



# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-C Seminar

Wenatchee Convention Center, WA • Jul. 30 - Jul. 31, 2024

## Transforming Power Markets Together



The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-C Seminar, a seminar program will be Navigating the complexities of the evolving electricity landscape. Experts from the energy industry will be speaking at the seminar.

### Keynote Session

Update on markets and the West-wide Pathways Initiative.

**Scott Miller,**

*Executive Director,*

*Western Power Trading Forum*



### Day 1: July 30

- **Golf Event (Addition \$50 USD)**
- **Wine Tasting and Lunch Event (Addition \$40 USD)**
- **Wenatchee Convention Center and Reception Dinner at the Ohme Gardens (Included in Registration Fees)**

### Day 2: July 31

- **Keynote Session**
- **Presentations**
- **Panel Discussions**

## AGENDA: DAY 2 - JULY 31

### Time (PDT)

### Topic

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - 9:15 am

Opening Remarks

- Doug Frazier, *CEO*, Horsepower Consulting, Mid-C Founder

- Bill Dearing, *CEO*, Dearing Consulting, Mid-C Founder

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- 9:15 am - 9:45 am **Keynote Session** - "Update on markets and the West-wide Pathways Initiative"  
- Scott Miller, *Executive Director*, Western Power Trading Forum
- 9:45 am - 10:15 am "Loads, Resources and Transmission: Challenges and Opportunities"  
- Randy Hardy, *Principal*, Hardy Energy Consulting
- 10:15 am - 10:45 am "Update on WestTEC, the Western Transmission Expansion Coalition"  
- Sarah Edmonds, *President & CEO*, Western Power Pool,
- 10:45 am - 11:00 am Break
- 11:00 am - 11:30 am "WECC Reliability Risk Priorities"  
- Branden Sudduth, *Vice President of Reliability Planning and Performance Analysis*, WECC
- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm "Biomass to Hydrogen and other Biofuels"  
- David W. Brown, *Senior Principal*, Obsidian Renewables, LLC
- 12:00 pm - 12:20 pm Lunch
- 12:20 pm - 12:50 pm **Luncheon Speaker** "Does the Future of Fusion run through Washington?"  
- Mel Clark, *President and CEO*, CleanTech Alliance
- 12:50 pm - 1:20 pm "Decarbonized Dispatchable Gas Turbine Power – A Near-Term Bridging Solution to Accelerate the Clean Energy Transition"  
- Jeff Benoit, *Vice President*, Global Clean Energy Solutions
- 1:20 pm - 1:50 pm "An Interactive deep dive into X tariff using AI"  
- Bryan Villano, *Co-Founder*, Contract Power
- 1:50 pm - 3:30 pm **"Policy Panel"** - moderated by Steve Wright, EUE, LLC  
- Rich Glick, *Principal*, GQ New Energy Strategies - "Impact of FERC order 1920 on the West"  
- Arne Olson, *Senior Partner*, E3 - "Accounting for Clean Energy and Carbon: Why Simpler is Sometimes Better, or In Defense of the Humble REC"  
- Jennifer Light, *Director of Power Planning*, Northwest Power and Conservation Council - "The Evolving Approach to Assessing Resource Adequacy"  
- Gabriela Oliveira, *Director of Policy and Government Affairs*, Atlas Agro - "Hydrogen for fertilizer production in the PNW"  
- Michelle Cathcart, *VP of Generation Asset Management*, BPA - "The Columbia River Treaty Agreement in Principle"

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3:30 pm - 3:35 pm

Break

3:35 pm - 5:00 pm

**“Panel on New Markets with updates on future market design, potential seams issues, transmission, resource adequacy, and greenhouse gas attribution.”**

- moderated by Michael Linn, *Director, Market Analytics*, Public Power Council
- Carrie Simpson, *Senior Director, Seams & Western Services*, Southwest Power Pool
- Becky Robinson, *Director of Market Policy*, CAISO
- Rebecca Sexton, *Director of Reliability Programs*, Western Power Pool

5:00 pm

Wrap-up

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