

# CIGRE NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY: MATT GARDNER  
CIGRE USNC President

For more than a century, CIGRE has served as a global forum where the world's leading experts in high-voltage power systems come together to share knowledge, advance engineering excellence, and foster collaboration across borders. Founded in 1921, our organization has consistently been at the forefront of the technical evolution of electric power systems—helping shape the standards, practices, and innovations that underpin reliable, resilient, and increasingly sustainable grids around the world. Today, as the industry navigates one of the most dynamic periods in its history, the value of CIGRE's impartial, technically rigorous platform—and its ability to connect utilities, manufacturers, researchers, and policymakers—has never been more essential.

This past quarter has underscored both the opportunities and challenges defining our sector. Across the United States and globally, electricity demand is accelerating at a pace not seen in decades, driven by electrification, data center expansion, and industrial growth, placing unprecedented stress on existing grid infrastructure. At the same time, the rapid buildout of renewable generation—paired with record levels of projects awaiting interconnection—has highlighted the urgent need for transmission expansion, advanced system planning, and new approaches to flexibility and resilience. Policymakers and regulators continue to grapple with balancing affordability, reliability, and decarbonization,



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while utilities are making historic investments to modernize the grid and integrate emerging technologies. These developments reinforce the importance of CIGRE's mission: providing a trusted environment to exchange knowledge, develop practical solutions, and ensure that, together, we can meet the evolving demands of a rapidly transforming energy landscape.

I would like to welcome **HDR Engineering, Inc.** as a new Collective Member since the publication of the last newsletter. Welcome and thank you for engaging! We continue to have more than 70 collective members. Please continue to share the value of USNC individual and collective membership as our industry continues to focus on and deliver reliability affordably.

I'm excited about the following events this year. Please mark your calendars and engage with the USNC in person at these value-rich events:

**1. The USNC Annual Meeting - Luncheon and Executive Meeting in Montreal, QC on July 21:** This takes place during the upcoming IEEE PES General Meeting. At the luncheon, there will be awards given out and an update on the USNC activities will be provided. Later in the afternoon is an Executive Meeting for Collective Members – this year, we are pleased to have Aftab Khan (PJM) and Mark Lauby (NERC) as special guests sharing their perspectives on the reliable service and integration of large loads. Last year's luncheon sold out with over 115 attendees. Tickets are now available! Be sure to grab yours if you are attending the General Meeting. We will also have a booth at this conference and hope you will swing by to say “hello” and catch up. Please note you do not have to be registered for the IEEE PES General Meeting to attend our All-Members Luncheon Meeting. However, you do need to register to attend the luncheon meeting. The cost to attend is \$50. If you haven't already, please register using the button below:

***Register to Attend the 2026 CIGRE USNC Annual Luncheon & Meeting***



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**2. CIGRE Paris 2026 Conference and Exposition from Aug. 23-28:** This biennial global event, at the Palais des Congrès, has been happening for over 100 years. Yet again, a record number of technical papers have been submitted for CIGRE Paris. Also, there will be panels and technical updates by all technical study committees. On Sunday, there will be a briefing for all U.S. attendees from 1-3:00 pm, where all 16 Study Committees will report on activities in their areas. This is unique to the U.S. and is incredibly informative.

***Register for the 2026 CIGRE Paris Session***

Registrations for the conference are open at the above link. Session information is available at [session.cigre.org](https://session.cigre.org). The famous USNC reception for all U.S. registered attendees (and one guest) will be held on the evening of Monday, Aug. 24. This year, we will be returning to the impressive Place Vendôme. Don't miss out on this amazing event, where the venue, food, and beverages are only outshined by the bright fellowship amongst USNC members and guests. For more information about the USNC Reception, visit the link below.

***USNC Reception in Paris***

We still have sponsorship opportunities for this reception, so be sure to contact Sharon Loe ([s-loe@tamu.edu](mailto:s-loe@tamu.edu)) for more details on how you can amplify your brand and engagement through sponsorship. See you soon in Paris!

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**3. The Grid of the Future Symposium on Oct. 26-29 in Richmond, Va.:** I am excited to announce that we have confirmed two great keynote speakers and some tremendous panels for this fall's Grid of the Future Symposium. Ed Baine, president of Dominion Energy Virginia and executive vice president of Dominion Energy will keynote day 1 of the symposium. The Honorable Mark Christie, former FERC Chairman, will keynote day 2 of the event. The symposium also includes five incredible panels, highlighting perspectives from influential leaders across our industry. On Monday, the NGN is hosting a first-ever leadership roundtable focused on developing future leaders in our industry, and the final day of the symposium includes a tour opportunity for the nation's largest high voltage lab, along with two tutorial opportunities. Not to mention that the NGN also will hold a paper contest with the best NGN paper receiving a free trip to the 2028 Paris conference. There were 100 papers presented last year and over 300 people attended. This year, it is sponsored by [Dominion Energy](#). There are also opportunities to sponsor this event by contacting Sharon Loe ([s-loe@tamu.edu](mailto:s-loe@tamu.edu)). I look forward to seeing you at this event. Time is running short to submit papers and registration is already open. Please get your paper in before time runs out and start thinking ahead about registering. More information on paper submissions and event registration can be found [here](#):

***GOTF Website***

***GOTF Registration***

There is certainly much going on in the U.S. with CIGRE and I hope to meet many of you at these events. Please feel free to give me any comments or feedback.

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CIGRE USNC President

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## 2026 Highlights To Date

### 1. 2026 Paris Session Synopses

For the 2026 Paris Session, 147 synopses were submitted, 25 were not accepted, 21 accepted synopses were withdrawn (papers not prepared), resulting in 101 papers being submitted => 92 full papers were accepted and 9 full papers were not accepted.

#### Poster Session

- Each author can "present" their Paper during a half-day specific meeting => the Study Committee's Poster Session
- Poster Sessions are a unique opportunity for authors to present their Paper in a convivial working atmosphere during fruitful exchanges with the Session Delegates. Each author will have at her/his disposal 1 vertical monitoring screen for the presentation. Authors must prepare a 3-page PPTX document in 16:9 portrait format in advance and upload the corresponding file on the [dedicated submission platform](#) by **June 29th** at the latest.
- See [author information on CIGRE Session website](#) for specific template to be adapted and a detailed guide.
- Authors will upload their Poster presentation as follows:
  - Create your account on the [submission platform](#)
  - Select your Study Committee in the list.
  - Fill in the submission form and upload the PPTX file of your presentation and a PDF version for the Session proceedings. Important: include your Paper ID, Study Committee and Preferential Subject.
- Author's poster session Convener will check your presentation online and contact you directly for the next steps.
- Please enter a valid email address as CIGRE Central Office – but also Poster Session Conveners - will need it to contact you to prepare the Poster Session meeting.
- One presentation per Paper.
- Using the official template is mandatory.
- Address of the submission platform for uploading is: <https://www.conftool.pro/cigre-Paris2026>

#### Short Contributions During Study Committee Group Discussion Meeting

- There are no individual presentations of papers during Study Committee Group Discussion Meetings (GDM).
- Any delegate – not only authors – can make a short contribution => about 5 to 10 minutes.
- These contributions should answer preexisting questions available in specific documents called “Special Reports”. These Special Reports – one per Study Committee, 16 Special Reports covering all CIGRE domains of work - are a synthesis of the accepted Session Papers. They raise questions to be answered during the Group Discussion Meetings.
- The first Special Reports are available on the [Session website](#)
- Delegates can read the Special Reports and prepare their contribution[s].

## Short Contributions During Study Committee Group Discussion Meeting - cont.

- When ready, delegates post the corresponding PPTX and PDF files through their account on the [registration portal](#) - see "Submit a contribution" in the top menu bar. Delegates may prepare several contributions if they wish, on the basis of one question of the Special Report per contribution.
- Delegates must prepare two versions of their contribution(s): a visual version for the Group Discussion Meeting and a written version [text only] to be included in the Session Proceedings together with their visual version.
- The involved Study Committee experts will check delegates' contribution(s).
- Any recommendations or changes to the contributions will be provided to the contributors by the experts directly on the registration portal. Delegates should check their accounts regularly.
- If a delegate's contribution(s) is accepted, they will be allocated a time speaking slot during the Group Discussion Meeting in front of a large audience.

The Paris Session Paper Process is being managed by VP Technical Activities, Emeritus, [John McDonald](#)

Questions on the above instructions should be directed to the Study Committee for your paper.

## 2. 2026 Grid of the Future Symposium, October 26-29, 2026, Richmond, Virginia, USA

- Dates & Deadlines
  - [Call for Papers](#)
  - **June 29, 2026:** Complete manuscripts must be submitted via email to [GOTF@tamu.edu](mailto:GOTF@tamu.edu)
  - **July 20, 2026:** Notification of acceptance
  - **August 10, 2026:** Deadline for submission of final paper with required changes
- The paper should be:
  - Full papers only - No abstract step
  - Preferred technical topics for papers in [Call for Papers](#)
  - Must be no more than 12 pages long in total
  - Must comply with [CIGRE USNC template](#) for required formatting
  - Must Avoid commercialism
  - Must be of the highest technical standard and contribute to technical progress
- Tutorials, Panel Sessions, Tours all finalized

## 3. Study Committee Working Groups

- 23 new CIGRE WGs launched so far in 2026
- 87 US Subject Matter Experts Nominated for these 23 WG's launched in 2026 plus nominations for 4 WGs launched late in 2025
  - 35 Regular Members
  - 52 as Additional Members
  - 25 Nominations were Next Generation Network (NGN) and 8 were Women in Energy (WIE)
- [List of CIGRE Active WGs](#)

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### 4. USNC Study Committee Representatives

Study Committee members for 2026-2028 approved by the Steering Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2026. These US SC Reps will begin their term after the Paris Session.

#### 2026-2028 US Study Committee Representatives

|                                                                 |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| A1 - Power Generation and Electromechanical Energy Conversion   | Howard Penrose      |
| A2 - Power Transformers & Reactors                              | Craig Swinderman    |
| A3 - Transmission & Distribution Equipment                      | John Webb           |
| B1 - Insulated Cables                                           | Tiebin (Tom) Zhao   |
| B2 - Overhead Lines                                             | Lisa Deppa          |
| B3 - Substations & Electrical Installations                     | Bill Lao            |
| B4 - DC Systems & Power Electronics                             | Christian Winter    |
| B5 - Protection & Automation                                    | Jonathan Sykes      |
| C1 - Power System Development & Economics                       | Mark Lauby          |
| C2 - Power System Operation & Control                           | Adam Keech          |
| C3 - Power System Sustainability & Environmental Performance    | Lyndsey Covert      |
| C4 - Power System Technical Performance                         | Julia Matevosyan    |
| C5 - Electricity Markets & Regulation                           | Anant Venkateswaran |
| C6 - Active Distribution Systems & Distributed Energy Resources | Jouni Peppanen      |
| D1 - Materials & Emerging Test Techniques                       | Ibrahima Ndiaye     |
| D2 - Information Systems, Telecommunications & Cybersecurity    | Junho Hong          |

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### 5. Reminder - All CIGRE Publication Types

- Reference Papers
- ELECTRA (bimonthly digital magazine)
- CIGRE Science & Engineering Journal (CSE) (published three times per year)
- [Green Books](#)
- Papers and Proceedings
- Technical Brochures (*most recent listed on [page 17](#)*)
- [E-CIGRE](#) (home to CIGRE's resource of 12,000+ technical publications)

# REGISTER FOR THE 2026 CIGRE PARIS SESSION!



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### **NGN at the 2026 Grid of the Future Symposium: A Full Event Lineup**

#### **NGN Executive Leadership Roundtable**

The CIGRE Next Generation Network (NGN) continues to strengthen its engagement and visibility within the power systems community through an exciting lineup of events at the upcoming Grid of the Future (GOTF) Symposium. A major highlight this year is the NGN Executive Leadership Roundtable, a first-of-its-kind session designed to foster meaningful dialogue between senior industry executives and a select group of high-potential young professionals. Scheduled for October 26 in Richmond, Virginia, this session will feature a facilitated, case study-based discussion focused on leadership, strategic decision-making, and shaping the future of the power system.

The roundtable is intentionally structured to be highly interactive, encouraging open dialogue and candid exchanges around real-world challenges facing the industry. By bringing together experienced executives and emerging leaders in a collaborative setting, the session aims to bridge generational perspectives, promote knowledge transfer, and cultivate forward-looking solutions to complex grid challenges. Participating executives will share insights from their leadership journeys, offering valuable mentorship while also gaining fresh perspectives from the next generation of professionals. This initiative reflects NGN's commitment to developing future leaders and strengthening cross-generational collaboration within the CIGRE community.

#### **NGN Breakfast & Social**

In addition to the roundtable, NGN will host a networking breakfast and its flagship NGN Social, both of which are expected to draw strong participation. These events aim to foster meaningful connections among young professionals, industry experts, and organizational leaders in a more informal setting, encouraging collaboration, mentorship, and the exchange of ideas across different sectors of the industry.



### NGN Paper Competition

NGN is also proud to continue its annual Paper Competition, which recognizes outstanding technical contributions from students and young professionals. This initiative serves as a platform to highlight cutting-edge research, promote knowledge sharing, and encourage active participation in CIGRE working bodies and technical activities.

### NGN & WiE Speed Networking Event

Further emphasizing its commitment to diversity and inclusion, NGN will collaborate this year with Women in Energy (WiE) to co-host a Speed Networking event. This joint initiative is designed to create an inclusive and supportive environment that facilitates rapid, impactful connections among participants, helping to expand professional networks and foster long-term engagement within the CIGRE community.

Overall, NGN's activities at the GOTF Symposium reflect its ongoing mission to empower the next generation of power system professionals, promote innovation, and strengthen collaboration across the energy sector.

# Be a part of the next generation of CIGRE experts!





### Wendy Wellener to Headline the CIGRE Women in Energy Breakfast During the CIGRE USNC Grid of the Future Symposium

Introducing  
the 2026 Grid of the Future  
Women in Energy Breakfast Speaker



**Wendy Wellener**

Senior Vice President–  
Administrative Services



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We are pleased to announce that Wendy T. Wellener, Senior Vice President–Administrative Services at Dominion Energy, will be the featured speaker at the CIGRE Women in Energy Breakfast during the CIGRE USNC Grid of the Future Symposium.

Wendy's career at Dominion Energy reflects a remarkable progression through a variety of leadership roles across the organization. Beginning as an intern, she advanced through positions in Nuclear Operations, Supply Chain, Facilities Management, Human Resources, and Shared Services before joining the company's executive leadership team. Today, she oversees corporate safety and health, information

technology, cyber and physical security, supply chain management, workplace development, and aviation.

In addition to her extensive business leadership experience, Wendy is recognized for her commitment to developing people and fostering inclusive workplace cultures. She serves as executive sponsor of Dominion Energy's Women's Resource Group, We3, and has championed initiatives that empower, engage, and inspire women and allies across the company.

Drawing on her broad leadership experience and unique career journey, Wendy is sure to bring valuable perspectives to what promises to be an engaging and inspiring conversation for attendees.

The Women in Energy Breakfast is open to all event attendees and provides a valuable opportunity for connection, learning, and engagement.

CIGRE USNC WiE also extends its sincere appreciation to Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. (MEPPI) for its continued sponsorship of the Women in Energy Breakfast.

## WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

BY: MICHAEL HEYECK  
CIGRE VP Finance & Treasurer



I just experienced a wonderful CIGRE Steering Committee meeting near Johannesburg, South Africa graciously hosted by the CIGRE South Africa National Committee. A spark at dinner from Rannveig Loken, Technical Council Chair, about a book I published encouraged me to write this article, but it was my ponderings during the three long return flights home that compelled me to express the emotions that prevailed. So here goes...

At the meeting was of course the current slate of officers, Konstantin Papailiou [President], Rannveig Loken [VP Technical] and me [VP Finance], as well as Philippe Adam our Secretary General. New to the meeting was our President's

unique and excellent strategy of having past officers participate as extended leadership adding to the experts on the CIGRE Steering Committee. There were four past Presidents, four past Technical Council Chairs, and one past Treasurer. My goodness, the CIGRE family deliberating together our future made me humble to say the least. Not all was agreed, for if we all agreed, you'd only need one of us, but all was deliberated for the better of CIGRE.

It made me think of another CIGRE moment long ago that expresses well the CIGRE family and the CIGRE way. At every annual meeting of the CIGRE United States National Committee, there was a gentleman, Dale Douglass, who attended and I met personally during my term as USNC President [2010-2016]. Then later I heard he passed away. At the time, then CIGRE President Rob Stephen told me that Dale provided comments to a CIGRE document on his deathbed. My goodness the dedication. I asked that for the USNC we name the technical award in his name and it remains to this day. Dale is family to CIGRE.

This is all to say that the CIGRE way is family and is extraordinary for the Common Good. Our mission is to share technical knowledge about our electricity future without bias, commercialism, or politics. As I said many times, sitting at the global table of CIGRE is honorable and directly relevant to society's betterment and to our own professional development.

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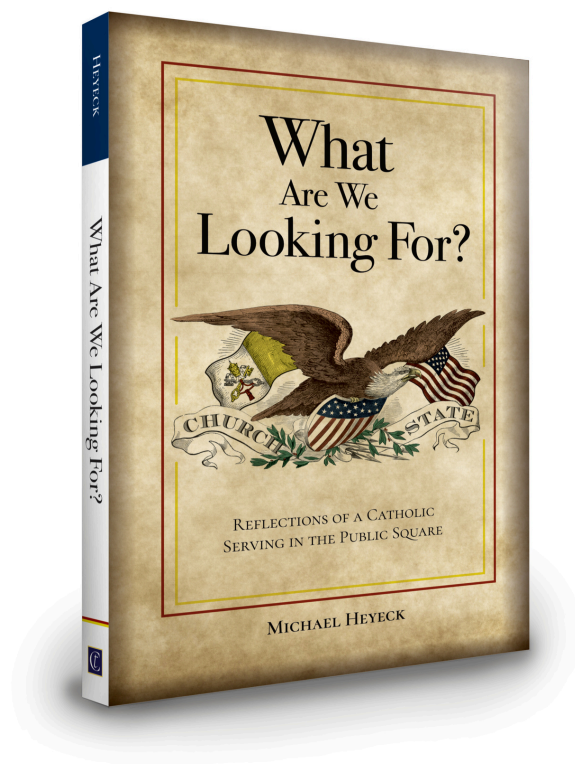
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So back to the conversation at dinner. I wrote a book that took six years in the making that was published on Amazon.com in January 2026. It is titled “What Are We Looking For?” All my proceeds go to charity so do not take this as a sales pitch. I want to relate my emotions at the CIGRE Steering Committee that makes CIGRE the best with a few relevant excerpts from my book.

My book is about how my faith intersects with my 32-year elected political office in the United States. Yes, there is family in the book, especially my wife Fernanda. We are married 52 years in June this year and counting. Relating to CIGRE, there is also mention about how I became an electrical engineer and how our profession and our CIGRE relates to the Common Good. Let me excerpt a few areas that relate to CIGRE. Yes, the book is autobiographical as well.

### EXCERPTS FROM “WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?” by Michael Heyeck

*C. S. Lewis said, “Whenever you are fed up with life, start writing: Ink is the great cure for all human ills, as I have found out long ago.”*



### PUBLIC SERVICE INCLUDES CIGRE

*Beyond the traditional view of an elected official, I consider my professional career with American Electric Power (AEP) and my business in retirement as public service as well. Working for a company and my services in retirement provide a foundational value to society, as electricity is fundamental to public service. So are many other professions, but I find it useful to think of it that way. You'll see parallel threads on this as well in this book. Yes, I was paid for my profession, but my point is to think about public service more broadly. I also consider my participation in nonprofits as public service. The point is that public service comes in many forms and does not need to be a politically elected office.*

### WHY ENGINEERING?

*The moon landing of 1969 played no small part in my engineering aspirations. I was fascinated with the space program and aircraft in general, being influenced by the fact that my boyhood home was near the flight paths to Newark [New Jersey] Liberty Airport. You can almost walk to the airport from my boyhood home.*

*It was the space program and the advancement of aircraft and spacecraft that led me to the chosen field of engineering. I wanted to be a teacher early on, but my mother said, "you should be an engineer."*

*It was more than a nudge by her; it was a look. I took that look seriously and went into engineering. She was right, as she knew I loved math and science. I eventually was led to power system engineering with electricity, my calling and my first public service.*

*I was fascinated with space and rockets. In my youth I wondered how a rocket could propel itself in space as in a vacuum. Then I read Arthur C. Clarke, found the answer, and use it today as trivia. The rocket propels against itself and accelerates as the fuel is depleted. When you watch videos of rocket launches you can see how they accelerate just past the tower.*

*This initial fascination led to an excursion with Einstein's theory of relativity. Einstein was a fascinating individual and had to visualize his theories. From his boring job at the Lucerne, Switzerland Patent Office, he wondered about the relative nature of himself at the window, an observer on a train platform, and a person on the train all looking at a clock. This was simple yet complex. He further found that, in a solar eclipse, light would bend. He visualized this and measured it. This sort of thinking illustrates one of my favorite quotes from him: "imagination is more important than knowledge." He had to visualize concepts to further his work, but he had problems visualizing quantum mechanics.*



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### MY MISSION STATEMENT

*I was generally not one for picking up “self-help” books during my career, but I did like Stephen R. Covey’s books. The first one I read was The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Habit two was “Begin with the end in mind.” Maybe the best way of thinking about habit two is as simple as “What would you like your children to say for your eulogy?”*

*That, in effect, is my mission statement, and it relates to “What are you looking for?”*

*My mission statement is simply to be a good husband, father, friend, and person. I want my children to say after I’m gone, “He was a good Dad. He did the best he could, and that’s good enough for me.”*

### IT TAKES A TEAM TO WIN A CIGRE AWARD

*[Addressing public opposition to 765kV] I asked our team how we could develop a more compact double-circuit line design at lower voltage and higher power capacity that could be used with the same land as higher voltage lines. In addition to easing concerns of the public, I wanted AEP to advance a bold new line design technology that could be patented.*

*A young civil engineer developed a more aesthetic appearance for our lines with a beautiful steel arch to hang them. [Well, they are beautiful to me, as I love transmission line designs.] She and the electrical engineer won an award and patent for their design. I could not be prouder of the two of them. This is what excites me in my leadership career: technology advancement and helping others grow in their careers. [I received notification from then President Rob Stephen that the design won a CIGRE award at an event in South Korea.]*

### MY CIGRE ENTRY

*Today, I’m traveling the world for CIGRE, a nonprofit trade organization based in Paris since 1921. CIGRE focuses on power system expertise, sharing knowledge on “sustainable electricity for all.” It was a slogan I uttered in 2016 at my first meeting of the international steering committee. From that one phrase, I was appointed marketing committee chair and helped develop CIGRE’s modern branding campaign. I then chaired their strategic planning exercise for the 2030 horizon. As of this writing, I’m still serving as CIGRE’s vice president of finance and treasurer, a role I have held since 2020. In 2025, at the inspiration of the CIGRE President, I helped develop the CIGRE Innovation and Education Fund, an endowment to continue CIGRE’s mission in perpetuity as an unbiased, apolitical, nonprofit for global technology knowledge sharing for power system expertise.*

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To conclude, I cannot be happier to be affiliated with CIGRE. You are family. Together we have accomplished a lot, and the future will be even better for society's benefit and the Common Good and One Grid.



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