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### PROGRAM NUMBER:

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### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

May 13-14, 2019

Day 1: 8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Day 2: 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Registration opens at 7 a.m. each day.

### CPE HOURS:

18 CPE hours (based on attendance)

### FEES:

- ▶ \$395 Early Bird TXCPA Member
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### EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

Register by **April 30, 2019** to receive Early Bird Registration rates. TXCPA is not responsible for checks or registrations delayed or lost in the mail.

### NEW! 20% DISCOUNT:

Register the first TXCPA member from a firm or company at full price, all other TXCPA members from the same firm or company receive a 20% discount on their registrations. To qualify for discounts, registrations must be submitted together via phone or fax. Government registrations are excluded from this discount.

### LOCATION:

Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol  
701 E. 11th Street  
Austin, TX 78701  
Phone: 512-478-1111

### HOTEL ROOM RATE:

\$185 single/double + applicable taxes.

### HOTEL CUT-OFF DATE:

5 p.m. CST on April 22, 2019 or when block fills. Call 888-627-8349 for hotel reservations and ask for the TXCPA Energy Conference room block.

### HOTEL PARKING RATES:

Discounted self-parking \$15 plus tax and includes in and out privileges. Valet \$38 per day plus tax. Daily attendees do not receive in and out privileges with their parking fees. Contact hotel for additional parking information. Parking prices are subject to change and are not included as part of the registration fee.

### CANCELLATION FEE:

Cancellations received less than five business days prior to the conference start date are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee. Substitutions will be allowed until the start time of the program at no charge by calling 800-428-0272 or 972-687-8500.

NO SHOWS WILL FORFEIT THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION FEE.

### HANDOUTS:

Handouts will be available beginning May 8, 2019. On May 8, 2019, TXCPA will send an email that contains the link to the handout website.

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# DAY ONE | MAY 13, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**
- 8:00 a.m. REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON THE UTILITY INDUSTRY**  
**Arthur D'Andrea/Commissioner/Public Utility Commission of Texas/Austin**  
You'll learn about recent regulatory and legislative changes affecting electricity, water and telecommunications markets in Texas and current issues of the day at the Public Utility Commission.
- 9:00 a.m. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS UPDATE**  
**Steve Van Meter, CPA/Principal/CliftonLarsonAllen/Denver, CO**  
This session provides an overview of Accounting Standards Updates (ASUs) issued since 2018 and their potential impact on financial reporting. You'll revisit important ASUs issued in prior years and discuss what's on the horizon regarding proposed standards to identify issues that may impact your business.
- 10:00 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m. ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT OF AGING NATURAL GAS FACILITIES**  
**Troy Paige, PE/VP Technical Services/Atmos Energy/Dallas**  
**Tammy Espinoza, PE/VP Technical Services/Atmos Energy/Dallas**  
Atmos Energy is improving the safety and reliability of its natural gas network through the accelerated replacement of aging infrastructure. This session covers the evolution of the Atmos Energy natural gas distribution system in Texas and the coordinated effort required to effectively support an infrastructure replacement program.
- 11:15 p.m. AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE FLOOD OF OCTOBER 2018**  
**Kelly Payne/VP, Water Operations/Lower Colorado River Authority/Austin**  
You'll get an update on the state of the water supply in Texas. Since energy and water are inextricably linked, the value of water is vitally important.
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP FOR ACCOUNTANTS**  
**Jennifer D. Foery, SPHR/SHRM-SCP/HR Manager/Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc./Bastrop**  
Sole possession of technical expertise is no longer a precursor for success in business. Today's workforce, regardless of the generation, requires a more well-rounded skill set that includes communication skills, problem solving, accountability and teamwork. In short, today's workforce requires LEADERSHIP. In this session, you'll explore the "softer side" of accounting.
- 1:30 p.m. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS) FOR UTILITIES**  
**Gregory Angst, P.E., RCDD, PMP/Utilities Technology Council Vice-Chairman 2018-2019/Houston**  
This session describes Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) experiences and use cases of CenterPoint Energy over a several-year period. CenterPoint Energy has used UAS for emergency storm-related activities and plans to integrate this technology into day-to-day operations. UAS gives CenterPoint Energy the view from above.
- 2:30 p.m. TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT**  
**Jennifer Story, CPA/Director Income Tax/Atmos Energy Corporation/Dallas**  
Attendees will examine tax reform changes that have impacted utilities over the past year, including the unique challenges and opportunities that these changes have resulted in for the industry. Regulatory outcomes and trends are addressed with respect to the flow back of taxes to customers.
- 3:30 p.m. BREAK**
- 3:45 p.m. USING DATA ANALYTICS TO DETECT INTERNAL FRAUD**  
**Steve Dawson, CPA, CFE/President/Dawson Forensic Group/Lubbock**  
As transaction volume and big data continue to expand, the need to analyze this data efficiently for internal fraud detection increases in priority. Even the most effective internal fraud prevention controls can be overridden. With actual case examples and demonstration, this session shifts the focus to fraud detection techniques by introducing the latest big data analytics methods used to identify anomalies for further investigation.
- 4:45 p.m. ADJOURN**

# DAY TWO | MAY 14, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**  
**CURRENT LEGISLATION, PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES FOR GAS UTILITIES AND PIPELINES**
- 8:00 a.m. **Wei Wang, CPA, CISA/Executive Director/Railroad Commission of Texas/Austin**  
You'll hear the latest information on the Railroad Commission of Texas. The session provides an overview of the Railroad Commission's regulatory responsibilities and related legislation from the 86th Legislature.
- 9:00 a.m. **SHEDDING SOME LIGHT ON GASB**  
**Blake Rodgers, CPA/Audit & Assurance Partner/Deloitte & Touche LLP/Dallas**  
The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has been busy issuing several standards over the past few years – a few that will require some advanced planning to implement. Get a high-level overview of the upcoming GASB standards that will likely affect accounting and financial reporting for governmental energy entities, as well as some pointers on preparing for implementation to help you get organized for the upcoming challenges.
- 10:00 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m. **SUMMER OUTLOOK AND EMERGING ISSUES**  
**Kenan Ögelman/Vice President, Commercial Operations/ERCOT/Taylor**  
You'll hear an introduction to the ERCOT market, then cover emerging issues of interest. A review will also be given of the upcoming summer outlook related to the grid and capacity or reserve margins.
- 11:15 p.m. **TEXAS DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS AND TRENDS**  
**Lloyd Potter, Ph.D., M.P.H./Texas State Demographer/San Antonio**  
Texas is in the midst of a demographic transformation. This session includes an overview of the state's demographic characteristics, along with information about population shifts, and factors associated with recent and projected population change.
- 12:15 p.m. **LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
**John Sharbaugh, CAE/Managing Director, Governmental Affairs/TXCPA/Austin**  
You'll get an update on the major actions and legislation passed during the 2019 Texas legislative session with a focus on issues of concern to the accounting profession, including tax proposals considered by the legislature. You'll also hear a status report on the Sunset review process for the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy and the Texas Public Accountancy Act.
- 1:30 p.m. **PUBLIC POWER AND COOPERATIVE UTILITIES - A CREDIT RATING AGENCY PERSPECTIVE**  
**Kathy Masterson/Senior Director/Fitch Ratings/Austin**  
This session examines trends in the public power and cooperative sector and expectations for the future. Come hear how Fitch Ratings evaluates the credit quality of utilities and changes to the rating criteria released in 2019.
- 2:30 p.m. **ARE THE 'WILD WEST' DAYS RETURNING TO THE U.S. OIL, GAS MARKETS?**  
**Alan Lammey/Senior Markets Analyst/IHS Markit OPIS/Spring**  
Attendees will take a look at how energy prices in 2019 and beyond will react to domestic oil and gas production rising to never-before-seen levels, while new segments of demand continue to grow at a rapid pace. How high (or low) can energy prices go in the near and longer-term future?
- 3:30 p.m. **ADJOURN**

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## HOW TO REGISTER:

① Register online at [www.TSCPA.org](http://www.TSCPA.org)

② Mail your check and registration form to:  
TXCPA CPE Foundation, Inc.  
14651 Dallas Parkway, Suite 700  
Dallas, TX 75254  
Make check payable to:  
TXCPA CPE Foundation, Inc.

③ Fax credit card registrations to  
972-687-8696 or 800-207-0273

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