on building relationships with local interest groups and diverse populations.



### **Justin Pickar**

Senior Director of Origination, Geronimo Power

Justin is Senior Director of Origination at Geronimo Power, where he leads the origination and development of wind, solar, and battery storage projects across the Midwest and Great Plains. With nearly two decades of experience in renewable energy, he focuses on building partnerships with utilities, cooperatives, and large energy users, aligning generation with the growing needs of data centers and other large loads.



### **Cameron Poursoltan**

Senior Manager, Energy Policy – Texas, Data Center Coalition

Cameron is Senior Manager of Energy Policy – Texas at the Data Center Coalition, where he leads the organization's energy policy efforts in the state and represents the data center industry. With a decade of government experience, he previously served as a senior policy advisor at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and as Legislative Director for U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul, advancing legislation focused on cybersecurity and critical technologies. Cameron holds an M.P.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and a B.S. from Texas A&M University.

### **FEATURED SPEAKER**



### **David Reamer**

Chief Development Officer, Geronimo Power

David is the Chief Development Officer at Geronimo Power and former President of Geronimo Energy. He has over 25 years of experience as a founder, CEO, and investor in technology companies and the energy industry. With a B.S. from the University of Minnesota, his customer-first approach to business has driven his career from venture-backed entrepreneurial startups to executive roles in the boardroom.

# Speaker Biographies



## FEATURED SPEAKER | VIRTUAL

### David Rosner

Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

David is a Commissioner at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where he focuses on energy technologies, market design, and energy policy. He joined FERC in June 2024 and served as Chairman from August to October 2025. Before his appointment, he served as an energy industry analyst at FERC and spent two years on detail to the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. He holds master's degrees in economics and public policy from American University and a B.A. in Economics from Tufts University.



### Steve Schoeneck

Vice President, Retail Operations, Otter Tail Power Company

Steve is the Vice President of Retail Operations at Otter Tail Power Company, overseeing sales, distribution, labor, construction, and customer care. He brings over 25 years of experience in electric utilities and deregulated energy services across sales, operations, sourcing, and accounting. His previous experience spans economic development and public accounting roles. Steve holds a B.S. in Management and Accounting from Minnesota State University, Moorhead.



### Chad V. Seely

Senior Vice President, Regulatory Policy, General Counsel,  
Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary, ERCOT

Chad leads legal, compliance, security, and governance efforts at ERCOT, where he has served as general counsel since 2016. He oversees state and federal policy, litigation strategy, corporate communications, and client services, as well as ERCOT's Reliability Monitor function under the direction of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. His career at ERCOT began in 2005, following legal work at the Texas Department of Insurance. A Texas Tech alum, Chad also holds a law degree from South Texas College of Law.

## FEATURED SPEAKER



### **Chris Seiple**

Vice Chairman, Wood Mackenzie

Chris is the Vice Chairman of Wood Mackenzie's Power & Renewables division where he is responsible for senior stakeholder engagement, thought leadership, and advising on strategic direction. With 30 years of global power industry experience, Chris travels extensively and regularly presents to senior industry, policy, and financial community stakeholders across the value chain of the power industry.



### **Lindsay T. Smith**

Vice President, External Affairs and Communications, Geronimo Power

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Drew advises Geronimo Power as an independent energy consultant, focusing on development strategy, commercial leadership, and deal structuring. He spent more than a decade at the company (2011–2024), most recently serving as vice president, Commercial. During his tenure, Drew held senior responsibilities across project finance, power purchase agreement negotiation, investment underwriting, and business development. He holds a B.S. in Finance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Adam is CEO and General Manager of Nobles Cooperative Electric, where he leads the organization with a focus on people, collaboration, and purpose. He began his career at the cooperative in 2007 as member service manager, dedicated to building a strong, unified team to serve the membership. Prior to joining Nobles, he gained extensive experience in agriculture and cooperative operations with Farmer's Cooperative and Cenex Harvest States. Adam holds a B.S. in Agronomy from Iowa State University.





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