

2018 Rural Energy Conference Program

Monday, October 22nd | Georgia Tech

7:00 - 8:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast		
8:00 - 8:10 AM	ACEEE Welcome - R. Neal Elliott, ACEEE Senior Director for Research		
8:10 - 8:40 AM	Opening Keynote - Christopher A. McLean USDA RUS Administrator		
8:45 - 9:00 AM	Track Keynotes		
	Rural Energy Efficiency Programs - Alan Shedd, Oglethorpe Power Corporation	Energy Burden and Equity - Deron Lovaas, Energy Efficiency for All	Energy Efficiency and Economic Development - Marilyn Brown, Georgia Tech
9:00 - 9:50 AM	Rural Program Design and Financing - Mary Shoemaker, ACEEE Chris Woolery, MACED Emily Artale, Lotus Engineering & Sustainability LLC Hannah Vargason, NCIF	Energy Burden Mapping - Carrie Dancy, Green County, Alabama Board of Education Michelle Joy Gransee, Minnesota Department of Commerce Heather Pohnan, SACE Rory McIlmoil, Appalachian Voices	Distributed Energy Resources - Peter Muhoro, NRUCFC James Owen, Renew Missouri Michael Sachdev, Sunrun Mark Cayce, Ouachita Electric Cooperative
	Energy efficiency program strategies tailored to the unique energy characteristics of sparsely populated areas	The art and science of mapping energy burdens to inform energy efficiency programs that help reduce energy bills	How energy efficiency and distributed generation are working together as a cost effective resource
9:50 - 10:20 AM	Coffee Break & Networking		
10:20 - 11:10 AM	Community Programs - Molly Graham, MEEA Catherine Krasner, APTIM & Michael Lascola, AEP Seth Creigo-Snell, SCS Analytics LLC & Stan Mertz, Globe Electric Juan C. Diaz-Galarza, Puerto Rico Dynamic Solar	Inclusive Financing - Marilynn Marsh-Robinson, EDF Brian Dreiling, Midwest Energy, Inc. Marshall Cherry, Roanoke Electric Cooperative Daniel Pate & Laura Langham, NCSEA	Manufacturing & the Rural Economy - Jay Wrobel, DOE AMO Jill Ferguson, ACEEE Anna Palazzo, Abbott Laboratories Mark Johnson, Clemson University
	Notable energy efficiency program examples across community anchor institutions	Strategies for financing energy efficiency that are accessible to all customers	Relative importance of manufacturing to the health of the rural economy
11:20 - 12:10 PM	Agricultural Programs - Kelley Smith Burk, Florida Energy Office Lisa Pucelik, WECC Emily Merchant, Navigant Michael Turner, CO Energy Office	Manufactured Housing - Luis Bernal, USDA RUS Alison Donovan, VEIC E'Lois Thomas, Ph.D., SEEL, LLC. Mike Smith, Help My House SC	Broadband Infrastructure - Paul Breakman, NRECA Joe Fontaine, Wisconsin PSC Bob Hance, Midwest Energy Cooperative Ron Holcomb, Tipmont REMC
	Notable energy efficiency program examples across small and large agricultural operations	Energy efficiency programs that meet the needs of those in rural manufactured housing	How broadband can enable energy and cost savings in rural America
12:15 - 1:30 PM	Lunch & Networking		
1:30 - 2:20 PM	Residential Programs - Nicolas Cavallo, EnergySavvy Jimmy Green, Brunswick EMC Greg Krantz, National Grid Tracy Stoner, Nexant	Public Health & the Environment - Monica Rockicki-Guajardo, Better Building Works, LLC Jacquie Patterson, NCAACP Bruce Tonn, Three3 Katherine Johnson, Johnson Consulting	Beneficial Electrification - Keith Dennis, NRECA Ken Colburn, RAP Kyle Clark, EnSave Holmes Hummel, Clean Energy Works
	Notable energy efficiency program examples from a diverse range of rural geographies and contexts	Energy efficiency programs that successfully improved customer health	How energy efficiency and emissions efficiency together can provide benefit to customers, rural utilities, and the environment
2:30 - 3:20 PM	Commercial & Industrial Programs - Jason Walsh, NCBA Adam Procell, Lime Energy David Carter, Kansas State Extension	Customer Relations & Education - Kurt Morris, CoBank Alan Shedd, Oglethorpe Power Corporation Casey Bell, NRUCFC Laura Matney, Wabash Valley Power & Neil Curtis, Navigant	Workforce Development - Heidi Binko, Just Transition Fund Grant Carlisle, E2 Larry Bratton, The Sustainability Institute Tammy Agard, EEtility
	Notable energy efficiency program examples in the small business and C&I sector	Rural utility outreach strategies for engaging customers in energy efficiency programs	Matching the supply and demand of local energy efficiency workers
3:20 - 3:50 AM	Snack Break & Networking		
4:00 - 4:50 PM	Action Session: USDA	Action Session: USDA & Wesley Holmes, SEEA	Action Session : USDA & Jeff Almen, NISC
5:00 - 5:05 PM	Introduction - Steve Nadel, ACEEE Executive Director		
5:05 - 5:35 PM	Closing Keynote - Sheldon Petersen, NRUCFC Chief Executive Officer (invited)		
5:35 - 5:45 PM	Closing Remarks & ACEEE Thank You - R. Neal Elliott, ACEEE Senior Director for Research		
6:00 - 7:30 PM	Reception & Showcase		

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