

USEA Press Briefing To Examine DER, VPPs and Transactive Energy

The United States Energy Association press briefing, live on Zoom, is set for Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. ET.

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, December 5, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The next virtual press briefing in the [United States Energy Association's](#) monthly series will examine distributed energy resources, virtual power plants and transactive energy. The briefing is set for Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. ET.



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"All of a sudden, distributed energy resources and virtual power plants have come of age, after being a pipe dream

of environmentalists," says journalist Llewellyn King, who has organized and will moderate the briefing.

"You have to look no further than the big news from NRG Energy and Renew Home out of Texas last month," he adds.

In a joint announcement, NRG Energy and Renew Home, a Google-backed company, said they had signed an agreement to build a 1-gigawatt virtual power plant on the NRG system in Texas.

Other utilities across the country are diving into DER and contemplating the assemblage of demand-side management, solar rooftops, home batteries, scattered wind generators, and even plugged-in EVs into a vast energy matrix that will constitute a VPP and be as reliable to the utility as any other dispatchable power source.

"I am delighted that we have been able to put together an impressive panel of experts from Renew Home, EPRI, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Anterix, Holy Cross Energy, Bloom Energy and SmartPower."

As usual at USEA virtual press briefings, a panel of senior journalists who cover energy will question a panel of experts. They are intended to give reporters some news they can publish that day and to inform them for future reporting.

Mark Menezes, President and CEO of the USEA, and a former deputy secretary of energy, will

give opening and closing remarks, and will offer his expertise during the briefing.

These briefings on Zoom are open to the media and the public. They last about an hour and a few questions are taken from the audience via the chat function. Recordings are available afterward on the USEA and Energy Central websites.

King believes the mounting interest in VPPs is coming at a critical time when demand is rising — and some predictions of future demand show an easy outstripping of supply, driven by data centers.

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The experts panel:

Jason Fuller, Group Leader Electricity Security, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Morgan O’Brien, Chairman, Anterix and Co-founder, Nextel

Cisco DeVries, Executive Vice President, Renew Home

Bryan Hannegan, President and CEO, Holy Cross Energy

James Roth, Vice President of Federal Government Relations, Bloom Energy

Brian Keane, President, SmartPower

Irene Danti Lopez, Technical Expert, EPRI (Paris)

The reporters panel:

Ken Silverstein, Forbes

Peter Behr, Politico’s E&E News

Matt Chester, Energy Central

Adam Clayton Powell III, PBS

Herman Trabish, Utility Dive

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