



Southwest Clean Energy Transmission Summit

Science & Technology Park Rotunda
University of New Mexico
801 University Blvd, SE, Park North, 1st Floor-East
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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April 1, 2015

9:00 am – 4:15 pm

- 8:30 am** **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 am** **Welcome and Introductions**
- John Jimison, Americans for a Clean Energy Grid
 - Adrian Oglesby, Utton Transboundary Resources Center
- 9:15 am** **Morning Keynote Address**
Sudeen Kelly, Former FERC Commissioner; Partner, Akin Gump
- 9:45 am** **Will inter-regional transmission usher in a national clean energy grid and if so, do we want one?**
Moderator: Jonathan P. Thompson, Senior Editor, High Country News
- Richard Walje, President & CEO, Gateway Projects, PacifiCorp
 - Amanda Ormond, Managing Director, Western Grid Group
 - Keith Sparks, Director of Development, Clean Line Energy
 - Jeff Dennis, Director, Division of Policy Development, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- 11:00 am** **Is transmission a good investment for reliability, resource, and economic development?**
Moderator: Kevin Robinson-Avila, Albuquerque Journal
- John Ryan, Government Affairs, SunZia
 - Lynn Chapman Greene, Chief Executive Officer, Lucky Corridor
 - Jeff Mechenbier, Director T&D Planning and Contracts, Public Service Company New Mexico
 - Glen Black, Landowner
- 11:30 am** **Special Remarks by Representative Ben Ray Luján, 3rd District, New Mexico**
- 11:40 am** **Panel #2 resumes**
- 12:20-1:45** **Lunch**

- 1:00 pm** **Lunch Keynote Address by Senator Martin Heinrich, New Mexico**
- 1:45 pm** **Are transmission expansions and upgrades compatible with both small and large scale clean energy?**
Moderator: Staci Matlock, Santa Fe New Mexican
- Karen Montoya, Chairwoman, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
 - Julia Frayer, Managing Director, London Economics Group
 - Tom Beach, Principal, Crossborder Energy
 - Patrick Griebel, New Mexico Renewable Energy Industries Association
- 2:45 pm** **Does transmission have a role in achieving environmental goals?**
Moderator: Emily Holden, E&E News
- Bill White, Americans for a Clean Energy Grid
 - Carl Monroe, Executive Vice President and CEO, Southwest Power Pool
 - Gary Graham, Lands Program Director, Western Resource Advocates
 - Noah Long, Legal Director, Western Energy & Transportation Program, NRDC
- 3:45 pm** **Closing remarks and Discussion**
Moderated by John Jimison
- Have we reached a consensus on the importance of overcoming the barriers to an expanded high-voltage grid in New Mexico, the Southwest, the West, and the nation?
 - If so, can we act on that consensus?
 - If not, what will it take to reach a consensus?
- 4:15 pm** **Adjourn**

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