

TCCFUI Fall Seminar Agenda

Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16, 2026



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Houston Hobby Airport
8181 Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77061-4142

Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues

Day 1 – October 15, 2026

3:15 PM **REGISTRATION**

3:55 PM **Welcome and Introduction**
David Johnson, TCCFUI Chair, City of Arlington

4:00 PM **Data Centers and the Texas Power Grid**
According to reports, the number of Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) interconnection requests from large-loan projects has grown by more than 2,000 percent over the last two years, as compared to the previous year. If all those projects materialize, their consumption would roughly equate to a third of all the energy consumed by the entire nation. Which industry is responsible for this staggering influx? Mostly AI data centers. The boom is underway. This presentation will examine how the ongoing AI gold rush will affect Texas ratepayers, its landowners, and transmission development. And with elections just around the corner and the Texas Legislature set to convene, how will it impact state politics? The presentation also will touch upon related regulatory developments — such as ERCOT’s Batch Zero process.
Speaker: **R.A. “Jake” Dyer**, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.

4:45 PM **AI 2026**
A presentation about the uses of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how its use intersects with the ethics of the legal profession, in particular as it applies to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct: Rules 1.01, 1.03, 1.05, 3.01, 3.02, 3.04, 4.01. Also discusses cases where attorneys have been sanctioned, cognitive processes, and Texas legislation.
Speaker: **Cathy Cunningham**, Thomson Reuters

5:30 PM **Networking Reception**

6:30 PM **Dinner Reception**

Day 2 – October 16, 2026

8:00 AM **REGISTRATION and BREAKFAST**

8:55 AM **Welcome and Introduction**
David Johnson, TCCFUI Chair, City of Arlington

9:00 AM **Texas Hold’em (To an Honest Standard)**
As we near the halfway point of the second Trump Administration, this presentation will include an update on leading legislative, regulatory, and judicial developments affecting Texas local authority over broadband deployment and wireless siting. The presentation will also provide market intelligence on municipal property in the telecommunications real estate space, the challenge BEAD presents with satellite dish deployments in urban Texas and ask the question of whether your municipal code needs an update.
Speaker: **Chandley Hayes-Crawford**, Best Best & Krieger LLP and **Gerard Lavery Lederer** (joining virtually), Best Best & Krieger LLP

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9:45 AM **COFFEE BREAK**

10:00 AM **Reading the Binder: A Guide for Reading Rate Filing Packages**

This presentation provides a general overview of and insight into what can be found in an electric rate filing package before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC). It will also cover the different types of rate filings before the PUC, both electric and water utilities, as well as gas utility rate filings before the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC).

Speaker: **Samantha Miller**, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.

10:45 AM **What to do When a Transmission Line Comes to Town**

With significant attention focused on electric grid reliability, electric utilities are rapidly planning and building new transmission lines across Texas. Generally, the routes for these lines must first be approved by the PUC. This presentation provides practical guidance on how cities can participate in a PUC transmission line proceeding in a meaningful way to advocate for routes that moderate the impact on landowners and protect community and aesthetic values.

Speaker: **David Johnson**, TCCFUI Chair, City of Arlington

11:30 AM **LUNCH**

12:45 PM **Fun Stuff: Review of Interim Legislative Activities and What's Ahead for the 90th Session of the Texas Legislature**

What to Expect in the 90th Regular Legislative Session. Discussion of major policy issues that will shape the legislative session and what areas could impact municipal operations.

Speaker: **Snapper Carr**, Focused Advocacy

1:45 PM **COFFEE BREAK**

2:00 PM **What's Goin' On? The Latest from the PUC and RRC**

This presentation will cover key electric, water, and gas rulemakings, policy updates, and rate case decisions coming out of the PUC and the RRC throughout the last year with emphasis on how such developments impact cities.

Speaker: **Roslyn Warner**, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.

2:45 PM **Vegetation Management 101: Key Issues and What's Ahead**

This presentation provides an overview of vegetation management practices across Texas. It also explores emerging vegetation management issues before the PUC and how they will impact cities.

Speaker: **Jack Klug**, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.

3:30 PM **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

David Johnson, TCCFUI Chair, City of Arlington