

# EMPOWER26

February 25-27, 2026  
Back to Boulder, Colorado



This preview highlights the current EnCompass Track sessions planned for EMPOWER 2026. Content and timing are subject to change as we finalize the full schedule, but we hope this gives you a sense of what's ahead. The complete agenda — with times and room details — will be published soon.

## **Wednesday Afternoon – Optional EnCompass Training and Nodal Database Update**

**Evaluating Reliability Metrics: Calculating ELCCs in EnCompass**

**Modeling EE/DR Modeling: New and Emerging Technologies**

**Nodal Data Update**

Brad Harrison, Principal Consultant, Yes Energy

*EMPOWER Welcome Reception + Solutions Circuit in the evening.*

## **Thursday Morning – EnCompass Content Track**

**Welcome and Recent Developments**

Norm Richardson, Vice President of Modeling, Yes Energy

**Analysis Related to Gas Price Risk and CT profitability**

David Blank, Manager of Generation Planning and Analysis, Big Rivers Electric Corp.

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## **Thursday Afternoon – EnCompass Content Track**

### **Modeling Emerging Technologies**

BJ Byers, Manager, Integrated Resource Planning, Duke Energy

### **Large Load Integration and Cost Evaluation**

Kevin Cox, Utility Services Director and Senior Principal, CDG Engineers

### **Topic TBD**

Kevin McAuliffe, National Dir. Transmission & Delivery Practice, nFront Consulting

### **Topic TBD**

Anthony Fratto, Sr. Dir. of Research and Analysis, American Clean Power Assoc.

*EnCompass Client Appreciation Dinner in the evening.*

## **Friday Morning – EnCompass Content Track**

### **Topic TBD**

1898 & Co.

### **Different Approaches to Modeling Aggressive Carbon Goals: Case Studies in Colorado and Illinois**

Yinan Ding, Capacity and Fundamental Analyst, ACES Power

Alyssa Anderson, Resource Planning Analyst, ACES Power

### **National Database Recent Developments**

Greg Turk, Managing Consultant, Horizons Energy

### **Roundtable Discussion regarding Future Development**

Greg Toothaker, Director of Product Strategy, Yes Energy

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Day 1 - Wed. 2/25

Day 2 - Thurs. 2/26

Day 3 - Fri. 2/27

Networking Breakfast provided

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EMPOWER Keynote

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Yes Energy  
Mainstage  
General Session

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EnCompass  
UGM  
Content  
Track

PowerCore  
UGM  
Content  
Track

Yes Energy  
Training  
(optional)

EnCompass  
UGM  
Content  
Track

PowerCore  
UGM  
Content  
Track

Networking Lunch Provided

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Sessions  
provided  
through  
lunch

Sessions  
provided  
through  
lunch

Sessions  
provided  
through  
lunch

Yes Energy  
Content  
Track 1

Yes Energy  
Content  
Track 2

EnCompass  
Training  
(optional)

PowerCore  
Training  
(optional)

Yes Energy  
Content  
Track 1

Yes Energy  
Content  
Track 2

EnCompass  
UGM  
Content  
Track

PowerCore  
UGM  
Content  
Track

Welcome Reception +  
Solutions Circuit

Activities  
Pending

UGM Client  
Appreciation Dinners

Three days of meals, content,  
trainings, and networking  
opportunities ~ a \$2,500 value!

9 am to  
Noon

1:30 pm  
to 4 pm

5 pm to  
7 pm

