

## CONVERGENCE OF RESILIENCE AND EQUITY

WEDNESDAY: SESSION 1, TRACK 3

### SESSION CHAIR

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Bobby Jeffers, Sandia National Laboratories

### PANELISTS

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- Forest Kaser, Resiliency and Microgrids, California Public Utilities Commission
- Shay Bahramirad, VP of Climate and Resilience, Quanta Technology
- Adaora Ifebigh, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Kyle Spencer, Deputy Resilience Officer, City of Norfolk, VA

### SESSION ABSTRACT

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This session will bring together practitioners at the leading edge of planning a more equitable energy system. Esteemed panelists will discuss how equity is increasingly being considered within resilience planning for the electric grid and infrastructures that depend on it. A core point of dialogue will focus on whether quantifiable approaches to measuring and forecasting equity within the resilience planning arena are mature enough for infrastructure investment planning. Attendees to this session will be challenged to think about how technology development and analysis approaches can support a more equitable society by ensuring that the most vulnerable among our society are supported during infrastructure disruptions. The panel will consist of viewpoints from regulators, electric utilities, and city governments – some of the most important and impactful stakeholders charged with improving the resilience and equity of our society.