

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ALBUQUERQUE FOR ESMO 2006

In October 2006, utility professionals from more than 40 countries will converge in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the IEEE Power Engineering Society's 11th International Conference on Transmission & Distribution Construction, Operation and Live-Line Maintenance (ESMO 2006). This important event will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center from Sunday, October 15 to Thursday, October 19, 2006. As a member of the dynamic electric utility industry, you cannot afford to miss the opportunity to attend the event that is sure to be a thorough knowledge-building experience.

ESMO 2006 is devoted to the practical, hands-on aspects of construction, operation, maintenance and safety of overhead and underground transmission and distribution lines, including substations. The conference program spans four days, featuring two days of outdoor field demonstrations/exhibits and a two-day technical program combined with an indoor exhibit area. Attendees will gain the knowledge and expertise required to effectively build, operate and maintain the world's power-delivery systems.

As host utility of ESMO 2006, PNM (Public Service Company of New Mexico) will hold all activities at its outdoor facilities in Albuquerque. The outdoor program truly makes this conference a one-of-a-kind event.

The PNM outdoor site features various voltages on its transmission and distribution lines; and substation facilities, including power transformers. The outdoor portion of the conference will feature live-line demonstrations, construction techniques, safety demonstrations, operation activities, right-of-way management techniques and equipment, and a heavy equipment display area.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

The landscape of today's electric utility is being altered and the traditional operating procedures are continually being

reviewed. Many companies realize they can no longer do business as usual. More cost-effective methods of operation are being deployed every day. New tools are increasing work management, productivity and safety. Updated equipment and management techniques are providing more efficient means of power delivery. Utility managers, engineers and operating professionals must learn about every changing aspect of the industry.

Through individual paper presentations and group panel sessions, the ESMO 2006 technical program examines new methods and procedures for operating and maintaining power-delivery systems at peak levels. The conference has attracted a significantly large number of individual paper presentations from professionals around the world. In addition, panel sessions have been organized by industry experts highlighting the latest advances in the construction, operation, and maintenance power-delivery facilities.

