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Atkinson Center Topical Lunch

Title: “Lessons from Austin, TX for a Sustainable Cornell”

Hosts: Andres Carvallo (CEO, CMG Consulting), Tim Mount (Professor Emeritus, Dyson School), and Lindsay Anderson (Professor, BEE and Faculty Director for Energy, Atkinson Center)

Date: Friday, June 21st, 2019; 12:00 – 1:00pm, 300 Rice Hall

Abstract: Most people acknowledge that the transition to a low-carbon economy will lead to a much greater dependence on renewable energy and an increase in the use of electricity for delivering energy services, particularly for transportation. However, the inherent uncertainty of supply from wind and solar sources, for example, creates new difficulties for the electric delivery system. Since Austin, TX manages its own local electric grid (it’s a “muni”), Austin Energy (<https://austinenergy.com>) has been able to lead the way in establishing a viable system for managing renewable energy and delivering energy services. Andres was the CIO at Austin Energy for a number of years and he is now the CEO and Founder of CMG Consulting (<https://512cmg.com>). Since Cornell also manages its own local electric grid, the objective of this Topical Lunch is to find out if some of the knowledge gained in Austin can be transferred here and help to speed up our transition to a Sustainable Cornell (<https://fcs.cornell.edu/energy-and-sustainability>).