

OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives 

2025 Summer Conference

August 11 & 12, 2025

Hilton Easton

August 11, 2025

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration and Check-in

5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Welcome

5:15 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

OEC Casino and Networking Reception

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, carving stations and desserts from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

August 12, 2025

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

Chairman's Welcome, Pledge, and Invocation

Mitch Headley, Chairman, Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

8:10 a.m.

Authentic Leadership

Dan Owolabi, Founding Executive Director, Branches Worldwide

9:00 a.m.

Rural Economic Development Loan Program: Powering Local Investment

Moderator: *Dennis Mingyar, Director, Economic Development, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives*

Panelist: *Matt Berry, CEO, Midwest Electric*
Randy Price, CEO & President, Paulding Putnam
Ed VanHoose, President & CEO, LMRE & NCE

9:50 a.m.

Break

10:10 a.m.

NRECA Federal Policy Outlook

Ashley Slater, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, NRECA

11:10 a.m.

Energizing the Next Generation: E3 Smart Program

Missy Kidwell, Manager, Cooperative Development, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives
Abbey Thomas, Education Director, Ohio Energy Project
Justis Clifford, Chief Strategy Office, LMRE & NCE
Ellen Lynch, Teacher, Seneca East Middle School

12:00 p.m.

LUNCH

1:00 p.m.

Shifting Currents: H.B. 15 & S.B. 2 Impact on Ohio's Power Landscape

Marc Armstrong, Senior Director, Government Affairs, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives

Kelly Barr, Manager, Government Affairs, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives

Shawn Nelson, Founder & Principal, Nelson Government Strategies

1:50 p.m.

Data Centers: Moving Fast and Breaking Things

Ben Wilson, Assistant Vice President, Power Delivery, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives

Lija Kaleps-Clark, Associate General Counsel, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives

Tom Schmidt, Principal Planning Engineer, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives

2:40 p.m.

President's Address

Craig Grooms, President & CEO, Buckeye Power and Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

3:00 p.m.

Adjourn