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CARMEL, Ind.---What began as an idea over lunch in 2017 has evolved into an annual Indiana gathering of more than 200 women leaders in energy who will gather Thursday, Oct. 27 at the 502 Event Centre in Carmel.

Founded by Kelly Snyder of EDP Renewables and Tameka McNair of Microsoft, the two wanted to encourage their female energy colleagues to engage in thoughtful discussions about innovation, leadership, diversity, and technology in the energy industry.

True to the original purpose, this year's Women in Energy Conference features multiple sessions and energetic speakers, including:

A Chat with Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner Allison Clements

Together Toward Tomorrow: Our Executives' Perspectives, featuring panelists Kristina Lund, CEO US Utilities at AES; Kelley Karn, vice president of Regulatory Affairs and Policy at Duke Energy; and Courtney Metzger, CEO, Bartholomew County REMC

Fireside Chat: The Power of Digital Transformation, featuring Keri Glitch, vice president and chief information officer at the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), and Liang Downey, digital advisor at Microsoft

Lindsay Boccardo, founder of Lindsay Boccardo Training & Coaching

Breakout speakers include: Sara Armstrong, chief of Energy Transformation with Idea of You Coaching; Michael Jefferson, manager of Diversity and Inclusion at MISO; and Catherine Matthews, senior consultant of Talent and Organization at IUPUI.

The conference is sponsored by: MISO, Duke Energy, AES Indiana, EDP Renewables North America, ACES, Microsoft, CoBank, AHEAD, Parr Richey, Hoosier Energy, National Rural Electric Cooperatives Finance Corporation, Wabash Valley Power Alliance, Barnes & Thornburg, CenterPoint Energy, Indiana Michigan Power, Customized Energy Solutions, and Ice Miller.

Learn more about the event at <u>www.womeninenergyconference.org</u>.