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DAY 1	May 29, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Master of Ceremonies Introduction Mark Fagan, Executive Vice President and General Manager, Brazos Electric Cooperative
8:10 a.m.	<b>Fireside Chat: RTO Evolution</b> Mike Steffes, <i>President and CEO</i> , ACES; Lanny Nickel, <i>President and CEO</i> , Southwest Power Pool
9:10 a.m.	Break
9:40 a.m.	Data Centers/Load Growth Chris Matos, Energy Market Development, Google
10:40 a.m.	Generating the Future: Expanding Power for Tomorrow's Grid Moderator: Andrew Hall, Senior VP and Chief Strategy Officer, ACES Panelists: Jeff Conrad, President and CEO, Wabash Valley Power Alliance; David Naylor, President and CEO, Rayburn Electric Cooperative; Andrew St. John, President and CEO, Central Iowa Power Cooperative
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Nuclear Rising: The Next Era of U.S. Power Expansion  Moderator: Joe Brannan  Panelists: Eric Baker, <i>President and CEO</i> , Wolverine Power Cooperative; Rob Hochstetler, <i>President and CEO</i> , Central Electric Power Cooperative; Annalisa Bloodworth, <i>President and CEO</i> , Oglethorpe Power Corporation
2:45 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	Charged for Change: The Future of Battery Storage  Moderator: Mike Keyser, CEO, National Renewables Cooperative Organization  Panelists: Ryan Manzo, Director of Technical Services, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative; Michael Herbert, Managing Partner and Co-Founder, Lightshift Energy; Erik Hall, Director, Energy Services and Technology, North Carolina Electric Cooperatives
4:15 p.m.	Renewables, Hydrocarbons, and the Future of the U.S. Electric Grid Robert Bryce
5:15 p.m.	Cocktail Reception

DAY 2	May 30, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Getting ThereThe Past, Present, and Future of Transmission Moderator: Denver York, Panelists: Priti Patel, Vice President and Chief Transmission Officer, Great River Energy; Bill Pezalla, Vice President – Regulatory Affairs, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative; Al Tamimi, Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of Transmission, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
9:15 a.m.	Natural Gas and Pipeline Infrastructure Update and Conference Wrap-Up Andy Whitesitt, Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, ACES
10:30 a.m.	Conference Adjourns