

# CampusEnergy2026

## Advancing Thermal Networks

FEB. 17 – 20, 2026 | WASHINGTON, DC

Preliminary Program as of 12.12.2025  
TIMES AND CONTENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Thermal Distribution & Operations Workshop

*Location: Potomac C*

Tuesday, February 17	
7:00 am – 7:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b> – Potomac Registration Desk
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<b>Workshop Breakfast</b> – For registered Workshop participants – Cherry Blossom Ballroom/Lobby
7:00 am – 7:30 am	<b>Workshop Speaker and Moderator Orientation Meeting</b> – Chesapeake 1-3 <i>Breakfast will be served for speakers and moderators. Must attend if you are speaking or moderating on this day.</i>
8:00 am – 8:10 am	<b>Workshop Introduction</b> – Frank Cuomo, Con Edison; Jennifer Meisenhelder, Jacobs; Cameron Ratliff, University of Virginia
	<b>Session 1: Zero Harm, Maximum Impact!</b> <i>Moderators: Frank Cuomo, Con Edison</i> <i>A high-impact session covering cybersecurity risks and foundational distribution safety practices—from lockout/tagout to steam charging and burn prevention—highlighting tools and best practices for safe and reliable operation of distribution systems.</i>
8:10 am – 8:45 am	<b>Stay Grounded: Energy Safety Essentials Panel</b> – Chuck Kammin, University of Florida; John Giamarino, ConEd; Eric Toth, Cordia; Amy Stanton, Ever-Green Energy
8:45 am – 9:05 am	<b>Think Like a Hacker, Act Like a Pro</b> – Dr. Craig Wiener, the MITRE Corporation
	<b>Session 2: Pipes, Purges &amp; Performance: Technical Strategies That Matter</b> <i>Moderators: Cameron Ratliff, University of Virginia</i> <i>This technical block explores advancements in pipe materials, system flushing and cleaning, and water treatment practices, giving attendees practical knowledge for improving system reliability and performance.</i>
9:05 am – 9:25 am	<b>From Steel to Smart Composites: Rethinking Pipe Materials in Campus Energy Systems</b> – Saad Khan, Sandale, a division of EMCO Corporation
9:25 am – 10:00 am	<b>To Flush or Not to Flush - Building Connections &amp; Flushing Panel</b> – Casey Skelton, PurgeRite; Vince Basilio, RMF; Lacey Shelor, Architect of the Capitol, David Hermes, University of Virginia
10:00 am – 10:20 am	<b>Refreshment Break</b> – Cherry Blossom Foyer

### Session 3: Voice of the Workforce Past, Present, and Future

*Moderators: Jennifer Meisenhelder, Jacobs*

*Operators and utility teams share front-line insights on maintenance strategies, cost optimization, predictive tools, and everyday operational challenges across campuses and district systems. Workforce trends and training needs are explored through interactive engagement with early-career professionals.*

10:25 am – 11:00 am

**Tales from the Trenches Panel** – David Hermes, University of Virginia; Sam Fortino, Michigan State; TBA, Architect of the Capitol

11:00 am – 11:35am

**Do More with Less: The Energy Optimization Edge Panel** – Don Silvia, Vicinity; Patrick Walsh, Eaglehawk One; John Giamarino, Con Edison; Christopher Potter, Architect of the Capitol; Cameron Ratliff, University of Virginia

11:35 am – 12:10 pm

**Decoding Between Generations** – An interactive session between the audience and panelists from the Young Professionals Group on employment drivers, career success, learning tactics and more.  
*Moderated by Frank Cuomo, Con Edison*

12:15 pm – 1:10 pm

**Workshop Luncheon** – For registered Workshop attendees only – Cherry Blossom Ballroom/Lobby

### Session 4: Energy Horizons: From Fuels to Forward Vision

*Moderators: Christopher Potter, Architect of the Capitol*

*This session examines emerging low-carbon fuels and technologies—from geothermal to SMRs, RNG, hydrogen, and e-boilers—followed by a regional look at navigating evolving regulations, cooling restrictions, and long-term planning constraints.*

1:15 pm – 1:50 pm

**Fueling Tomorrow: Igniting the Next Energy Revolution** – Christina Joyce, Eurotech Ventures; Sharon Paterson, MIQ; Rory Gaunt, Truburn; Don Silvia, Vicinity(invited); TBA, RMF Engineering

1:50 pm – 2:30 pm

**Threading the Needle: Weaving Vision Through Challenges**– David Woodson, University of Washington; Joanna Yager, Con Edison; Saul Kinter, DC Water

2:30 pm – 2:50 pm

**Refreshment Break** – Cherry Blossom Foyer

### Session 5: Tools of Tomorrow: Smart Sensors, Meters & Monitoring Technologies

*Moderators: Frank Cuomo, Con Edison*

*A technology-focused discussion highlighting widgets and tools that can optimize system monitoring and improve performance.*

2:55 pm – 3:20 pm

**Too Hot to Handle – Insulated Manhole Covers – Evolution and Design** – Devin Vasquez, Con Edison

3:20 pm – 3: 45 pm

**Connecting Heat, Power, and Progress** – Charlie Marino, WSP; Don Silvia, Vicinity; Sam Olmstead, Yale(invited); Scott McCord, University of Minnesota (invited)

3:45 pm – 3:55 pm

Workshop Recap and Open Discussion

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Campus Forum Meeting** –  
A forum for open dialogue among college/university campus energy personnel only. (Limited to campus system owners only.)

**District Energy Women’s Initiative (DEWI) Forum Meeting** – Room TBD

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**Opening Reception with Business Partner Exhibitors** –