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CEATI

September 15th – 16th, 2026 | St Louis, MO

Asset Management & Innovation Conference

Optimizing Today, Advancing Energy Systems for
Tomorrow



8:30AM **WELCOME PLENARY – ALL TRACKS | Regency AB**
 Opening Remarks: Abbey Tiernan, CEATI
 Keynote Presentation: TBC

9:45 - 10:30 AM **COFFEE BREAK | Exhibit Hall**

Session A1: Asset Management Strategy, Reliability, and Lifecycle Optimization
Regency A
Session Chair: Don Ans, CEATI

Session B1: TECH DEMO
Regency B

Session C1: Innovation in Next-Generation Power Systems
Regency C
Session Chair: TBC

10:30AM **NYPA's Asset Intelligence Strategy- Robotics, AI Mobile and Sensors**
 Parikshit Daware, NYPA

TBC
 TBC

Integrated Transmission and Generation Planning for Wind Integration: Economic Optimization and Operational Insights
 Carlyle Deligny, Artelys Canada & Jean-Yelle Simon, Hydro Quebec

11:15AM **The strategic crucible: how AI is reshaping utility Asset Management**
 Simon Smith, AMCL

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A Renewable Energy Future: Modelling the Limits and Possibilities
 Alex Merrick, IESO

12:00- 1:30 PM **NETWORKING LUNCH | Exhibit Hall**

Session A2: TECH DEMO
Regency A

Session B2: Asset Management Strategy, Reliability, and Lifecycle Optimization
Regency B
Session Chair: Ed Watson, CEATI

Session C2: Innovation in Next-Generation Power Systems
Regency C
Session Chair: TBC

1:30 PM **The Capital Plan that Survives a Rate Case**
 Senpilot

What Aging Infrastructure Actually Costs – National Grid NY's Risk-Based Approach
 Mishal Thadani, Rhizome & Michael Grinshpun, National Grid

Digitalizing Hydropower Operations: Tools, Mindset & Change Management
 Jason Canaday, Great River Hydro

2:15 PM **TBC**
 Skydio

In Pursuit of Extinguishing Wildfire Risk
 Brett Hague, ATCO Electric

Power Utilities of the Future: Transitioning their Architecture Model from Purdue to SCOPIT®
 Dr. Fouad Abou Chacra, Hydro Ottawa

3:00 - 3:45 PM **COFFEE BREAK | Exhibit Hall**

Session A3: Asset Management Strategy, Reliability, and Lifecycle Optimization
Regency A
Session Chair: Don Ans, CEATI

Session B3: Asset Management Strategy, Reliability, and Lifecycle Optimization
Regency B
Session Chair: Ed Watson, CEATI

Session C3: TECH DEMO
Regency C

3:45 PM **Reliability and Lifecycle Optimization Through Control and Protection System Modernization in a Hydropower Complex**
 Jeysy Gonzalez Castillo, EnfraGen Central America

Optimizing Transmission Structure Lifecycle Through Risk-Based Corrosion Management
 John Makkar, Southern California Edison

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4:30 PM **Hidden Risks: Maintaining the Assets that House Your Assets?**
 Julie DeYoung, AMSI

Turning Asset Data into Grid Strategy: AI-Powered Lifecycle Optimization for Modern Utilities
 Kaitlyn Albertoli, Buzz Solutions & Dominion

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5:30-7:00PM **RECEPTION | Grand Ballroom ABC**

8:30AM PANEL SESSION - ALL TRACKS | Regency AB
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9:45 - 10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK | Exhibit Hall

Session A4: Asset Management Strategy, Reliability, and Lifecycle Optimization
Regency A
Session Chair: Jim Alders, BPA

Session B4: Asset Management Strategy, Reliability, and Lifecycle Optimization
Regency B
Session Chair: Ed Watson, CEATI

Session C4: Innovation in Next-Generation Power Systems
Regency C
Session Chair: TBC

10:30AM **Utilizing Decision Modeling for Asset Management**
Kirsten K Gable, Sapere Consulting & Chad Rissman, Chelan County PUD

From Power Flow to Cash Flow: Bridging the Engineering-Finance Gap at Manitoba Hydro
Joe Canterino, Siemens Grid Software & Bagen Bagen, Manitoba Hydro & Joseph Gustafon, Copperleaf

Powering the Future: Siemens and Commonwealth Fusion Systems' Collaborative Approach to Energy Innovation and Capital Asset Management
Ivan Nayda, Siemens Digital Industries Software & Alex Creely, Common Fusion Systems

11:15AM **From Modeling to Practice: Deploying Quantitative Risk Tools for Asset Strategy Optimization**
Skyler Street, Grant PUD & Peter Mallik, Hubbard Decision Research

Asset Management Culture by Design: NYPA's Asset Management Perceptions Survey
David Morgia & Brian Liu, NYPA

Advancements in Flow Battery Technologies
Robert Otal, BBA

12:00- 1:30 PM NETWORKING LUNCH | Exhibit Hall

Session A5: Asset Management Strategy, Reliability, and Lifecycle Optimization
Regency A
Session Chair: Elaine Hannan, ESB

Session B5: Innovation in Next-Generation Power Systems
Regency B

1:30 PM **From Compliance to Condition Intelligence: Raising the Bar on Asset Assessment in a Digitally Enabled Era**
Jorge Rivera & Andre Harrison, EA Technology

Panel Session – 1:30 - 2:15 PM
BESS in Practice: Utility Ownership, Operations, and Innovation

2:15 PM **Asset Health Index Models Embedded in a Company-Wide Data Platform**
Michael Obrist, Swissgrid

3:00 - 3:45 PM COFFEE BREAK | Exhibit Hall

Session A6: Asset Management Strategy, Reliability, and Lifecycle Optimization
Regency A
Session Chair: Don Ans, CEATI

Session B6: Asset Management Strategy, Reliability, and Lifecycle Optimization
Regency B
Session Chair: Ed Watson, CEATI

Session C5: Innovation in Next-Generation Power Systems
Regency C
Session Chair: TBC

3:45 PM **From Physical to Digital: PG&E IT's Groundbreaking Adoption of ISO 55001 Standards**
Zachary Christin, AMCL & Gurminder McNeel-Caird, PG&E

Optimizing Utility Investment Portfolios: Maximizing Value Under Real-World Constraints
Steven Hoffenson, Endeavor

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ELM Microgrid

4:30 PM **Rethinking AIP: Data, Digital Tools, and Analytics for Smarter Capital Decisions**
Emaan Chaudhry, Hatch & Jenna Gillis, Hydro Ottawa

How Management of Change Contributes to Process Reliability
David Dreup, Operational Sustainability

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5:30-7:00PM RECEPTION | Midway Suites 5

Event Overview:

The CEATI Asset Management & Innovation Conference is a fresh name & new chapter for our annual Strategy & Innovation Conference. Our 2026 event will bring together over 300 utility professionals, including leaders focused on asset management, strategic planning, energy integration, and digital transformation.

The event will feature presentations on the following themes:

- Asset Management Strategy, Reliability, and Lifecycle Optimization
- Innovation in Next-Generation Power Systems

Within These Tracks, Our Conference Planning Team Will Prioritize Content Related To:

- Asset management fundamentals & ISO 55000 alignment
- Lifecycle planning, resilience, and whole-life cost optimization
- Digital tools, AI, analytics, and data-driven asset management decision-making.
- Organizational Strategy, Talent Development & Change Management
- Innovations in Hybrid and Flexible Generation Systems
- Advancements in Energy Storage and Low-Carbon Fuels
- AI and Automation in Power Generation
- Innovation Pathways for the Future Grid

Who should attend:

- Electric Utilities
- Consultants
- Equipment Manufacturers and Suppliers
- Research Facilities and Laboratories
- Academics

Event Details:

- [Week at a Glance Schedule](#)
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- [Member Registration](#)
- [General Registration](#)
- [Event Website](#)