

# 42ND ANNUAL RURAL ENERGY CONFERENCE & SEMINAR

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



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

**Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** are available to those who wish to receive credit for this program. Contact CALS Outreach Services at (608) 263-1672, 620 Babcock Drive, Madison, WI 53706 for information on how to receive CEUs.

## Break-out Sessions

- Energy Conservation** Scott Sanford, UW-Madison
- Wind Power (question and answer session)** John Seymour, FPL Energy
- Electric Fencers** Tom Cadwallader, UW-Extension; Tom Eake, Tom's Fencing & Agricultural Service; and Tom Seidl, We Energies
- Residential NEV; update on EPRI Study** Douglas Reinemann, UW-Madison
- Making Measurements on the Farm** Chuck Forster, Phasor Labs
- 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  
Madison, WI 53706  
Phone: (608) 263-1672 or Fax: (608) 262-5088

**Or register on-line at:** <http://www.pware.com/2723>

**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.

**Questions:** Contact CALS Outreach Services at (608) 263-1672.

## 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

### 42nd Annual Rural Energy Conference & Seminar March 3-5, 2004

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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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