



Join leaders from western state infrastructure authorities, policymakers, regulators, and industry practitioners for 1.5 days of practical discussions on transmission authority models, policy tools, financing capabilities, permitting roles, and lessons emerging across the West.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Thursday, Sept. 24, 8:30am – 5pm

Keynote Address

Chris Hansen, CEO, La Plata Electric and former Colorado State Senator

As the principal architect of Colorado’s transmission authority legislation, Chris Hansen will discuss the strategic role state transmission authorities can play in accelerating transmission development across the West.

Featured Sessions

Foundations of State Transmission Authorities

How Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming structure their authorities, define their missions, and deploy statutory tools to support transmission development.

Advancing the Portfolio

Planning processes, project identification, prioritization frameworks, and the development of transmission project pipelines.

Testing the Model

Transmission developers discuss the opportunities, risks, and realities of partnering with state transmission authorities.

Revenue-Backed Financing Tools and Tradeoffs

A practical examination of financing tools, revenue bonds, and the tradeoffs associated with public-purpose transmission investment.

Networking Reception and Dinner, Sept. 24, 6-8pm

The Kitchen American Bistro, Denver

Friday, Sept. 25, 8:30am-12pm

Navigating Siting and Permitting

The role of state authorities in permitting coordination, land management engagement, and project advancement.

Looking Ahead

Transmission authority leaders reflect on lessons learned, startup challenges, and the future of state-led transmission development.

Peer Exchanges

- Cohort roundtable discussions
- Structured peer dialogue and reflection
- Key insights and takeaways session

Full agenda and speakers to be announced.



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