

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**

9:15 | **Where PowerGem is Headed & Product Roadmap**

Speakers: Joe DeMatteo, Kevin Carden

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**

Speakers: Kaan Egilmez, Travis Bender

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 | **PowerGem Power Hour**

Drinks & snacks

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

10:30 | **Break / Product Demo Tables**

TARA / PROBE

11:00 | **TARA Gen Deliv Overview and Updates**

Speaker: Seungwon An

DAYZER

11:00 | **Advanced Load Modeling 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

9:00 | **Large Load Analysis with 8760 Hosting Capacity: Creating N-1 Secure Power Flow Models from PROBE for Reliability Analysis**

Speaker: Brian Thomas

9:30 | **TARA EMS Projects 2026**

Speaker: Biagio Pinto

10:00 | **TARA Studio GIS Updates**

Speaker: John Condren

10:30 | **Heatmaps with TARA TrLim and TARA GIPS**

Speaker: John Condren

11:30 | **Roadmap Suggestions Workshop**

DAYZER

9:00 | **DAYZER + CANON**

Speakers: Thomas Conner, Cam Murphy

10:00 | **DAYZER Behind the Scenes: AI and ML for Forecasting**

Speakers: Max Bodley, Kaan Egilmez

11:30 | **Roadmap Suggestions Workshop**

SERV

9:00 | **Capacity Accreditation of Long Duration Energy Storage**

Speakers: Adam Bingham & Josh Rohauer, Duke Energy

10:00 | **Zonal Expansion Planning in SERV**

Speaker: Kevin Carden

11:30 | **Roadmap Suggestions Workshop**

12:30 | **Lunch & Travel Home**



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