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**Burns & McDonnell Adds Visionary in Utility and Grid Modernization**

*Doug Houseman to Help Clients Envision and Implement Advancing Technologies in T&D*

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — A leading visionary and innovator in [utility and grid modernization](http://hubs.ly/H084LWY0) has joined Burns & McDonnell, where he’ll help clients navigate evolving regulations, market conditions and industry needs.

Doug Houseman brings nearly four decades of engineering and consulting experience to Burns & McDonnell, the No. 1 firm in North America in electrical transmission and distribution as ranked by *Engineering News-Record*. As utility modernization lead consultant, Houseman will evaluate and implement new technologies, processes and systems, as well as help clients develop policies and standards.

“Doug brings unique ideas to each project or challenge,” says [Lucas McIntosh](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lucas-mcintosh-87a2207/), project manager and distribution planning lead at Burns & McDonnell. “We are thrilled to have him join our team and help our clients define and achieve modernized operations, systems, technology and policies.”

Houseman will focus on advanced metering infrastructure, distribution and substation automation, enterprise asset management, distributed energy resources and distribution management infrastructure, standards and processes — and more.

“One of the best parts of my career has been having people trust me to help them with first-time efforts,” Houseman says. “Whether it was metering in Europe, demand response in the U.S, wholesale markets in Australia or microgrids in Africa, people have given me the trust to figure it out. I want to help the next generation of engineers understand how to do that with confidence.”

Houseman’s experience includes assisting with an Italian utility’s network of 27 million smart meters — meters allowing the utility to change breakers remotely rather than by visiting each location every time a customer wants a higher limit, a move that generated enough savings to finance the entire project. He also has been working with Burns & McDonnell on Entergy projects, helping make changes to the utility’s internal standards to improve the grid’s resiliency and save money.

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