Market Participant Spotlight:

Raihan Khondker
Manager, Weatherization and Inspection

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Introduction of Samuel Ward

• Samuel Ward is the Facility Manager of the Mountain Creek Steam Electric Station, which is owned by TexGen and managed by Ethos Energy.

• Ward has an extensive background in natural gas fired boilers, and CCGT’s. Ward started at Wolf Hollow 1 in 2011 and has served in various roles over the years to include, Maintenance Mechanic, Operator, CRO, Planner/Scheduler, and Operations Manager.
Introduction of Andrew Valencia, P.E.

- Andrew Valencia is the Lower Colorado River Authority Sr. Vice President of Generation. He is responsible for all aspects of LCRA’s fossil-fueled generation assets, including O&M, engineering, and all technical support functions. His area of responsibility includes the power plants, railcar maintenance facility, natural gas storage facility, LCRA owned gas pipeline assets, and new plant construction.

- Valencia joined LCRA in August 2010 as manager of the Thomas C. Ferguson Power Plant and became the LCRA Power Production manager in March 2011. He was promoted to vice president of Generation Reliability in March 2014 and to his current position in September 2018. Prior to joining LCRA, Valencia spent 20 years managing and working at mostly Texas power plants of various sizes and fuel types owned by TXU Energy or Luminant. Valencia earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from New Mexico State University, and he is licensed by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.