



**Region 6 2020 Meeting
October 13-15, 2020
All events held in Central Time**

Tuesday, October 13th

12:30pm **Welcome Message – Doug Pruessner, Region 6 Chairman
UTC Remarks – Sheryl Riggs, UTC President & CEO**

1pm – 3pm **Fiber Fundamentals Training Session**

As fiber optic networks are an integral piece of a power utility’s telecommunications system, the total design of the fiber optic network is an important consideration for a utility. Also, fiber optic networks are becoming more important today than in the past, because of the life changes we are experiencing from the fourth industrial revolution to the COVID pandemic. In this session, different aspects of the network will be discussed ranging from fiber basics, cable offerings, installation, connectivity, and splicing.

Speakers: **Cheaib Hatoum, Applications Engineer - AFL
Adam Harrison – AFL**

Wednesday, October 14th

10:00am – 11:00am **Unlicensed Operations in the 6 GHz Band – Recommendations for Incumbents**

The microwave 6 GHz is used by critical infrastructure for vital communications. The FCC proposal to introduce unlicensed devices in this band could create challenges for the incumbent licensees.

This session will provide a review of the FCC rule making and tips for licensees to minimize the impact of unlicensed operations.

Speaker: **Ronil Prasad, Director Regional Marketing, NA – Aviat Networks**

11:30am – 12:30pm **NERC CIP Standards in Development**

This session will be an informational overview of the CIP standards currently in development. There will be a brief introduction describing MRO’s role in the reliability of the Bulk Power System, and will close the session with regulatory considerations for COVID-19, and a review of some of the COVID-19 related impacts that have been reported. Opportunity for Q&A will follow.

Speaker: **Brian Kinstad, Risk Assessment & Mitigation Engineer – Midwest Reliability
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1:30pm – 2:30pm TDM to IP FAN Deployment

Speakers: Doug Pruessner, Manager IT Network Planning – Evergy
Joe Mellott - Evergy
Joe McFadden, Sales Manager – Midwest – 4RF USA

3pm – 4pm Solutions Showcase with vendors

Network after the sessions! How it works: Technology Partners hosts individual rooms and you rotate through the rooms every six minutes. Discuss new innovations and products, solve challenges, play games, learn, and speed network. Arrive early - it's only an hour!

Thursday, October 15th

10am – 11am OT Security

Speaker: Joe Bradley, OT Security Manager – Ameren Services

11:30am – 12:30pm ADSS Fiber Lifecycle Study Findings

Speaker: Matt Schnell, ITT Telecommunications Manager – Nebraska Public Power District

**1:00pm – 4:00pm Closed Session – Members Only
MCUTC Business Meeting**

- Round table discussion of various company projects
- UTC Advocacy/Leadership Report
- Special Announcement by Rick Speck
- Secretary Report
- Treasurer Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Nomination Committee
- Election of Officers
- Remarks of Incoming Chairman
- Adjournment