

UGM 2026



AGENDA | SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2026

VENUE | BROWARD COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

TUESDAY, SEPT 29

DAY 1

7:30 | Welcome! Breakfast & Registration

9:00 | UGM: Introduction & Agenda

9:30 | Where PowerGEM is Headed & Product Roadmap

Speaker: Kevin Carden, PowerGEM

10:30 | Break / Product Demo Tables

TARA / PROBE

11:00 | New TARA Features
Speaker: John Condren

DAYZER

11:00 | DAYZER Roadmap: DZNode Cloud and Agentic DAYZER
Speaker: Kaan Egilmez

SERV

11:00 | We Brought a CANON to a Model Fight
Speaker: Cam Murphy

12:00 | Lunch

TARA / PROBE

1:30 | New PROBE Features and Market Trends
Speaker: Jim David

2:30 | Evaluating a Large Load Cluster Study with TARA
Speaker: John Condren

3:30 | Break

4:00 | How Southern Company Uses PROBE
Speakers: Payton DeShazo & Kolby Kwarcinski, Southern Company

DAYZER

1:30 | New Features in DAYZER and TRANZER
Speaker: Xiaoyi Wu

2:30 | AI Initiatives for DAYZER
Speaker: Ashutosh Timilsina

3:30 | Break

4:00 | Panel Discussion: DAYZER + AI
Speakers: Kaan Egilmez, Ashutosh Timilsina, Thomas Conner

SERV

1:30 | Building a Study in SERV 2027
Speaker: Cole Benson

2:30 | Evaluating Grid Reliability through Wide Area Energy Assessments
Speaker: Savannah Miller, NERC

3:30 | Break

4:00 | The Buzzwords: Cloud, AI, and SERV
Speaker: Parth Patel

5:00 | Break

5:30 | Welcome Reception

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30

DAY 2

7:00 | Sunrise Social Run & Coffee Walk

Hosts: James Thomas, Marisa Kiefer

8:30 | Breakfast

9:30 | A Conversation: AI & the Future Grid

Speaker: Andy Ott, Tapestry @ Google

10:15 | Break / Product Demo Tables

TARA / PROBE

11:00 | TARA Gen Deliv Overview and Updates
Speaker: Seungwon An

DAYZER

11:00 | Modeling Large Flexible Loads in DAYZER
Speaker: Sean Meany

SERV

11:00 | Study Management and Convergence in SERV 2027
Speaker: Donald Webster

12:00 | Lunch

TARA / PROBE

1:30 | All Flavors of TARA Gen Deliv Prospecting
Speaker: Seungwon An

2:30 | TARA pyPowerGEM New Features
Speaker: Biagio Pinto

3:00 | TARA MISO DPP: Executing with Python and Exploring Results in the New Dashboard
Speaker: James Thomas

3:30 | Break

4:00 | TARA AMB/PAAC/Hosting Updates and New Features

Speaker: Nathan Halladay

4:30 | TARA ORA and ORA Dashboard 2601
Speaker: John Condren

DAYZER

1:30 | Inside the Workflow: How Leading Desks Put DAYZER to Work

Speakers: Daniel Grunwald, Invenergy; Anya Castillo, NextEra; George Ledingham, RWE Supply & Trading

2:30 | Diving Deep into Topology
Speaker: Thomas Conner

3:30 | Break

4:00 | The Changing Market Landscape and Modeling Challenges

Speakers: Sean Meany, Thomas Conner

SERV

1:30 | Better Modeling through Forecasting
Speakers: Sarah Graupman, Cole Benson

2:30 | SERV + PROBE: Adequacy to Dispatch for Battery Fleets

Speakers: Paul Davis & Victor Alfaro, Georgia System Operations Corporation

3:30 | Break

4:00 | Results, Reimagined: SERV 2027's New Results Dashboard

Speaker: Aditya Nathan

THURSDAY, OCT 1

DAY 3

7:30 | Breakfast

7:30 | Women in Energy Breakfast Networking Event

8:30 | UGM Wrap Up: Customer Roadmap Voting Results

TARA / PROBE

9:30 | PROBE Automation: Transmission, Generation, and Load Screening

Speaker: Jim David

10:00 | TARA EMS Projects 2026

Speaker: Biagio Pinto

10:30 | TARA Studio GIS Updates

Speaker: John Condren

11:00 | Heatmaps with TARA TrLim and TARA GIPS

Speaker: John Condren

12:00 | Roadmap Suggestions Workshop

DAYZER

9:30 | DAYZER + CANON

Speakers: Thomas Conner, Cam Murphy

10:30 | DAYZER Behind the Scenes: AI and ML for Forecasting

Speakers: Max Bodley, Kaan Egilmez

12:00 | Roadmap Suggestions Workshop

SERV

9:30 | Capacity Accreditation of Long Duration Energy Storage

Speakers: Adam Bingham & Josh Rohauer, Duke Energy

10:30 | Zonal Expansion Planning in SERV

Speaker: Kevin Carden

12:00 | Roadmap Suggestions Workshop

12:30 | Lunch & Travel Home



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