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Earn TVPPA's Distribution System Operator Certificate



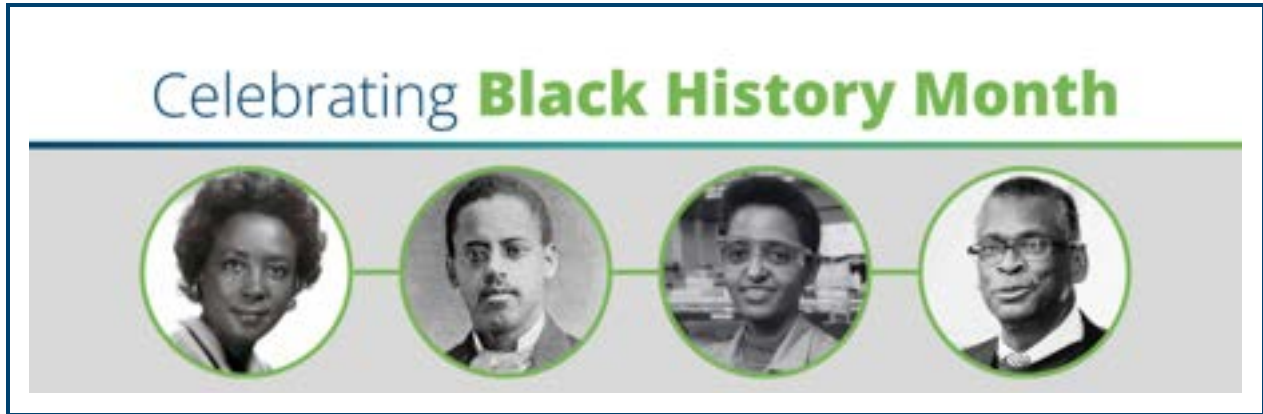
Ensuring distribution system reliability is core to the work of the Tennessee Valley's local power companies. And TVPPA's [Distribution System Operator training program](#) provides your employees with the critical skills necessary to keep your system up and running.

Comprised of four classes, this program gives participants a proficient working knowledge of modern electric power distribution systems. This year, TVPPA will offer all four of the classes at Jackson Energy Authority in Jackson, Tenn., beginning in March. See the list of class offerings and dates below:

- **Electric Power System Operations – March 25-28**
- **Distribution Systems – May 6-9**

- **Advanced Distribution Concepts – August 19-23**
- **Electrical Safety – October 22-24**

To register, email TVPPA Education & Training Specialist [Kaitlin Plaster](#).



This Black History Month, discover the stories of revolutionary black inventors, researchers, and scientists who helped shape the electric utility industry. Click the image to learn more.



Learn more about this opportunity to become a champion for employee well-being by clicking [here](#).

TVPPA Co-hosts Electrification Leadership Summit
[Register](#) to Learn More About Emerging Challenges, Opportunities

Tennessee Electrification Leadership Summit
March 28 – Lenoir City, TN

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As billions of dollars flow from the DOE, EPA, DOT, and state governments, opportunities abound for beneficial electrification – that is the use of electricity for purposes that save consumers money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve quality of life, and support a more resilient and robust grid. The Beneficial Electrification League works with community-owned power companies to support those goals and to help them address the opportunities and challenges that come along with the rapid expansion of industrial electrification.

With a focus on those opportunities, the Tennessee Electrification Leadership Summit will facilitate conversations on issues related to electrification and efficiency including topics like electric transportation, economic development, and the emerging opportunities and challenges that come with new loads. They will also share tips on maximizing the impact of IRA direct/elective pay tax credits while the window is open. We hope you can join us to learn and network with your peers and colleagues.

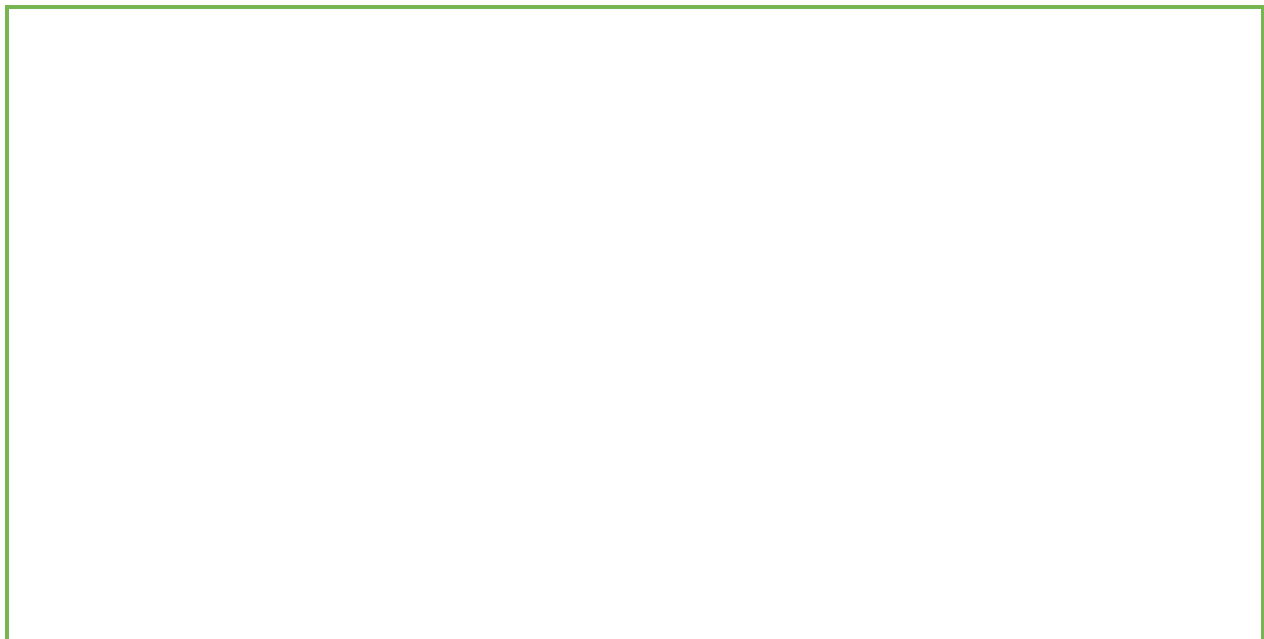
What: Tennessee Electrification Leadership Summit

When: Thursday, March 28

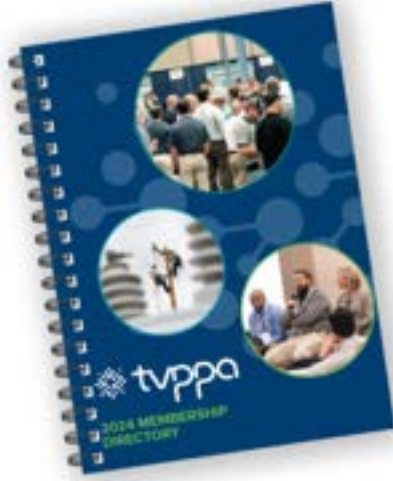
Where: Lenoir City Utilities Board, Lenoir City, Tennessee

Who: Co-hosted by Beneficial Electrification League, Lenoir City Utilities Board, TVPPA, TMEPA

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Come for the Learning, Stay for the Lake

Be a Part of TVPPA's Next Inclusion Class March 7-8 in Guntersville



The December 2023 Inclusion cohort included participants from Paris Board of Utilities, Huntsville Utilities, Gallatin Department of Electricity, TVA, Cleveland Utilities, Electric Board of Guntersville, CDE Lightband and TVPPA.

Make plans now to join TVPPA and executive leadership coach Tangela Johnson on Alabama's beautiful Lake Guntersville for our next session of *Leaders First, Culture Second: Inclusion the Way Forward*.

By participating in this class, you will learn to create a strategic framework that builds a more diverse and inclusive culture and attracts the next generation of top talent.

Hosted by Electric Board of Guntersville, this session is designed to be an immersive learning experience in a charming lake setting.

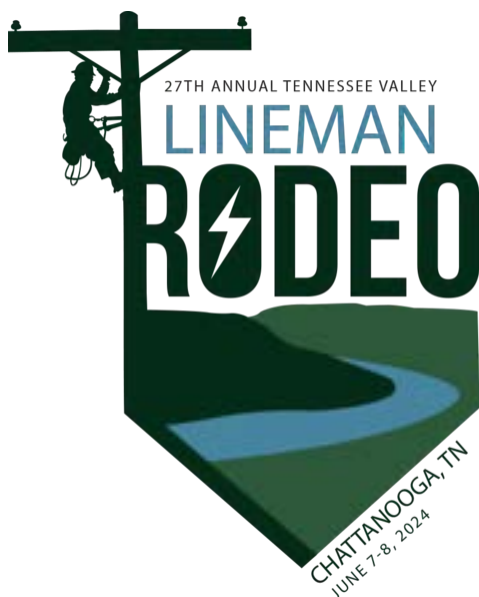
What: Leaders First, Culture Second: Inclusion the Way Forward

When: March 7-8

Where: Guntersville Chamber of Commerce, Guntersville, Ala.

Mark Your Calendars for the TN Valley Lineman Rodeo

Registration Opens Now



Mark your calendars and register your team now to compete in the 2024 Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo, hosted by **EPB Chattanooga, June 7-8, in Chattanooga, Tenn.**

First launched in 1998 to highlight the skills of linemen and cultivate pride in the trade, the Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo celebrates its 27th year in 2024 when lineworkers from around the Valley gather to compete and showcase the skills and techniques that are hallmarks of their industry.

The Rodeo includes competitions for apprentice lineworkers, journeymen, individuals and senior individuals (over 45 years old), and gives family and friends an opportunity to see their loved ones in action.

Eligibility to compete in the Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo is limited to employees of electric utilities that are:

- 1. Members (regular or affiliate) of TVPPA or Tennessee Job Training & Safety or TVA Employees; and**
- 2. Within the seven states that comprise TVA's service area – Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia**

For more information and event details, please visit <https://tnrodeo.com/>.

For our associate members who may be interested in sponsoring the Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo, please email TVPPA Director, Education & Training [Caleb Hall](#) for rates and details.

SAVE THE DATE:

Valley Rally | July 22-24

Washington, DC



TVPPA's annual legislative rally, or "Valley Rally," will be July 22-24 in Washington, D.C. If you are interested in participating, please contact TVPPA EVP & Chief Strategy Officer [Danette Scudder](#).



Training Calendar

March 4-5

Introduction to Pricing & Rate Design
Dothan Utilities
Dothan, Ala.

March 4-8

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 1
Fundamentals
Huntsville Utilities
Huntsville, Ala.

March 4-8

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 3
Operations
MTE
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

March 4-8

Pre-Apprentice Assessment Workshop
Greenfield Power & Light
Greenfield, Ind.

March 5-7

Line Design & Staking Certification
Training Level 1

March 18

ABCs of Electrical Systems
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

March 18-22

Substation Maintenance
Lab A
Huntsville Utilities
Huntsville, Ala.

March 18-22

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 1
Fundamentals
Princeton Training Center
Princeton, Ky.

March 19-20

Communicating Effectively with
Utility Customers
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

March 19-21

Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training

CDE Lightband
Clarksville, Tenn.

March 6-7

Introduction to Rates & Pricing
Dothan Utilities
Dothan, Ala.

March 7-8

Leaders First, Culture Second:
Inclusion – The Way Forward
Electric Board of Guntersville
Guntersville, Ala.

March 11-12

Negotiations & Contracts
Dothan Utilities
Dothan, Ala.

March 11-15

Fiber Fundamentals
Climbing Lab
JEA
Jackson, Tenn.

March 12

Goal Setting & Planning
TECA
Nashville, Tenn.

March 12-14

Digger-Derrick Lab
Dothan Utilities
Dothan, Ala.

March 13-14

Fundamental Supervisory Skills
TECA
Nashville, Tenn.

March 13-14

Negotiations & Contracts
Dothan Utilities
Dothan, Ala.

Phase 5
Dothan Utilities
Dothan, Ala.

March 21

Nonverbal Communication
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

March 22

Selling Utility Services
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

March 25

Business Strategy
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

March 25-28

Foreman Academy
Track 3
Cleveland Utilities
Cleveland, Tenn.

March 25-28

Electric Power System Operations
JEA
Jackson, Tenn.

March 26

Buddy to Boss
Newport Utilities
Newport, Tenn.

March 26-27

Business Statistics & Analyses
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

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