

EPCE: Innovations and Insights in Educating the Energy Workforce

Formed in 2001, the Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) is a national non-profit coalition of utilities, energy organizations and education partners. EPCE provides its members with workforce solutions through its premier online education, built to address the critical employment needs of the evolving utility industry. Utility professionals meet to learn about online education and training resources that support employer workforce development strategies.

Meeting Location: PJM Conference & Training Center Hotel: Homewood Suites
2750 Monroe Blvd 681 Shannondell Blvd
Audubon, PA 19403 Audubon, PA 19403
Meeting Room TBD

Wednesday, September 12th

7:30 – 9:00 am **EPCE Governance Meeting (Governance Members Only)**
Conference & Training Center – Ohm

8:00 – 8:45 am **Orientation to EPCE (First Time Attendees Only)**
Conference & Training Center – Volta
First-time meeting attendees will receive a high-level overview of EPCE and its educational partners and offerings
Ashley Smith, Manager, and Ryan Cheney, Marketing Associate, EPCE

EPCE Business Meeting (EPCE Members Only) **Energy Center – Room EC-7**

9:00 – 9:30 am **Welcome & Introductions**
Linda Sechrist, HR Analyst, PJM

9:30 – 11:00 am **Coalition Updates on EPCE’s Collective Impact on the Workforce**

- Coalition Business Updates
- EPCE Governance Board Insights
- Online Energy Education Partnership Resources
- National and Employer Impact Data and Metrics
- Updates on CAEL as it relates to alignment with EPCE’s Mission
- Benchmarking Solutions to Increase Employee Awareness

Christine Carpenter, Director, Ashley Smith, Manager, and Ryan Cheney, Marketing Associate, EPCE

11:00 – 11:15 am **Networking Break – Link up with the individuals from the EPCE network**

EPCE General Meeting (EPCE Members, Partners, and Guests) **Energy Center – Room EC-7**

11:15 – 12:00 pm **Coalition Greeting & PJM Overview**
Nora Swimm, Sr. VP, Corporate Client Services

Industry Trends
PJM Thought Leader - TBD

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** **Lunch, sponsored by PJM**
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm** **The Role of Energy Storage**
Learn from EPCE member PJM about their experience with storage technology, it's role in creating the grid of the future, and the implications to the workforce.
PJM's Applied Innovations & Analysis Department
- 1:45 – 2:30 pm** **Innovative Approaches and Actionable Methods from Industry Peers**
Learn updates, challenges, and solutions from industry peers across the nation. Potential discussion topics include:
- Leadership Development
 - Generational Learning
 - Socializing Education and Development Opportunities
 - The 'How To' in Implementing Innovative Training Solutions
- 2:30 – 2:45 pm** **Roundtable Report Out**
EPCE Member companies, organizations, and guests share insights/summary of discussions
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm** **Networking Break – *Link up with the individuals from the EPCE network***
- 3:00 – 3:30 pm** **Employee Learning and Development: How EPCE Members Measure Success**
Hear from PJM on a new and creative training program model and how they are evaluating their efforts in a meaningful way.
Dionne, Wright, Director, People Services Center, PJM
- 3:30 – 3:45 pm** **Benchmarking Industry Leaders: Exelon's Virtual Reality Training**
Learn firsthand how Exelon's VR training is providing experiential training in real-time to improve training and reduce costs. EPCE Members then have the opportunity to test out Exelon's equipment
Marvin Burdick, Corporate Training Manager, Exelon
- 3:45 – 4:00 pm** **EPCE Champions: Maximizing the Impact on the Energy Workforce**
EPCE winners share their "magic formula" for being an EPCE MVP!
Ryan Cheney, Marketing Associate, EPCE
- 4:00 pm** **Meeting Recap and Closing Remarks**
- 4:00 – 5:30 pm** **Experience Exelon's Virtual Reality Training Equipment**
Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to test out Exelon's cutting edge virtual reality training technology first-hand. (Note: Time is allotted today and Thursday)
- 6:30 pm** **Dinner, sponsored by EPCE - Location TBD**

Thursday, September 13th

8:00 – 8:50 am

EPCE Standing Committee Meeting

Committees provide direction and input into the development and continuous improvement and awareness of EPCE's online educational programs

- Nuclear Power Technology Advisory Council (Room TBD)
- Electric Power Technology Curriculum Council (Room TBD)

EPCE General Meeting (EPCE Members, Partners, and Guests)

Energy Center – Room EC-7

9:00 am

Kickoff Message

Linda Sechrist, HR Analyst, PJM

9:10 – 10:40 am

EPCE's Education Partnerships: The Value and Impact of Education & Training

Updates from EPCE Education Providers on educating the nation's energy workforce

- Technology Management/MBA, Electrical Engineering Technology, Nuclear Engineering and Cybersecurity: *Excelsior College*
- Electric & Nuclear Power, Electrical Transmission Systems, Power Plant, Renewable Energy, Water/Wastewater: *Bismarck State College, National Energy Center of Excellence*
- Power Systems Engineering: *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
- Electrical Engineering: *Clemson University*

10:40 – 10:50 am

Education/Networking Break: Understanding EPCE's Offerings

Learn more about EPCE's range of online education offerings from the EPCE Education Provider Network.

10:50 – 11:30 am

Employee Panel – Success Stories

Hear from PJM employees whose careers have been positively impacted by their pursuit of additional education.

Diane Lake, Analyst, BAS in Energy Management, Bismarck State College
Rigoberto Milla, Engineer, MS in Power Systems Management, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Matthew Mossholder, Sr. Security Analyst, MS in Cybersecurity, Excelsior College

11:30 – 12:15 pm

Lunch, sponsored by PJM

12:15 pm

Summary/Meeting Evaluation

Christine Carpenter, Director, EPCE

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12:30 – 3:00 pm

Hands-On Learning & Tour:

Experience Exelon’s Virtual Reality Training Equipment

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Heather Davis, Corporate Training Director, Exelon

Tour of PJM’s Control Room

See PJM’s state-of-the-art systems in action responsible for running the power grid and administering wholesale electricity markets in 13 states and the District of Columbia, comprising a large part of the Eastern Interconnection.

3:00 pm

Meeting Adjourns

EPCE MEMBERS



EPCE and its education partners work together to ensure industry-relevant online education



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For more information on EPCE, please visit www.EPCEonline.org