

GAS FORECASTERS FORUM | OCTOBER 18 - 21, 2026
VENUE | THE WESTIN MILWAUKEE, MILWAUKEE, WI
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE | TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SUNDAY, OCT 18 | FLY-IN DAY · Welcome Reception at The Westin Milwaukee, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

MONDAY, OCT 19

DAY 1

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

8:00 | Breakfast

8:30 | Introduction & Welcome

Host: Sarah Graupman, PowerGEM
Framing the forum's themes

9:00 | MCast Users Group Talk

Speaker: Sarah Graupman, PowerGEM
What-If pages, Hourly Performance, new doc site

10:30 | Break / MCast Demo Tables

11:00 | Research Talk: Forecasting by Pipeline

Speaker: Greg Merkel, PowerGEM

12:00 | Lunch

1:00 | Natural Gas to Power

Connecting gas and power forecasting

1:45 | Design Day Panel

Panelists: Peter Shevtchenko (PG&E), Trevor Fulton (NiSource), Raluca Piciorus (Enstar)
Customer panel on design day & peak planning

3:00 | Break

3:30 | Roundtable / Table Discussion

Small-group discussion: forecasting tools, pain points, MCast use

4:30 | Day 1 Close

6:00 | Offsite Social: NorthSouth Club

Axe throwing & shuffleboard, 6:00 – 9:00 PM.
Transportation provided.

TUESDAY, OCT 20

DAY 2

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

8:00 | Breakfast

8:30 | Keynote

Speaker: Sarah Mead, WEC

9:30 | '25-'26 Heating Season in Review

Speaker: Lisa Jones, PowerGEM
Trends we're seeing across the country

10:30 | Break / MCast Demo Tables

11:00 | Economist Talk

Speaker: Jim McGibany, Marquette University

12:00 | Lunch

1:00 | Panel / Joint Talk

2:15 | Technical Deep Dive: Deep Neural Networks

Speaker: Richard Povinelli
DNNs and tuning models

3:00 | Break

3:30 | Probabilities 101 for Forecasting

Working with uncertainty in day-to-day forecasts

4:30 | Day 2 Close

WEDNESDAY, OCT 21

DAY 3

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

8:00 | Breakfast

8:30 | Winter Weather Outlook Talk

Speaker: Paul Pastelok, AccuWeather

9:30 | MCast Product Roadmap

Where the MCast product is headed next

10:30 | Break / MCast Demo Tables

10:45 | Q&A Roundtable

Moderator: Sarah Graupman, PowerGEM
Questions gathered across all three days

11:45 | Concluding Messages

Host: Sarah Graupman, PowerGEM
Recap of themes across the three days

12:00 | Forum Close

ALL THREE DAYS: Live MCast demo workstations outside the conference rooms, staffed during the morning breaks for hands-on Q&A.