



Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort
Myrtle Beach, SC
September 14-17, 2026

2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 14, 2026

- 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Exhibitor Set Up**
Palisades A-F
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Registration**
Sponsored by: Fountain Inn Natural Gas
Palisades Prefunction
- 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Executive Committee Meeting**
Arcadian 1-2 (2nd Floor (Mezzanine Level))
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **CPGA Ladies Reception**
Beachcombers by North Pool
Sponsored by: Magnolia River
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Welcome Reception with Associate Members & Exhibitors**
Sponsored by: City of Monroe
Palisades A-F
- * Dinner on your own *

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast with Associate Members/Exhibitors**
Sponsored by: Greenville Utilities Commission
- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm **Registration**
Sponsored by: Fountain Inn Natural Gas
- 8:30 am – 8:45 am **CPGA Welcome and Announcements**
Amanda Gallagher
2026 CPGA Chair
- 8:45 am – 9:30 am **The Growing Energy Demand: Data Centers, Natural Gas Supply & Pipeline Expansion**
Mr. Anupam Das, NextEra (confirmed)

Explore how rapidly growing data center demand is influencing regional natural gas supply and infrastructure planning. This session will provide insights into anticipated supply challenges, the impact of increasing energy demand, and planned pipeline projects designed to enhance system capacity and address future supply constraints.

9:30 am – 10:15 am

Keynote Address: “How to Be a Good Leader When You've Never Had One”

Mick Hunt, Keynote Speaker

10:15 am - 11:00 am

Navigating Natural Gas Market Volatility: Market Outlook, Hedging Strategies, and Reliability Planning for Utilities

Mike Enoch, Patriots Energy Group – Executive Director

This session examines current natural gas market fundamentals, emerging supply and demand trends, and the factors driving price volatility across the Southeast. Participants will learn how utilities can manage risk, improve reliability, and protect customers from extreme winter market events based on past historical events.

11:00 am – 11:15 am

Break with Associate Members / Exhibitors

Sponsored by: Southern Cathodic Protection

11:15 am - 12:00 pm

LNG: U.S. Operations and Global Market Impacts

Orlando Alvarado – VP of Commercial, Shell North America LNG

Overview of U.S. LNG production, export capacity, international demand trends, and impacts on domestic natural gas markets and utility operations.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Meeting Wrap Up

Boxed Lunches Provided for Afternoon Activity Attendees

Free Afternoon / Afternoon Activities

12:52 pm

Golf – Arcadian Shores

Golf Sponsored by Ed Young Sales Company

6:00- 8:00

CPGA Annual Awards Reception

Dunes Ballroom - 16th Floor

Sponsored by: Consolidated Pipe & Supply

Awards Beverage Sponsored by: The Blythe Company

Awards Sponsored by: Bartlett Controls

Entertainment Sponsored by: RK&K

Dessert Bar Sponsored by: ISCO

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast with Associate Members & Exhibitors
8:00 am – 3:30 pm	Registration <i>Sponsored by: Fountain Inn Natural Gas</i>
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Welcome and Announcements with Door Prizes
8:45 am – 9:30 am	APGA Federal Regulatory Update Erin Kurilla – Executive Vice President, VP of Advocacy & Operations
9:30 am – 10:15 am	South Carolina and North Carolina Compliance Update John Iglesias – SC Pipeline Program Manager <i>Review of recent federal and state regulatory developments, PHMSA initiatives, inspection trends, and emerging compliance concerns impacting public gas systems.</i> <i>Discussion of recent legislative changes, implementation timelines, impacts on operators and excavators, and best practices for compliance.</i>
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break with Associate Members & Exhibitors <i>Sponsored by: Next Era Energy</i>
10:30 am – 11:15 am	SC and NC Legislative Updates Geoff Penland, Santee Cooper – Senior Director of State and Federal Affairs
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Damage Prevention – NULCA Ron Peterson, NULCA – Executive Director Presented in partnership with NULCA representatives. Discussion topics include root causes of damages, locating challenges, documentation practices, enforcement efforts, and industry best practices.
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch with Associate Members & Exhibitors <i>Sponsored by: ITS</i>
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Award Winner Roundtable Come hear from our top TRUST Award winners for this year on what they are doing well at their system.
2:00pm – 3:00 pm	Data Center Impact in Energy and Operations Anwar Timol – CloudOgre <i>First hand experience in data center, building out and anecdotes from force majeure events like Sandy and Helene</i>
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Meeting Wrap Up • Door Prizes
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Operators Meeting <i>SC Operators Chair, Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority</i> <i>NC Operators Chair, City of Monroe</i>

Secretary, York County Natural Gas Authority

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Reception

The North Lawn (*beside the North Pool*)

Sponsored by: Reconn Utilities

*** Dinner on your own ***

Thursday, September 17, 2026

7:00 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast with Associate Members & Exhibitors

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Exhibitor Break Down

*** Please Do Not Breakdown Prior to 8:30 ***

8:30 – 10:30 am

CPGA Board of Directors Meeting

Savannah Palms Board Room in Royal Palms Hotel