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Agenda and Speaker Bios

A Conversation with San Diego Gas & Electric and Anterix Technology Solutions for Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation

November 8, 2023 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET

Agenda

Opening Remarks	Adam Cooper, Executive Director, IET
Moderator	David Hutchens, President and CEO, Fortis Inc.
Discussants	Brian D'Agostino, Vice President, Wildfire and Climate Science, SDG&E Ryan Gerbrandt, Chief Operating Officer, Anterix
Closing Remarks	Eric Holdsworth, Executive Director, IET

This dialogue is a by-invitation event for electric company executives with customer responsibilities and features a conversation with San Diego Gas & Electric and Anterix followed by discussion with all participants. The goals of these dialogues are to share approaches, lessons learned, results, and the key roles that technology and data analytics play in customer engagement.

The November 8 dialogue will focus on how San Diego Gas & Electric is working with Anterix to:

- Leverage advanced grid sensing and detection technologies.
- Utilize data to assess and manage grid assets and public safety risk more accurately.
- Advance comprehensive wildfire prevention, preparedness, response, and customer communication strategies.



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Adam Cooper

Executive Director, Institute for Electric Innovation

Adam Cooper is Executive Director of the Institute for Electric Innovation (IEI). In this capacity he collaborates with a Management Committee of more than 25 electric company CEOs and a select group of technology companies to provide thought leadership on current issues, trends, and innovation in the electric power sector. He establishes and oversees IEI's key initiatives, its annual research agenda, and day-to-day activities. Prior to joining IEI, Adam worked at the Center for Automotive Research, the White House Office of Management and Budget, and Regional Economic Models, Inc. Adam received a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Michigan and a B.A. in Economics and History from Brandeis University.



Eric Holdsworth

Executive Director, Institute for the Energy Transition

Eric Holdsworth is a leading expert on the issue of global climate change, with over 20 years of experience in the field. Currently, he is the Managing Director, Clean Energy and Environment at the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), where he helps oversee EEI's involvement in climate change and clean energy issues. In that capacity, he directs the development and execution of strategies to shape the development of national climate and clean energy policy consistent with EEI principles. Eric received his MBA from the American Graduate School of International Management and his B.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University.



Dave Hutchens

President & CEO, Fortis, Inc. and Co-Chair, Institute for Electric Innovation

Dave Hutchens' career in the energy sector spans more than 25 years, having held a variety of positions at the Corporation's electric and gas utilities in Arizona as well as with Fortis. Dave was most recently Chief Operating Officer of Fortis as well as Chief Executive Officer of UNS Energy Corporation in Arizona. Prior to that, he was Executive Vice President of Western Utility Operations of Fortis while also maintaining his responsibilities as President and CEO of UNS Energy Corporation. Dave holds a Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Arizona and is a former nuclear submarine officer in the U.S. Navy. He serves on the Boards of ITC Holdings and FortisBC, both Fortis utilities.



Brian D'Agostino

Vice President, Wildfire and Climate Science, San Diego Gas & Electric

Brian D'Agostino is the Vice President of Wildfire & Climate Science for SDG&E.

D'Agostino is responsible for Emergency Management, Wildfire Mitigation, situational awareness, weather forecasting and climate adaptation initiatives. D'Agostino joined SDG&E in 2009 and oversaw the development of SDG&E's meteorology program, one of the nation's most sophisticated meteorology programs. D'Agostino also served as the director of Fire Science and Climate Adaptation for four years expanding situational

awareness and forecasting capabilities while also establishing customer and community resilience programs. D'Agostino is a founding member of the AMS Committee on Wildfire Weather, Technology and Risk and also serves as the Inaugural Chair of the National Science Foundation Wildfire Interdisciplinary Research Center at San Jose State University. D'Agostino is a graduate of Plymouth State University with a Bachelor of Science in meteorology.



Ryan Gerbrandt

Chief Operating Officer, Anterix

Ryan Gerbrandt is the Chief Operating Officer for Anterix and oversees the company's sales, product development, marketing, operations, technology, and engineering efforts. Prior to Anterix, Ryan served at Trilliant where he pioneered their Smart Grid Deployment efforts and served as Managing Director for their Global Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) and Smart Cities businesses. Prior to Trilliant, Ryan was responsible for utility communications and control systems at Manitoba Hydro, an electric power

and natural gas provider in Canada, where he specialized in Utility Communications Systems, Network Operations, SCADA, HVDC Controls and System Protection.