

Introduction to Microgrids, July 18, 2019

Throughout the spring, the Regional Director of Employer Engagement in Orange County worked with industry representatives at Southern California Edison and the Association of Energy Engineers to establish training on microgrids for non-technical professionals in the LA/OC region. The day-long workshop is titled "Introduction to Microgrid Applications, Technologies, Value, and Economics" and was offered for the first time in the southern portion of the state on July 18th, followed by a tour on the 19th. The popular workshop has been conducted three times in the Bay area. "These introductory workshops are designed to provide insight into the value of microgrid development for those who have heard about but know little about the subject. They're intended to provide information key stakeholders can use in considering future commercial projects as well as resources for faculty to introduce the concepts in their classrooms," said Larry McLaughlin, OC Regional Director. The first day was conducted at the Edison Energy Education Center, providing 7 hours of training. The second day was conducted at UC Irvine's Advanced Power & Energy Center, providing an overview and tour of the UC Irvine campus microgrid, totaling 2 ½ hours. Sixty (60) professionals representing utilities, the development industry, and community colleges attended Day 1 and forty-five (45) attended Day 2. This Southern California offering from the ECU sector was sponsored by Southern California Edison, Association of Energy Engineers, LA Department of Water & Power, SoCal Gas, and DHS Consulting.



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