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Reprioritizing Affordability for modernizing the grid

At GridFWD 2026, the full spectrum of grid stakeholders will delve into the factors pushing costs higher as well as technology, process, regulatory, policy and business measures we must take to keep electricity affordable for all.

Obsolescent infrastructure

Extreme events

Increasing demand

Stretched supply chains

Shifting policies

Themes driving this GridFWD 2026 Program

➤ **STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS & TECHNOLOGY**
across the T&D grid, from generation to the meter.

➤ **EFFECTIVE GRID UTILIZATION**
through energy orchestration and leveraging customer resources.

➤ **RATE DESIGN & COST CAUSATION**
to consider new and escalating loads and benefit attribution for all customers.

➤ **LOAD GROWTH, NEW RESOURCES & FLEXIBILITY**
to leverage growing demand, on-site assets and beneficial load.

➤ **CAPITAL EFFICIENCY**
to take viable options to modernizing the grid for the least cost.

➤ **POLICY & REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS**
to support long-term affordability and innovation.

➤ **CUSTOMER AGENCY & SAFEGUARDS**
to empower customers and safeguard vulnerable populations.

GridFWD 2026 Agenda at a Glance

Two incredibly valuable days of learning, sharing and connecting around the imperative of putting affordability back in front of grid modernization efforts.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

1:00 PM	NARUC/NASEO Workshop 	
1:00 PM	Torus GigaOne factory tour	
2:00 PM	Torus GigaOne factory tour Sold out	
3:00 PM	Torus GigaOne factory tour	
4:00–7:00 PM	Registration	

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:15 AM	Opening Session with Torus, PJM, AWEC, NV Energy, CO Office of Utility Consumer Advocate		
9:30 AM	Main Sessions	Case Studies	
10:45 AM	Main Sessions	Huddle Discussions	
Noon	Networking Lunch	Grid Innovation Pitch Competition	Utilize Coalition Workshop Noon - 2:00 PM 
1:00 PM	Google Accelerator Program	Conference Connectors	
2:00 PM	Innovation Pavilion (2:00 - 4:30 PM)	Conference Connectors	
2:30 PM	Main Session	Huddle Discussions	SEPA Workshop 2:30 - 4:30 PM 
3:30 PM	Main Session	Case Studies	Huddles
4:30 PM	Closing Session with Entergy, North Wasco PUD and Toronto Hydro		
5:15 PM	Networking Social on the Patio		

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 AM	Opening Session with AEP Texas and Overstory		
9:30 AM	Main Sessions	Case Studies	Innovation Pavilion (9:30 AM - noon)
10:30 AM	SECC Workshop 10 AM - Noon 		
11:00 AM	Main Sessions	Huddle Discussions	
Noon	Networking Lunch	Pitch Competition Finals	Working Lunch - State Viewpoints
1:15 PM	Main Sessions	Huddle Discussions	Case Studies
2:15 PM	Closing Session with Brattle Group, Google and Grid Forward		

Meet some of the speakers and leaders for sessions, discussions and workshops

From utilities and solution providers to NGOs and national labs, over 100 senior-level experts like these will join you at GridFWD 2026.



Michele Beck
Director
*Utah Office of
Consumer Services*



Mike Delaney
VP of Strategy
and Growth
PG&E



Craig Eller
SVP, Resource Strategy
& Development
PacifiCorp



Bill Gaines
Executive Director
AWEC



Cara Goldenberg
Principal
RMI



Carrie Hearne
Executive Director
*Energy Commission of
Virginia*



Pat Hoffman
former Assistant
Secretary
U.S. Dept. of Energy



Adam Keech
Senior VP
PJM



Shiv Kumar
Vice President
Operations
ENMAX



Laura Landreaux
CEO Arkansas
Entergy



Ann McCabe
Commissioner
*Illinois Commerce
Commission*



Luigi Montana
CEO
envelio



Sarah Moskowitz
Executive Director
*Illinois Citizens Utility
Board*



Jana Mosely
President & CEO
Toronto Hydro



Jeff Ressler
CEO
*Clean Power
Research*



Chris Robinson
Power GM
*Tacoma Public
Utilities*



Adrian Rodriguez
President & COO
AEP Texas



Josh Ryor
Principal Northeast
Region
RAP



Raiford Smith
Global Head Power
Google



Fiona Sprull
CEO
Overstory



Marie Steele
VP Business
Technology Integration
NV Energy



Michelle Vargo
SVP Energy
Operations
Puget Sound Energy



Nate Walkingshaw
Founder and CEO
Torus



Rep. Raymond Ward
*Utah House of
Representatives*



Ted Zalucki
CEO
*Engineered
Intelligence*

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Only at GridFWD 2026: advancing affordability through a spectrum of in-depth sessions

Affordability is a multi-dimensional challenge. Our rich collection of session topics will reveal the latest expert approaches to manage energy costs and maintain customer affordability. No matter where you work in today's energy ecosystem, you'll find inspiration and practical solutions to adopt.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Opening Plenary: Why Energy Affordability is So Crucial Now (and Always)			
8:30AM		Nate Walkingshaw Founder and CEO <i>Torus</i>	
			Adam Keech Senior VP <i>PJM</i>
		Bill Gaines Executive Director <i>AWEC</i>	
		Marie Steele VP Business Technology Integration <i>NV Energy</i>	
			Joe Pereira Director <i>CO Office of Utility Consumer Advocate</i>
▾ STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS & TECHNOLOGY			
9:30AM	Smarter Spending: Unlocking Value and Boosting Efficiency with Data		
	• Erik Helland, Former Commissioner, <i>Iowa Utility Commission</i> • Marcelo Sandoval, Director of Advanced Grid Solutions, <i>Landis + Gyr</i> • Kevin Schneider, Laboratory Fellow, <i>PNNL</i> • Mike Delaney, Vice President of Utility Partnerships & Innovation, <i>PG&E</i> • Mike Hejmej, CEO, <i>Senpilot</i> • Nadav Enbar, Program Manager, <i>EPRI</i>		
▾ RATE DESIGN & COST CAUSATION			
9:30AM	Understanding the Drivers: What is Really Impacting Electricity Prices		
	• Cara Goldenberg, Principal, <i>RMI</i> • Julia Selker, Executive Director, <i>WATT Coalition</i> • Peter Cappers, Staff Scientist, <i>Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory</i> • Rich Sedano, Former CEO, <i>RAP</i>		
▾ LOAD GROWTH, NEW RESOURCES & FLEXIBILITY			
10:45AM	The Golden Ticket: Increasing Distributed Capacity, Grid Capacity and Data Center Engagement		
	• Nate Walkingshaw, Founder and CEO, <i>Torus</i> • Craig Eller, SVP, Business Development and Customer Experience, <i>PacifiCorp</i> • Marie Steele, VP, Business Technology Integration, <i>NV Energy</i> • Priyam Chakravarty, Principal Director, Transmission & Distribution, <i>Accenture</i> • Nikodern Pancewicz, Energy Strategy, <i>Equinix</i>		
▾ CAPITAL EFFICIENCY			
10:45AM	Creating A Practical Roadmap for Integrated Plans and Grid Investments		
	• Damien Quentin, Head of Strategy, <i>Engineered Intelligence, Inc.</i> • Heide Caswell, <i>OR PUC</i> • Julia Frayer, Managing Director, <i>London Economics International</i> • Maryam Nazemi, <i>PG&E</i> • Matt Rettagliata, Head of Energy Solutions, <i>Google</i>		
▾ RATE DESIGN & COST CAUSATION			
2:30PM	Turning Rate Design into a Dynamic Affordability Tool		
	• Jaki Ferchland, Senior Manager, Pricing, Tariff, and Cost Recovery, <i>Portland General Electric</i> • Anthony Star, Senior Principal, <i>Synapse Energy Economics</i> • Emma Rodvien, <i>RAP</i> • Akilan Kapilan, Industry Advisor, <i>Microsoft</i>		
▾ CUSTOMER AGENCY & SAFEGUARDS			
3:30PM	Beyond Customer Protection: Solutions for Customer Agency and Self-Determination		
	• Brandy Chambers, Director of Customer Decarbonization and Demand Response, <i>Eversource Energy</i> • Christopher Porter, VP, Grid Edge at Resource Innovations, <i>Resource Innovations</i> • Rep. Raymond Ward, <i>Utah House of Representatives</i> • Michele Beck, Executive Director, <i>Utah Office of Consumer Services</i> • Amy McGuire, Director, Grid Intelligence Strategy, <i>Sense</i>		
Closing Session: Keeping Both Modernization Moving and Rates Affordable			
4:30PM		Laura Landreau CEO Arkansas <i>Entergy</i>	
			Humaira Falkenberg Chief Resources Officer <i>North Wasco PUD</i>
		Jana Mosley CEO <i>Toronto Hydro</i>	

Plan to Attend All of Wednesday's Sessions

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

OPENING SESSION: How Investment in Resilience Can Enhance Energy Affordability

8:30AM



Adrian Rodriguez
President & COO
AEP Texas



Fiona Sprull
CEO
Overstory

▾ LOAD GROWTH, NEW RESOURCES & FLEXIBILITY

9:30AM

How Flexible Interconnection Moves the Needle on Cost-Benefit Choices

- Jeff Ressler, CEO, **Clean Power Research**® • Maeve Allsup, Founding Reporter, **Latitude Media**
- Patrick Bogle, Director, Data Center Strategy, **APS** • Leah Newman, Sr Account Manager, Infrastructure, **ESRI**
- Carrie Simpson, VP Markets, **SPP**

▾ EFFECTIVE GRID UTILIZATION

9:30AM

Two for One: Lowering Costs for Utilities and Consumers Through Grid Orchestration

- Cara Goldenberg, Principal, **RMI** • Jaime Kolln, Applied Grid Architecture Program Lead, **Pacific Northwest National Lab** • Jon Olson, Director - Energy Trading, Contracts & Market Policy, **SMUD** • Kay Aikin, Founder -Chief Product Officer, **Dynamic Grid/Introspective Systems** • Payam Yeganeh, Sr. Managing Director, Technology Solutions, **Black and Veatch** • Giovanni Herazo, Head of Solution Architecture, Digital Grid, **Schneider Electric**

▾ CAPITAL EFFICIENCY

11:00AM

Making Hard Choices: Utility Hardening While Balancing Affordability

- Dennis Mabe, CEO, **Randolph EMC** • Jessica Driscoll, AVP, Grid Modernization, **WSP** • Nathaniel (Nat) Skinner, Deputy Director of Energy at the Public Advocates Office, **California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)**
- Quentin Rogers, VP of Strategic Development, **Powder River Electric Cooperative**

▾ STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS & TECHNOLOGY

11:00AM

Aligning Regulatory Incentives for Digital Infrastructure

- Ann McCabe, Commissioner, **IL Commerce Commission** • Anupam Gehani, Energy Transition Leader, **Accenture** • Josh Ryor, Principal, Northeast Region, **RAP** • Luigi Montana, CEO, **envelio**

▾ POLICY & REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

12:00PM

State of Play: What States are Doing to Address Grid Affordability

- Lindsey Mayer, **Utah Office of Energy Development**
- Carrie Hearne, Executive Director, **Energy Commission of Virginia**

▾ POLICY & REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

1:15PM

Making the Right Call: Regulatory Alternatives for Promoting Affordability

- Rich Sedano, former CEO, **RAP** • Kristin Munsch, Senior Associate General Counsel, **Commonwealth Edison**
- Mark Kolesar, Principal, **Kolesar Buchanan & Associates Limited** • Sarah Moskowitz, Executive Director, **Illinois Citizens Utility Board**

Closing Plenary: Reprioritizing Affordability by Modernizing the Grid

Announcement of Pitch Competition Winner

2:15PM



Raiford Smith
Global Head, Power
Google



Peter Fox-Penner
Principal
Brattle Group



Case studies reveal the latest tech and tactics for affordable power delivery

GridFWD 2026 will feature case studies, presented by utilities and their tech partners, showing practical, real-world results of advanced tech and new approaches for reducing price pressures on energy.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

▮ EFFECTIVE GRID UTILIZATION

Unlocking Hidden Capacity: Reprioritizing Affordability through Adaptive Protection

• Colin Scoble, Senior Protection Engineer, **UK Power Networks** • Sandro Aquiles-Perez, Grid Scale X, **Siemens**

▮ LOAD GROWTH, NEW RESOURCES & FLEXIBILITY

Quantifying Managed EV Charging and V2G-Based Storage as a Flexible Resource

• Kari Montirichard, Senior Manager Capacity Products, **BC Hydro** • Jeff Davis, CEO, **Asset Market**

▮ CUSTOMER AGENCY & SAFEGUARDS

A Fresh Look at Leading Practices for Income-Qualified Program

• Gabriella Siegfried, Project Manager - Sustainability, Community Initiatives, and Affordability, **EPRI**

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Using Grid-Edge Intelligence for Grid Operations and TOU Use Cases

• Denver Hinds, R&D Load Flex Lead, **SMUD** • Martijn Hemelrijk, VP of Sales and Business Development North America, **NET2GRID**

▮ LOAD GROWTH, NEW RESOURCES & FLEXIBILITY

How Multi-day Thermal Storage Boosts Grid Utilization without Increasing Rates

• **Antora** • **Otter Tail Power Company**

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▮ EFFECTIVE GRID UTILIZATION

Smarter Grid Planning to Control Energy Costs and Maximize Infrastructure Utilization

• Iorian Hintz, Project Lead, **Avacon AG (E.On)** • Luigi Montana, CEO, **envelio**

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Using Predictive Analytics to Target Transmission Spend and Unnecessary Replacements

• Andrew Davies, Chief Development Office, **EKN Engineering** • Chris Nguyen, Senior Manager - Transmission Line Engineer, **PG&E**

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From Data Silos to Semantic Intelligence: A Journey to AI-Enabled Grid and Asset Operations

• Shiv Kumar, Vice President, Operations, Asset and Grid Modernization, **ENMAX** • Ankur Mishra, Senior Account Executive, **Microsoft**



Learn, share and explore in our interactive, small-group huddle discussions

GridFWD attendees love the chance to gather in smaller groups and work together on an issue, led by a topic-area expert. You can choose the ones that fit your interests and experience and responsibilities.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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The Megawatts You Don't Build: Can Shaping Flexible Demand Defer the Next Upgrade, and Reach Customer Bills?



RATE DESIGN & COST CAUSATION

Rate Cases and the Affordability Equation: A Regulator's View



Idaho Public Utilities Commission



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Connecting Customer Programs to Grid Operations



RECURVE

LOAD GROWTH, NEW RESOURCES & FLEXIBILITY

Is BYODC Really the "Win-Win" for Large Loads and Consumers



TESLA

RATE DESIGN & COST CAUSATION

Do Data Centers Raise Rates? Rethinking Risk, Growth and System Stability



Energy + Environmental Economics



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Scaling Innovation without breaking the bank



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Making Distributed Capacity Real and Real Fast: Meaningfully integrating DERs into Modern Resource Planning



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Is Your Next Grid Modernization Project Really a Meter Project - or a Data Project



CUSTOMER AGENCY & SAFEGUARDS

Beyond Bill Assistance: Reducing Energy Burden From the Ground Up



RATE DESIGN & COST CAUSATION

Bending the Rate Curve



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Balancing the Risk and Benefits of AI



See affordability in action first-hand in the Innovation Pavilion

Back by popular demand: In the Innovation Pavilion, energy system participants will show “in the field” technical, process and business solutions, creating a strong nexus to solving current challenges to system affordability.



STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS & TECHNOLOGY

Validating Technologies with DLC’s Grid Modernization Technology Lab



Deploying Giga-Strength Advanced Steel-Core Conductors



Reinforcing Aging Utility Poles to Extend Their Service Life



Finding True Capacity With an Intelligent Digital Twin



Valuing Grid Edge Risk and Opportunity for Right-Sized Distribution System Investments



Creating On-Line Situational Awareness from Existing Fiber



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Managing DERs, Deferring Costly Upgrades and Supporting Affordability



Using an Asset Management Solution for Quantified System Outcomes



Coordinating Loads and Resources with a Grid-Edge Energy Orchestration Platform



Evaluating Grid Condition Continuously for Dynamic Congestion Management



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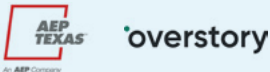
Automating DER Connection Processes with AI



Gaining Complete Digital Visibility into Assets



Improving Grid Risk Intelligence to Maximize the Impact of Resource Allocation



CAPITAL EFFICIENCY

Building Evidence-Backed Capital Plans



Prioritizing Capital Interventions Based on Actual Conditions



Pinpointing Timely Grid Investments Without Compromising Reliability



Transforming Grid Planning Into a Streamlined Process



Using Drones for Efficient Maintenance and Risk Management





Master new approaches to energy affordability with in-event workshops

GridFWD 2026 incorporates four intensive and interactive workshops into the schedule, all led by master practitioners for making energy more available and less expensive.

▮ CUSTOMER AGENCY & SAFEGUARDS

Aligning Electricity Planning Processes to Meet Load Growth and Affordability Goals

With today's explosive load growth, states need to ensure investments are right-sized and consider all cost-effective approaches. Investment decisions increasingly require comprehensive electricity system planning that considers customer, distribution system, resource, and transmission needs and capabilities. NARUC, NASEO, and partners will share planning roadmaps and facilitate an engaging session to explore how these starting points can be used in your state to support load growth and affordability together. Led by Danielle Sass Byrnett (NARUC) and Kirsten Verclas (NASEO).

MONDAY SEP 28 1:00 - 4:00 PM



NARUC
National Association of
Regulatory Utility Commissioners



▮ POLICY & REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

Coordinated and Cost-Effective Wildfire Solutions: A Technology Framework for Utilities

SEPA's wildfire technology landscape framework offers utilities a structured approach to integrating prevention, situational awareness, and response tools across the full mitigation lifecycle. Speakers from leading utilities, technology providers, and regulatory experts will share field lessons and practical guidance on building a coordinated technology program that controls costs, strengthens customer communications, and demonstrates clear value to regulators and ratepayers. Led by Jared Leader, Senior Director, Research & Industry Strategy, SEPA.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29 2:30 - 4:30 PM



▮ EFFECTIVE GRID UTILIZATION

The Utilization Audit: Finding the Affordable Grid Hidden in Plain Sight

The U.S. grid operates at roughly half its capacity, yet the affordability conversation rarely starts there. This hands-on workshop will start with real utilization data, then break into small groups to conduct a simplified utilization audit of a hypothetical circuit to identify where unused capacity is and why. Attendees leave with a shared framework and a clear-eyed view of how to act in their own jurisdiction. Led by Ian Magruder, Executive Director, Utilize Coalition.

TUESDAY SEP 29 NOON - 2:00 PM



▮ CUSTOMER AGENCY & SAFEGUARDS

Customer Views on Affordability: What We can Learn From the SECC Nationwide Survey

This workshop will draw on a nationwide survey of 4000 Americans to examine whether consumers recognize bill increases, understand the drivers behind them and feel equipped to manage their energy use at home. By analyzing affordability metrics across demographics and identifying barriers faced by vulnerable populations, we will highlight opportunities for electricity providers to strengthen support for and improve communication with consumers. Led by Nathan Shannon, President & CEO, SECC.

WEDNESDAY SEP 30 10AM - NOON



Witness the next wave of affordability innovation

In our annual **Grid Innovation Pitch Competition**, emerging tech companies have five minutes to impress a panel of expert judges in front of our highly qualified audience. Winners get exposure, networking and investment as much as \$250,000. Pitches start at noon on Tuesday, and finals are at noon on Wednesday.



Predicting and preventing failures on the most critical transmission lines.



Giving utilities, energy suppliers, OEMs, and VPP operators, one place to understand, coordinate, and settle DERs.



Equipping developers, investors, and utilities with physics-based power systems analysis to speed capital



Procurement intelligence to read, score, and rank vendor RFP responses into defensible, evidence-based decisions



Keeping trench crews safe and completing projects faster with less risk and higher margins.



AI-augmented field operations solutions improve spend efficiency, accelerate project completion, reduce risk and boost reliability



Next-generation home batteries for reliable backup power and smart energy management



The intelligence layer connecting automakers, the home, and the grid to grow EV load without costly upgrades

► **At GridFWD 2026 you can meet the founders, hear their pitches for yourself, and vote for your favorite.**

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Co-hosted Google for Startups Showcase on AI for Energy

GridFWD 2026 is excited to co-host a new Google for Startups Accelerator startup showcase focused on **AI for Energy**. Google will welcome their latest cohort of founders with workshops and discussions on innovation at the showcase. Join us to meet startups using AI to modernize grids and make energy use more efficient and affordable.

Come meet with these innovators after the lunch on Tuesday.

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The electric grid ecosystem working together to ease the strain on energy prices

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At GridFWD 2026, industry, tech and government stakeholders will convene to refocus on affordability and reliability as top priorities for grid modernization.

Utility and grid operators

Learn and share innovative technologies, emerging best practices and recent case studies for advancing the T&D grid in the direction of lower costs without sacrificing safety and reliability.

Regulators and government officers

Help to craft new ways to work with utilities and grid operators to advance the best rules and policies for long-term energy affordability.

NGOs and advocates

Expand your knowledge base and relationships to influence investments and programs that help to reduce price pressures while meeting your societal goals.

Large-scale energy users

Collaborate with energy industry leaders to deploy rapidly increasing loads as assets that help to control energy price increases across all customers.

Solution providers

Join your customers and other stakeholders to discuss and demonstrate how technology can solve tough challenges to delivering power reliably and affordably.

“As an energy provider to more than 4.4 million electric customers throughout the U.S., Berkshire Hathaway Energy remains committed to providing low-cost, safe and reliable service each day. Grid Forward plays a leading role as a voice for the industry and unifying forum for the many stakeholders working together to modernize and advance the grid.”
— **Pat Reiten, Senior VP, Public Policy, Berkshire Hathaway Energy**



You're invited to tour GigaOne — Torus's state-of-the-art manufacturing facility

Tour GigaOne. See the grid's next layer being built.

The Torus Station is a full-stack energy storage system that adds resilience, capacity, and flexible load management at the sub-transmission and distribution layer of the grid. Every unit is built right here at GigaOne — our 545,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in Salt Lake City.

The systems leaving this floor are already at work. Year-to-date with PacifiCorp, Torus has dispatched 236 unplanned events at a 19-second ramp time and 99.9% critical path uptime.

Register now and select the GigaOne tour

GridFWD 2026 attendees are invited to sign up for a private tour on the afternoon of September 28. Walk the line where our flywheel and battery storage systems are built, and see how vertically integrated, distributed storage can play an important role in the grid's affordable energy future.

Attendees who sign up for the tours provide their own transportation to the facility. Grid Forward will provide transportation back to the Cliff Lodge after the tours.

- 1:00 PM Tour
- 2:00 PM Tour (Sold out)
- 3:00 PM Tour

We're deploying 500 MW of flexible capacity with PacifiCorp

Keep costs low, improve resilience, and expand capacity with full-stack, American-made energy storage.

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Mountain-high events build excitement and new connections

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One hallmark of GridFWD events is a menu of unique and locale-specific “Conference Connector” activities hosted by event sponsors.

They are scheduled on September 29th, during the event, so it's easy for you to join in the fun and relationship building with other attendees. Below are the nearby adventures that you will have a chance to sign-up for (on a first-come, first-served basis).

Alpine Hiking



Sold out

Sponsor a guided hike on Snowbird's extensive network of trails that start right at the Cliff Lodge. Multiple levels of challenge are available to enjoy the alpine experience and seasonal wildflowers.

Observation Point Trail



sense Sold out

Less adventurous hikers can enjoy an easy half-mile, paved trail marked with interpretive signs. The walk ends at a deck with stunning down-canyon views of the Salt Lake Valley.

Aerial Tram



Senpilot

Take your team and attendees to the top. The Aerial Tram whisks passengers up 2,900 vertical feet to the top of Hidden Peak. Enjoy breathtaking views as well as refreshments at The Summit.

Mountain Coaster



TORUS

For more thrills, the Mountain Coaster pulls sleds to the top of the track and then gravity takes over for 3,120 feet of exciting twists and turns.

Ropes Course



On Snowbird's new ropes course, you can wander across bridges, swing from lily pad to lily pad and even test out their balance on the rolling log feature.

Some of these activities are running out of space.

Register now to ensure your ticket and get the one you want.

Register Now

Putting affordability back on top from the heart of the Rocky Mountains



GridFWD 2026 will take place in the Cliff Lodge event venue at Snowbird near Salt Lake City. We will use its wide range of ballrooms, meeting rooms and communal spaces to host our rich mix of sessions, discussions, socials and sponsored activities.

High up in Little Cottonwood Canyon, the Cliff Lodge at Snowbird offers around 500 rooms all with mountain views, three restaurants and a spa. In the Snowbird pedestrian village, even more restaurants and shops as well as invigorating alpine activities are steps away.

Register right now to get your ticket (or get on the waitlist) and receive information at the Cliff Lodge or other nearby accommodations.

The hotel is 45 minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport, easily accessible by rental car, shuttle vans and ridesharing services. Grid Forward is arranging bus transportation back to the airport on Wednesday afternoon.

Grid Forward will provide breakfast and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday (September 29 and 30) as well as hearty hors d'oeuvres at our networking reception on Tuesday evening.

Dress at GridFWD events is always business casual. The nights are cool, so bring a jacket. If you are signed up for an activity, make sure to bring appropriate clothing and footwear.



“Every year, GridFWD reminds me why community matters. This isn’t just an event—it’s a gathering of practitioners, trusted leaders, and innovators who come together for open dialogue and real impact. It’s where we share what’s working, what’s next, and how we can collectively move the grid forward.”

— **Hanna Grene, Global Operations & GTM Leader, Energy & Resources Industry, Microsoft.**

These Energy Leaders Support GridFWD 2026

We appreciate the support and expertise of a wide range of industry stakeholders who help us define and execute this event. Come meet with them at GridFWD 2026!

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Why take part in GridFWD 2026?

The time is now

Affordability is one of the most challenging aspects of a grid adapting to large loads, extreme events and more distributed assets.

Deep-dive small-group discussions enhance knowledge and connections.

The place is here

GridFWD events are renowned for gathering the most informative topics, presenters and discussions on grid modernization and innovation.

Enjoy unique and rewarding networking opportunities.

Collaborate with peers

GridFWD events overcome silos to bring all the stakeholders together to work on new ideas, best practices and the path forward.

Help define an affordable energy future in a very focused but relaxed and inspiring gathering.



Learn more