

UNITED TELECOM COUNCIL

- REGION 6 -

**(MID-CENTRAL UNITED
TELECOM COUNCIL)
ANNUAL MEETING**

**March 31-April 2, 2008
Radisson Hotel Lenexa-Overland Park
12601 W 95th St
Lenexa, Kansas 66215
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Pat Glunz, Chairperson, Presiding

Monday, March 31, 2008

7:00-10:00 A.M.

Exhibit Setup-Ballroom

8:30 A.M.

All American Breakfast (For registered members and vendors. This is included in the registration fees, but you need to make a reservation on the advance registration form.)

8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Registration-Ballroom Foyer

10:00 A.M.-11:45 A.M.

Exhibits Open-Ballroom

Noon-1:00 P.M.

Buffet Luncheon

(For registered members and vendors-tickets available for spouse and/or children)

**Ice Cream Break
Sponsored by NEC America, Inc.**

5:00 P.M.

Exhibits Close

**6:30-8:30 p.m.
Annual UTC Region 6 (MCUTC)
Vendor Sponsored Dinner Event
at Gates Bar-B-Q Restaurant**

For registered members and vendors – spouse and/or children tickets available. Transportation - A motor coach will leave from the hotel front entrance at 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

(Open Session)

8:00-9:45 A.M.

UTC Legal/Regulatory Update

Jill Lyon, UTC Vice President & General Counsel

From spectrum issues to pole attachments, to the latest developments in Smart Grids, utilities can't implement telecom networks without paying attention to the regulations that govern them. This session offers you a chance to hear what's going on in Washington that can affect how you do your job and what opportunities may be coming for your utility, as well as giving you a chance to pass your issues back to UTC.

10:00-10:45 A.M.

Karen Raines, FCC

The rules and information of your radio system is key in insuring that you are in compliance with the FCC. Do you have any questions regarding tower regulations? This is your opportunity to ask and find out the answers.

11:00-11:45 A.M.

Tom Vavra & Stan Stach, Ameren

Ameren was created by several mergers beginning in 1997, and now covers 64,000 square miles in Missouri and Illinois. A common radio system was identified as a key enabler of combining operations.

The Illinois Starcom21 system has been built for state public safety agencies, it offered an opportunity for critical infrastructure entities to participate as subscribers on a common system. Due to the cost avoidance of upgrading legacy systems, seamless communications, and interoperability with public safety there was a good business case to participate. This presentation will describe the business case, technical aspects of the system, and the conversion effort, which is a work in progress.

12:00 noon-1:00 P.M.

Luncheon

Registration required.

Tuesday, April 1, 2008, continued

1:00-1:50 P.M.

**Henry Leonard
Alcatel-Lucent**

Facility Security Compliance – The Energy Sector is now faced with securing critical facilities and assets to meet NERC compliance standards. What are the security requirements, and how should security projects be approached to accomplish efficient and effective compliance? This presentation focuses on the current security requirements and best practices for addressing facility security to mitigate security risks and meet current requirements efficiently and effectively.

2:00-2:50 P.M.

**Ken Leinen
Motorola**

Come learn how to streamline getting data to field personnel using multiple wireless networks. A “middleware component” will seamlessly, transparently, and securely allow users to roam across multiple networks. This will be a technical overview on a roaming solution so attendees will have a better understanding on how it may work for their utility.

3:00-4:30 P.M.

**Matt Schnell & Bill Lundy
Nebraska Public Power District**

Hear how NPPD planning for the future bandwidth needs to each of their major facilities using Cisco’s ONS product, and the Alcatel TSS 1850 products. Including a review of their future plans and some examples of how these products have been used for disaster recovery.

**6:00-8:30 P.M. Tuesday Evening
Spotlight Vendor Dinner
Hosted by Alcatel-Lucent**

Transportation - A motor coach will leave from the hotel front entrance at 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

(Closed Session-Members only)

Pat Glunz, Presiding

8:00 A.M. - Round Table Discussion on Various Company Projects

MCUTC Business Meeting

Secretary Report—Jeffrey Hoefler

Treasurer Report—Mary Reliford

Old Business—Pat Glunz

New Business—Pat Glunz

2008 Regional Meeting

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Committee Status

Nomination Committee—Pat Glunz

Election of Officers—Pat Glunz

Remarks of incoming President—

Brian Gragert

Drawing of Door Prizes

Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM – The program has been designed for all communications people including managers, engineers and technicians, and vendors.

VENDORS – Vendors have been invited to display equipment on Monday, March 31, 2008, from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. There is no other program planned on Vendor Exhibit Day. On Monday, the vendors will sponsor breaks, a buffet luncheon at noon and the Monday evening dinner event. Tickets are available for your spouse and/or children for the Monday buffet luncheon and/or the Monday evening dinner event and can be ordered on the Vendor Advance Registration Form. Vendors may participate in all meetings except the closed session on Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS – Please make your meal function reservations on the advance registration form.

ADDITIONAL MEAL TICKETS – Tickets for spouse and/or children are available. Please order them when you send your advance registration form.

CLOSED MEETINGS – Those sessions held on Wednesday Morning are closed and may be attended by UTC members only.