

## Drones and Microgrids November 17, 2025, 7 am PST Live Stream Seattle Washington

Site Planning, Documentation, Inspections are just a few actions that a commercialized drone can do for your organization. Find out more at today's session as our experience pilot dives into Drone Management. Can we save you a seat? Yes. Drones are changing the way companies do business. Integrated into daily operations, organizations are using uncrewed systems to gather



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better data, make better decisions, and create a better product for their customers. This presentation will lay the foundation with the current legal and technical ecosystem of UAS capabilities. We will explore how companies are using the platforms for a variety of use-cases including site planning, documentation, and inspection. We will conclude by exploring the possible trajectory of the industry including implications of recent drone executive orders, Beyond Visual Line of Sight Operations (FAR 108), and emergent technologies of AI and drone swarms.

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