

42ND ANNUAL RURAL ENERGY CONFERENCE & SEMINAR

March 3-5, 2004
Ramada Inn Convention Center
Eau Claire, WI



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Midwest Rural Energy Council
University of WI, MN and Iowa State Extension
University of WI Biological Systems Engineering Dept.
University of MN Biosystems and Agricultural
Engineering Dept.
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Seminar Agenda

The Role of Utility Personnel in Litigation

Presented by Webster Hart, an attorney with Herrick, Hart, Duchemin, Spaeth, Sullivan & Schumacher, S.C. located in Eau Claire, WI. For more information on the instructor and full seminar agenda, please check the MREC web site at <http://www.mrec.org/confer.htm>

Wednesday, March 3

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| 7:30 am | Registration | 1:00 | Trial Preparation and Testimony |
| 8:00 | Overview of the Seminar | | ◆ Direct examination |
| 8:30 | Technical Investigation Techniques | | ◆ Qualification |
| 9:30 | Break | 2:30 | ◆ Foundation and opinion |
| 9:45 | The Increasingly Adversarial and Litigious Environment | 2:45 | ◆ Hypothetical questions |
| | ◆ Introduction to the legal process | | ◆ Trial Preparation and Testimony (continued) |
| | ◆ Preparing for testifying | | ◆ Dos and don'ts |
| | ◆ Handling pressure | | ◆ The real purpose of cross-examination |
| | ◆ Questions as tools and techniques | | ◆ The leading question and how to deal with it |
| 10:45 | Pre-trial Depositions | | ◆ Attorneys' and witnesses' tools and techniques for cross-examination |
| | ◆ Role of utility personnel at the deposition | | ◆ The purpose of re-direct |
| | ◆ Preparation | 4:30 | ◆ Tips to use and pitfalls to avoid |
| | ◆ Demonstrative evidence | | Questions & Answers |
| | ◆ Preparing utility personnel for cross-examination | 5:30 | Adjourn |
| | ◆ Rights of utility personnel | | |
| 12:00 pm | Buffet Lunch | | |

Please note: The conference and seminar are two different events. You can register for either one or both. Please see the registration panel.

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Conference Agenda

Thursday, March 4

- 8:00 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:45 Welcome
- 9:00 **The Anatomy of a Stray Voltage/Earth Current Trial from an Engineer's Perspective**
Chuck DeNardo, We Energies
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 **Wind Power**
John Seymour, FPL Energy
- 11:15 **Interconnect Rules**
Doug Larson, Power System Engineering, Inc.
- 12:00 PM Buffet Lunch
- 1:15 **Intro. to Break-out Sessions**
- 1:30 **Break-out Session No. 1**
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 **Break-out Session No. 2**
- 3:45 Break
- 4:00 **Break-out Session No. 3**
- 5:00 Social Hour
- 6:00 Buffet Dinner
- 7:00 Roundtable
- 8:00 Adjourn

Friday, March 5

- 7:00 AM Buffet Breakfast
- 7:30 **MREC Business Meeting**
- 8:00 **Introduction**
- 8:15 **Educating Veterinarians on Stray Voltage**
Dr. John Roberts, DVM, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WI DATCP)
- 9:15 **Transmission in the Midwest**
TBA, Midwest Independent System Operators (MISO)
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 **University Research Updates**
Jay Harmon, Iowa State University
Vance Morey, University of Minnesota
Douglas Reinemann, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 11:30 **Update on Pennsylvania Stray Voltage Conference**
Dick Reines, WI DATCP
- 12:15 PM **Adjourn**

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Break-out Sessions

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| 1. Energy Conservation | Scott Sanford, UW-Madison |
| 2. Wind Power (question and answer session) | John Seymour, FPL Energy |
| 3. Electric Fencers | Tom Cadwallader, UW-Extension; Tom Eake, Tom's Fencing & Agricultural Service; and Tom Seidl, We Energies |
| 4. Residential NEV; update on EPRI Study | Douglas Reinemann, UW-Madison |
| 5. Making Measurements on the Farm | Chuck Forster, Phasor Labs |
| 6. Safe Electricity | Molly Hall, Illinois Electric Council |



Registration

Please refer to the registration panel for seminar and conference fees. **Seminar fee includes** materials, breaks, and lunch. **Conference registration fee includes** materials, continental breakfast, breaks, lunch, reception, and dinner Thursday. Breakfast and break is included on Friday. Hotel accommodations are not included in the fees.

Make check payable to: UW-Madison

Mail or fax to:

CALS Outreach Services
620 Babcock Drive
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Cancellations: In order to receive a full refund, you must cancel by contacting CALS Outreach Services at (608) 263-1672 prior to February 25. If you fail to cancel by February 25, the full fee will apply. Substitutions are welcome at any time.

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Location & Lodging

A confirmation notice and map will be mailed upon receipt of registration. The conference will be held at:

Ramada Inn Convention Center

205 South Barstow Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701
Phone: (715) 835-6121 or (800) 950-6121

A block of rooms has been reserved until February 4, 2004 for conference participants at the nightly rate of \$74.95/single or double plus 12% room tax. Be sure to mention that you are attending the *MREC Rural Energy Conference* to receive the special rate.

Registration Form

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Complete a separate registration form (or copy) for each registrant or register on-line at <http://www.pware.com/2723>

Early registration deadline is February 17, 2004

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

Circle one: Home or Business

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- Yes, I'd like to register for the **seminar**
 - \$ 180 members* (\$195 received after Feb. 17)
 - \$ 205 non-members** (\$220 received after Feb. 17)
- Yes, I'd like to register for the **conference**
 - \$ 195 members* (\$210 received after Feb 17)
 - \$ 225 non-members** (\$240 after Feb. 17)

_____ **Total Enclosed**

* *Members include employees of: IOUs and Co-ops that are Full members; and Corporate Affiliate and Affiliate members.*

** *Includes an Affiliate membership to MREC.*

Enclose fee. Checks payable to **UW-Madison**

- Check enclosed
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