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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019**

7:45 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:05 am Welcome from Dr. Larry C. Skogen, President, Bismarck State College

8:10 am All of the Above: The Big Picture in State and National Energy Policy

[United States Senator John Hoeven](#)

[United States Senator Kevin Cramer](#)

[North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum](#)

[Moderator: Jason Bohrer, President and CEO, Lignite Energy Council](#)

The energy industry is facing challenges, but North Dakota leads the way in demonstrating what is needed to create a strong, affordable, and diverse energy mix. Hear from the state's leaders on what they see as a critical need in shaping the state's energy future and get the chance to text in your questions during this live Q&A discussion.

9:30 am Networking Break

9:50 am Perspectives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[Andrew Wheeler, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States](#)

*Introduced by Craig Hrabar, Vice President of Energy and Natural Resources, KLJ*

Listen to a discussion of the EPA's priorities regarding energy policy, balancing responsible environmental protection and economic opportunity.

10:10 am Discussion on Environmental Protection

[Led by Dave Thompson, Prairie Public](#)

Listen to a fireside chat with Dave Thompson to continue the discussion on the EPA's impact in North Dakota.

10:45 am Networking Break

11:00 am

**Easiest Catch: Don't Be Another Fish in the Dark 'Net**

[Kyle Loven, National Director, Computer Forensic Services](#)

*Introduced by Josh DeMorrett, Stakeholder Relations Director, Upper Great Plains, ConocoPhillips*  
You've read the headlines. Unfortunately, the question now is not if your information is going to be accessed or stolen, but when. To inform the attendees of current developments in the digital underground as well as provide realistic advice for cyber protection, Kyle Loven will be discussing recent high-profile cyber crime events, including website breaches impacting courts, law firms, and government agencies. Kyle will discuss particularly dangerous types of threats that might affect individuals involving the Dark Web, the Internet of Things, phishing, and Wi-Fi attacks; additionally, Kyle will demonstrate the value of leveraging digital evidence and ESI in the courtroom.

11:45 am

**Lunch**

12:45 pm

**Preparing for the Future of Grid Reliability**

[Brian Tulloh, Executive Director, MISO External Affairs \(North Region\)](#)

*Introduced by Craig Smith, Partner, Crowley Fleck*  
Listen to a discussion regarding the evolution of the generation mix within the MISO region and its implications for transmission planning and wholesale power markets. The generation resource trends include performance degradation of aging units, retirements that reduce reserve margins and an increased reliance on intermittent resources--all of which are contributing to increased operational challenges, especially in non-summer months. MISO works to stay ahead of, and adapt quickly to, this evolving industry environment while ensuring non-discriminatory access to the grid, reliable transmission planning, and the efficient dispatch of electricity.

1:30 pm

**Networking Break**

1:45 pm

**Workforce Challenges in the Energy Industry**

[Danita Bye, Author, Millennials Matter](#)

[Kathleen Neset, Neset Consulting President](#)

[Moderator: Michelle Kommer, Commissioner, N.D. Department of Commerce](#)

*Introduced by Brent Lohnes, Hess General Manager*  
North Dakota workforce and industry leaders take a look at workforce challenges and needs in the state, and discuss innovative ways to recruit and develop the future energy industry workforce.

2:30 pm

**Wrap-up**

[North Dakota Lieutenant Governor Brent Sanford](#)