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MONDAY MARCH 18

7:30 – 8:30 am

REGISTRATION

Viennese Foyer

8 – 8:30 am

BREAKFAST

Viennese Terrace

All sessions to be held in the Viennese Ballroom

8:30 am – Noon

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

SCOTT CORWIN, *President & CEO, American Public Power Association*

KELLY NGUYEN, *Assistant General Manager, Pasadena Water & Power, California*

The Return of Geopolitics: Russia, China, and the Israel-Hamas War

Russia's invasion of Ukraine, China's saber-rattling around Taiwan, and the Israel-Hamas war signal the return of geopolitics as the primary driver of global engagement. We are entering an era in which core decisions on foreign, security, and economic policy will be driven by geopolitical competition rather than globalization, with major implications for how businesses will approach future investments. The competition will increasingly pit advanced democracies against the growing number of autocracies of the world and will necessitate a fundamental shift in the ways countries and corporations engage with the world.

AMBASSADOR IVO H. DAALDER is a world-leading expert and commentator on international affairs, geopolitics, and geoeconomics. He served as U.S. Ambassador to NATO under President Barack Obama, on the U.S. National Security Council under President Bill Clinton, and has been president of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs since 2013.

SUNDAY MARCH 17

4:30 – 6 pm

REGISTRATION

Viennese Foyer

5 – 6 pm

WELCOME RECEPTION

(GUESTS WELCOME)

Viennese Terrace

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while you reconnect with old friends, meet new people, and network with public power leaders from across the nation.





TUESDAY MARCH 19

Noon – 1:15 pm

LUNCH

Viennese Terrace

1:30 – 4 pm

The Intersection of Reliability, Renewable Energy and Legislation

Join in a facilitated discussion on grid reliability challenges brought forth from the increasingly rapid transition to intermittent resources and the legislation driving these changes. Hear from a cross-section of perspectives to get a deeper appreciation for the issues compounding future grid reliability, from extreme weather events and the rapid pace of electrification and load growth, and dissect potential strategies for managing new and looming legislative requirements.

TIMOTHY FOX, *Managing Director, ClearView Energy Partners LLC*; **MARK A. GABRIEL**, *President and Chief Executive Officer, United Power, Colorado*; **WES KELLEY**, *President & CEO, Huntsville Utilities, Alabama*; and **CARRIE ZALEWSKI**, *Vice President, Markets & Transmission, American Clean Power Association*

5 – 6 pm

RECEPTION

Viennese Terrace

8 – 8:30 am

BREAKFAST

Viennese Terrace

8:30 – 11 am

AI and ChatGPT: Unveiling the Modern Tech Landscape

Trace the evolution of artificial intelligence that led to the emergence of generative platforms, including ChatGPT. Explore recent advancements and applications in AI, shedding light on the transformational impact within various industries. With a focus on current trends and a glimpse into the future, gain a concrete understanding of the ongoing tech revolution and its implications for different sectors.

DR. ALEX LAWRENCE is a nationally recognized authority on ChatGPT and AI and an associate professor at Weber State University in Utah. Dr. Lawrence is also a successful serial entrepreneur, having founded and led tech companies across various sectors and co-founded the country's leading used electric vehicle dealership.

11 am

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