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## TOPICS INCLUDE:

- CEO & Industry Leaders - The Intersection of Policy and Reality
- New Nuclear – The Promise and the Reality
- Treatments, Policies and Costs for Entities PFAS Rules Compliance
- Minimizing the Risks of Outage
- The Future of Broadband
- People Power – How Do We Grow It and Where Do We Find it
- Combating the Invisible Enemy



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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Your nametag is your ticket for breakfast. Breakfast is for conference attendees and speakers only.

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### 1. Session Times

Monday • Anasazi Ballroom • 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesday • Anasazi Ballroom • 8:30 am - 5:00 am

Wednesday • Anasazi Ballroom • 8:30 am - 11:00 am

### 2. Breakfast is provided for conference attendees and speakers each morning

Monday & Tuesday • Grand Ballroom • 6:30 am - 8:30 am

Wednesday • Anasazi Ballroom • 6:30 am - 8:30 am

*Lunch and Dinner is on your own.*

3. **CLE & CPE Credit:** If you will be requesting continuing education credits from your state, a daily sign-in sheet will be available at the registration desk for each day. CLE & CPE credits must be applied for as an individual in the state in which you are licensed. NMSU does not apply to each state, but will provide any documentation that you may need for your application.

4. **Certificates of Completion** will be emailed to you after the conference. The number of New Mexico Bar CLE credits approved for this conference will be stated on the certificate.

5. **Conference evaluations** will be sent via email after the conference. Please take the time to fill out the short evaluation. Our speakers and staff do read them.

6. **Hospitality Suite** – Presidential Suite – Room 546 – Open every evening immediately following the sessions for your convenience to discuss the day's events, meet new people, and relax. Refreshments are provided.

7. Please see Jeanette Walter, Cindy Blume or Larry Downum at the registration desk if you have any questions.

ENJOY

# Monday, April 7

## 8:00 – 8:15 • Welcome and Introductions

- Todd Snitchler, CPU Chair; President and CEO, Electric Power Supply Association
- Cindy Blume, Director, CPU

## 8:15 -8:30 • Opening Comment for CEO Panels

- Todd Snitchler, CPU Chair; President and CEO, Electric Power Supply Association
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## 8:30 -10:00 • CEO and Industry Leaders Panel

**The Intersection of Policy and Reality:** The power, water, telecommunications, and natural gas industries are experiencing pressures like they have not experienced in literally decades. In light of these issues and the fact that these industries are state and/or federally regulated, how will they respond? What is the role of regulators and other policy makers to make sure that energy remains in abundant supply and that we have the necessary infrastructure to deliver it where it is needed? How do we balance the need to decarbonize our energy systems with the need to fuel our economy? Finally, as utilities confront one of the most capital-intensive eras in infrastructure deployment, they also face what can best be described as a trust deficit. How do energy suppliers tackle a trust deficit with their customers as they implement their investment plans? How do these critical industries shift the dialogue from one about price to a focus on value? How important is it for industry to speak the same language as each communicates and educates customers? Should they and is it possible for them to speak with a unified voice, including with regulators who will oversee the determination of cost recovery and affordability? What role do regulators have to secure accurate, correct, and appropriate information to ensure their decisions reflect the correct balance between customers, costs, and system needs? Our panelists will each discuss various solutions, including where and how to employ strategies to address different types of load growth – from flexible interconnection tariffs to time-of-use rates to new rate classes to grid enhancing technologies and more that apply to their sectors economic value chain.

**Moderator:** Hon. Tricia Pridemore, President, NARUC; Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission

### Panelists:

- Curt Morgan, President and CEO, Alpha Generation
  - Maria Pope, Chairman, EEI; President and CEO, Portland General Electric Company
  - Brian Weisker, Board Member, AGA; President Natural Gas Business, Duke Energy
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## **10:30 – 12:00 • CEO and Industry Leaders Panel II**

### **The Intersection of Policy and Reality (continued)**

**Moderator:** Hon. Tricia Pridemore, President, NARUC; Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission

#### **Panelists:**

- Thomas Puttman, President, NW Natural Water
  - Hon. Mary Pat Regan, Vice Chair, NARUC Telecommunications Committee; Commissioner, Kentucky Public Service Commission
  - Freeman Shaheen, Chairman, NGSA, President Chevron Global Gas
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## **1:30 – 3:00 • New Nuclear – The Promise and the Reality**

There is much discussion about the potential for building new nuclear power, including advanced nuclear technologies. Anticipated load growth and bi-partisan policies accelerating lower emissions make these discussions very timely. Nuclear advocates tell the story about how it could work if a lot of things all go right. But there are challenges to delivering new nuclear including uncertainty of regarding the cost of the new build options, supply chain including constraints on the fuel production, the need for financial backstops or incentives, and efforts to streamline regulatory frameworks to speed deployment. This discussion will focus on how to address these real-world challenges that will need to be resolved to successfully deploy new nuclear power as part of a lower emission energy future.

**Moderator:** Richard Mroz, Managing Director, Resolute Strategies, LLC

#### **Panelists:**

- Todd Abrajano, President and CEO, United States Nuclear Industry Concil
- Ronald Marinzal, Senior Director, Emerging Markets, X-Energy
- Robin Millican, Senior VP of Strategy and Policy, Breakthrough Energy / Gates Foundation
- Rounette Nader, VP, New Nuclear Generation and License Renewal, Duke Energy

#### **Responders:**

- Hon. Angie Hatton, Chairman, Kentucky Public Service Commission
  - Hon. Hon Lea Peterson, Commissioner, Arizona Corporation Commission
  - Hon. Dallas Winslow, Chair, Delaware Public Service Commission
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### **3:30 – 5:00 • Treatments, Policies and Costs for Entities PFAs Rules Compliance**

The continued emergence of forever chemicals and other PFAS as a priority issue means regulators will have to find solutions to address these concerns. Granulated activated carbon, ion exchange or reverse osmosis may be effective in contaminants' removal but are expensive. Small water and municipal systems, for the most part unregulated, cannot carry this financial burden. Even large national companies are facing cost-recovery pressure from public utilities commissions and consumer advocates. All water purveyors must comply with the EPA Final Rule (the National Drinking Water Regulation) by 2027 and notify customers of any non-compliance by 2032. This panel will examine true costs and risks of noncompliance; emerging technologies; Virginia's legislation embracing a point-of-source treatment approach; the controversy setting extremely low acceptable contaminant levels; how consumers will be asked to pay for the needed upgrades, and if we will see more states move to regulate water and wastewater beyond water quality.

**Moderator:** Mary Anna Holden, Managing Director. Grove Street Advisors

#### **Panelists:**

- Josiah Cox, President, Central States Water
- Dr. Chris Crockett, Chief Environmental, Safety & Sustainability Officer, Essential Utilities, Inc.
- David Stanton, President, CleanWater1

#### **Responders:**

- Hon. Edward Lodge, Commissioner, Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Hon. Patrick O'Connell, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

## **Tuesday, April 8**

### **8:30 – 10:00 • Minimizing the Risks of Outage: How New Tools and Technologies Will Ensure and Enhance Distribution Grid Resilience & Planning for More Uncertainty**

The resilience of the electric grid is central to the success of the clean energy transition. Customers are asking more from the distribution system while threats to resilience—such as extreme weather, wildfires, and cyberattacks—are compounded by growing electricity demand. Optimizing microgrids and other resources, including hydropower, pumped storage, and transmission assets, can aid broader grid resilience, as can a more holistic approach to resource, grid, and transmission system planning. This panel will highlight how utilities, regulators, and other stakeholders can prepare for resilience challenges and electricity demand growth through resource optimization, new technologies that provide greater system visibility and controllability to mitigate risk, and better system planning and integration.

**Moderator:** Hon. Dan Scripps, Chair, Michigan Public Service Commission

**Panelists:**

- Dan Killoren PhD., Program Manager, Global Innovation Hub, Electric Power Research Institute
- Jared Leader, Senior Director, Research & Industry Strategy, Resilience. Smart Electric Power Alliance
- Matthew McDonnell, Managing Partner, Current Energy Group
- Michael Purdie, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Markets, National Hydro Association

**Responders:**

- Hon. Joshua Byrnes. Commissioner, Iowa Utilities Board
  - Hon. Mary Throne, Commissioner, Wyoming Public Service Commission
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**10:30 – 12:00 • The Future of Broadband**

Take a journey with experts and technology leaders as they contemplate and prognosticate on what the future may look like once the broadband networks have been built by ISPs, in part with \$42.45B in broadband grant funding under the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program and in part by private capital. Has broadband been deployed to all unserved locations? Do any customers still subscribe to landline voice phones anymore? How will the regulatory structure established in the Telecom Act of 1996 apply in the new communications world? What jurisdiction will state commissions have? Will any funding be needed to support the operation of these networks in the most rural and high-cost areas once the grant funding has been spent? Will we achieve universal access to high-speed broadband and what will it mean for our communities and economy? Oh, so many questions.

**Moderator:** Hon. Sarah Freeman, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

**Panelists:**

- Navid Motamed, AVP Global Public Policy, AT&T
- Mark Walker, Vice President, Technology Policy, CableLabs
- Jon Wilkins, Partner, Quadra Partners
- Kathryn de Wit, Project Director, Broadband Access Initiative, Pew Charitable Trusts

**Responders:**

- Hon. Jerry Fenn, Chair, Public Utilities Commission of Utah
- Hon. Floyd McKissick, Commissioner, North Carolina Utilities Commission
- Hon. Chris Nelson, Commissioner, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

### **1:30 – 3:00 • People Power – How Do We Grow It and Where Do We Find it?**

We spend a lot of time talking and planning for the technological and legal changes to advance operations in all our utilities. The United States utility systems are the marvel of the world and ensures our national security, fosters our economic superiority, and protects the health, safety, and welfare of every American. Are we missing a much-needed focus on a critical element- PEOPLE? This panel will discuss how critical industries will fill the pipeline of trained experts needed to maintain and grow our utility infrastructure and give a holistic approach to the new, more integrated world of electric, gas, water, and telecom industries.

**Moderator:** Hon. Maida Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman, CPU Advisory Council; Commissioner, Missouri Public Service Commission

#### **Panelists:**

- Amber Fogarty, Veterans in Energy, Director of Talent Pipeline, Consumers Energy
- Stephanie Krabbe, Senior Vice President, Organizational Development, Infrasource
- Matthew Tomc -Vice President- Regulatory Policy and Energy Supply, Ameren Illinois

#### **Responders:**

- Hon Kim David, Chairman, Oklahoma Corporation Commission
- Hon. Jehmal Hudson, Chair, NARUC Energy Resources and the Environment Committee; Commissioner, Virginia State Corporation Commission|
- Hon. Dwight Keen, Commissioner, Kansas Corporation Commission

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### **3:30 – 5:00    Combating the Invisible Enemy**

It has been almost 20 years after the 9/11 Commissioner Report was released, and the nightmare scenario of a terrorist nuclear attack on U.S. soil is a risk that has not diminished. How is the threat landscape changing? Are law enforcement, utilities and regulators keeping up? The panel will cover preventing attacks; protecting utility infrastructure and what can be done and what happens (who takes the lead - federal, state, county, local) if there is a nuclear attack — dirty bomb (EMP) or otherwise; civil nuclear security, spent fuel storage; and response, recovery and communication surrounding (before and after) a nuclear event.

**Moderator:** Hon. Zenon Christodoulou, Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

#### **Panelists:**

- Chris Beck, PhD, Vice President, Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Electric Infrastructure Security Council
- Paul Stockton, PhD, Chair Grid Resilience, National Security Subcommittee, DOE Advisory Committee; member Homeland Security Advisory Council
- James Terbush, MD, MPH, Past President, El Paso County Board of Health



- Lizzy Yates, Director of External Affairs and Communication, Southern Nuclear

#### **Responders:**

- Hon. Ron Gerwatowski, Chairman, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
- Hon. Jeremy Oden, Commissioner, Alabama Public Service Commission
- Hon. David Ziegner, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

## **Wednesday, April 9**

#### **8:30 – 11:00 • Commissioner Grill**

Conference participants submit questions to moderators-open to all.

#### **Moderators:**

- **Hon. Tricia Pridemore**, President, NARUC; Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission
- **Nick Wagner**, VP CO Regulatory Affairs and Policy, Black Hills Corporation

#### **Invited Commissioners for Grill:**

- Hon. Gabriel Aguilera, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
- Hon. Joshua Byrnes, Iowa Utilities Board
- Hon. Zenon Christodoulou, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- Hon. Maida Coleman, Missouri Public Service Commission
- Hon. Kim David, Oklahoma Corporation Commission
- Hon. Jerry Fenn, Public Service Commission of Utah
- Hon. Sarah Freeman, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
- Hon. Ron Gerwatowski, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
- Hon. Gary Hanson, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
- Hon. Angie Hatton, Kentucky Public Service Commission
- Hon. Jehmal Hudson, Virginia State Corporation Commission
- Hon. Dwight Keen, Kansas Corporation Commission
- Hon. Edward Lodge, Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Hon. Chris Nelson, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
- Hon. Greg Nibert, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
- Hon. Patrick O'Connell, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
- Hon. Jeremy Oden, Alabama Public Service Commission
- Hon. Gabriella Passidomo Smith, Florida Public Service Commission
- Hon. Lea Marquez Peterson, Arizona Corporation Commission
- Hon. Delton Powers, South Carolina Public Service Commission
- Hon. Daniel Scripps, Michigan Public Service Commission

- Hon. Eric Skrmetta, Louisiana Public Service Commission
- Hon. Mary Throne, Wyoming Public Service Commission
- Hon. Doyle Webb, Arkansas Public Service Commission
- Hon. Dallas Winslow, Delaware Public Service Commission
- Hon. David Ziegner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

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#### **TODD ABRAJANO**

President and CEO

U.S. Nuclear Industry Council

Todd Abrajano is the President & CEO of the United States Nuclear Industry Council where he serves as USNIC's chief advocate in its mission to advance the development and implementation of new nuclear technology and services to secure the U.S. economic supply chain in America and abroad. Additionally, he leads the promotion of USNIC's vision to advance nuclear energy to be established, recognized, and accepted world-wide as an essential baseload, emissions-free, reliable, and clean energy source, as well as promoting the expansion of the use of nuclear for space, medical, propulsion and other advanced applications. Previously, Mr. Abrajano was the Founder and President of Turning Point Public Affairs. For nearly 13 years, the firm assisted corporate, non-profit, and political clients with international markets and business development, government affairs, strategic communications, political strategy, and legislative and regulatory grassroots advocacy. From 2017- 2021, Mr. Abrajano served as a senior-level presidential appointee in the U.S. Federal Government. He began his federal service at the U.S. Department of Commerce as the Department's White House Liaison and a top advisor to former Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. In 2018, he transitioned to the U.S. Trade and Development Agency where he ultimately served as the Chief Operating Officer and Head of Agency, leading the Agency's global export promotion efforts supporting U.S. jobs and businesses in priority development projects within emerging markets in the energy, transportation, ICT, healthcare and agribusiness sectors.

#### **HON. GABRIEL AGUILERA**

Commissioner

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

Commissioner Gabriel Aguilera joined the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission in January 2023, following over 15 years of experience at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Commissioner Aguilera's expertise focuses on electric transmission, interconnection, and Western U.S. electric issues.

#### **CHRIS BECK**

Chief Scientist and Vice President for Policy

Electric Infrastructure Security

Chris Beck is the Chief Scientist and Vice President for Policy at EIS Council, where he has worked since May 2011. He is responsible for the analysis, design, and promotion of critical infrastructure resilience for widespread, long-duration power outages initiated by Black Sky threats. Dr. Beck is a technical and policy expert in several homeland security and national defense related areas including critical infrastructure protection, cybersecurity, science and technology development, WMD prevention and protection, and emerging threat identification and mitigation. Dr. Beck served as the Subcommittee Staff Director for Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Science and Technology and was the Senior Advisor for

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Science and Technology for the House Committee on Homeland Security (CHS), US House of Representatives, where he worked from May 2005 to May 2011. Prior to CHS, he worked in the office of Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez for three years, beginning as a Congressional Science Fellow and then as a legislative assistant. Before government service, Dr. Beck was a postdoctoral fellow and adjunct professor at Northeastern University. He holds a PhD in physics from Tufts University (2001) and a B.S. in physics from Montana State University (1994). He served in the Marine Corps Reserve for five years (1987 – 1992).

**HON. JOSHUA BYRNES**

Commissioner  
Iowa Utilities Board

Joshua Byrnes was appointed on November 30, 2020, for a term that runs through April 30, 2025. Byrnes also serves as the president of the Organization of MISO States (OMS), which represents the collective interests of state and local utility regulators in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) region, serves as the treasurer for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), serves on the NARUC Committee on Gas and the NARUC Taskforce on Natural Gas Resource Planning, and is on the Executive Committee of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC). Byrnes previously was General Manager of Osage Municipal Utilities and served six years in the Iowa House of Representatives, where he was Iowa House Transportation Chairman. He also had been appointed by Governor Reynolds to serve on the Iowa State Board of Education. He is a former CUSB Bank director and also has served on the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities Board of Directors, American Public Power Associations DEED Board. He attended Riceville public schools and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Luther College in Decorah and his Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from Winona State University in Minnesota. He also took PhD coursework at Iowa State University. He and his wife reside in rural Mitchell County and enjoy hobby farming along with their three children.

**HON. ZENON CHRISTODOULOU**

Commissioner  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Dr. Christodoulou has a long and distinguished career in business, academia, and philanthropy. He has been a management consultant in various industries and has owned successful businesses in commercial print manufacturing, graphic design, the restaurant industry, and the media sector. Additionally, he has taught as an adjunct professor for 25 years, educating undergraduate and graduate business students in areas as diverse as organizational behavior, innovation, economics, and strategy development. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Board at Raritan Valley Community College, the top ranked community college in the State of NJ. Commissioner Christodoulou represents New Jersey as the Secretary of OPSI (Organization off PJM States); serves as Vice Chair of NARUC's Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest. He also serves on several of NARUC's Committees, including Electricity, International, EV Working Group, and Nuclear Waste, while also serving on the Cyber Security Tiger Team and as an Ambassador for new commissioners. Additionally, he sits on the Advisory Committee of New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities, the Executive Committee of the National Council on Electricity Policy, University of Missouri's Financial Research Institute, and GTI Energy's Public Interest Advisory Committee. Commissioner also serves as honorary chair of on the National Utility Diversity Council. Dr. Christodoulou was invested as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2017, is the Founding Chair of the NJ Hellenic-American Heritage Commission and a global officer of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), the largest Hellenic organization in the world. He also served as President

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and CEO of the Greek-American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey. Commissioner Christodoulou earned his doctoral degree from the Pace University in Organizational Behavior, his MBA from Fordham University in International Finance and Management, and his BA from Rutgers College in Economics and Philosophy.

**HON. MAIDA COLEMAN**

CPU 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Commissioner

Missouri Public Service Commission

Former Senator Maida Coleman was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) in August 2015. In addition to her service at the MPSC, Commissioner Coleman is a Board of Directors member for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Board of Directors and National Utilities Diversity Council. She also chairs the NARUC Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity and serves on NARUC's Consumers and the Public Interest and Telecommunications committees. In addition, Commissioner Coleman is a member of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum Advisory Committee, the Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council, and the Advisory Council for the Electric Power Research Institute's Board of Directors. Commissioner Coleman regularly moderates and speaks for numerous community and energy regulatory events. Commissioner Coleman also facilitated a workshop for the United States Agency for International Development Ethiopia Energy Regulatory Partnership in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and a Peer Review on Emergency Preparedness and Public Consultation in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Commissioner Coleman is a guest columnist for the *St. Louis County Community News*. Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Coleman was the Director of the Missouri Office of Community Engagement. She previously served as Executive Director of the Missouri Workforce Investment Board at the Department of Economic Development, and in a leadership role at the Missouri Department of Labor. From 2001 until 2009, Commissioner Coleman served as a State Representative and State Senator from St. Louis, becoming the first African-American woman in state history to serve as Senate Minority Leader. While in the Missouri Senate, Commissioner Coleman sponsored the Hot Weather Law which prevents utilities from disconnecting cooling-related service for residential customers during summer weather extremes. She also sponsored legislation that became law to protect children from lead poisoning. Commissioner Coleman previously held management level positions at the Missouri Secretary of State and the St. Louis Housing Authority. She is a former member of the Board of Directors of Heat-Up/Cool-Down St. Louis. Commissioner Coleman has a B.A. in Journalism from Lincoln University in Jefferson City and was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis.

**JOSIAH COX**

President & Founder

Central States Water Resources

An experienced and deeply passionate water utility industry executive, early in his career, Josiah spent several years leading wildlife habitat studies and water and wastewater civil engineering land development efforts. In 2010, he developed a business strategy to acquire and recapitalize failing water and wastewater systems as investor-owned utility companies. Ultimately, this became Central States Water Resources which now operates in 11 states and is the 10th largest investor-owned utility in the U.S. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Water Companies, where he also serves on their Executive Committee. He is on the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University, and had the honor of being recognized by Ernst and Young in 2022 as a

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National Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist. Josiah received his undergraduate degree in environmental sciences from the University of Kansas, where he also was a student-athlete, and his MBA from Washington University in St. Louis.

**CHRIS CROCKETT**

Chief Environmental, Safety & Sustainability Officer  
Essential Utilities, Inc.

Christopher Crockett has nearly 30 years of experience in the water, stormwater, and wastewater industry. Chris is responsible for environmental compliance, safety, and sustainability covering 9 states, 1500 drinking water systems and 186 wastewater systems for Aqua America and for Peoples Natural Gas under Essential Utilities. One responsibility is leading the Essential efforts to identify and address PFAS including its laboratory that analyzes thousands of PFAS samples annually. Chris was formerly the Deputy Commissioner of the Philadelphia Water Department where he led many groundbreaking programs in infrastructure and water quality including is award winning sourcewater protection program, Green Cities Clean Waters, and the creation of Philly Rivercast. Chris received a BS in Civil Engineering ('93), an MS in Environmental Engineering ('95), and a PhD in Environmental Engineering ('2004), all from Drexel University. Chris is a professional licensed Civil Engineer in PA. Dr. Crockett is the winner 2019 George Warren Fuller Award by PA AWWA for distinguished service in the water supply field. He has published articles on risk assessment, source water protection, federal drinking water regulations. and other water quality related subjects. He has been a resource for numerous national and local media interviews on water quality.

**HON. KIM DAVID**

Chairman  
Oklahoma Corporation Commission

Kim David was elected to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in 2022 and currently serves as chairman. She previously served in the Oklahoma State Senate from 2010 to 2022, where she was the first woman since statehood to be named majority leader, the first woman to chair the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the first Republican woman to serve as majority whip. Chairman David is a native Oklahoman, a dedicated spouse, a military mother, and caring grandmother to three boys. She is a successful small business owner who manages multiple properties. She is a proud Cowboy and holds a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Geology from Oklahoma State University. In addition to serving as Chairman of the Corporation Commission, she also serves as Oklahoma's voting member on the Southwest Power Pool's Regional State Committee. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, where she serves on the Committee on Electricity, the Committee on Gas, the Chair of the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety, and was appointed to the Task Force on Natural Gas Resource Planning. Additionally, she was appointed to the Financial Research Institute Advisory Board and is a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference.

**KATHRYN DE WIT**

Project Director, Broadband Access Initiative  
Pew Charitable

Kathryn de Wit directs Pew's broadband access initiative, which works to accelerate efforts to connect millions of Americans to affordable, reliable high-speed internet. In addition to working with policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders to improve policy outcomes, de Wit's work also



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includes addressing research gaps and bringing together stakeholders for data-driven discussions about how to ensure that every American benefits from universal connectivity. Before joining Pew, de Wit was an associate with Booz Allen Hamilton, where she focused on broadband deployment, organizational management, and public affairs. She was also a senior fellow with the Heinz Endowments, leading projects on youth philanthropy and community engagement. De Wit holds bachelor's degrees in communications and sociology from Penn State University and a master's in public administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

**HON. JERRY FENN**

Chair

Public Service Commission of Utah

Jerry was appointed to the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) by Governor Spencer Cox on March 25, 2024, and was confirmed by the Utah State Senate on April 17, 2024. On April 22, 2024, he was selected by Governor Cox to serve as the Chair of the PSC. Immediately prior to being named to the PSC, Jerry was an adjunct professor in the Romney Institute of Public Service and Ethics in the Marriott School of Business at Brigham Young University. Jerry practiced law in Utah at the law firm of Snow, Christensen & Martineau and then was a founding partner of Blackburn & Stoll, during which he represented telecommunications utilities, among other clients. Jerry then became the President of Qwest Communications for Utah and, following a merger, became the Regional Vice President of CenturyLink for both the Northwest and Southwest regions. He began his law practice with a judicial clerkship for the chief judge of the United State District Court for the District of Utah. Jerry's civic and community activities include currently serving as a member of the Utah Highway Patrol Honorary Colonels Association (Chair 2022-2024) and the Board of Governors of Community Health Centers of Utah. He previously served on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the Utah Symphony and Opera, as Chair of the Economic Development Corporation of Utah and Chair of Junior Achievement of Utah. He was on the boards of an additional ten community, arts, and advocacy organizations in Utah throughout his career. Jerry also held various Utah State Bar and American Bar Association leadership positions. He also served at the request of two governors as a member of and chair of the Utah Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. Jerry spent six years in two full-time, volunteer church service positions, which necessitated his retirement from CenturyLink. He received a B.A. (Economics), an M.B.A., and a J.D. from Brigham Young University.

**AMBER FOGARTY**

Training Programs Manager

Consumers Energy

Amber Fogarty is a Training Programs Manager with Consumers Energy in Michigan. During her 10 years with the company, Amber has held various roles within Learning and Development, People & Culture, and Governmental & Community Affairs. Currently, she is responsible for overseeing apprenticeship registrations with the Department of Labor, grant management for both state and federal apprenticeship grants, pre-apprenticeship training programs with local community colleges, and project management for various large projects within the Learning and Development organization. She serves as the company's Veterans Advisory Panel co-chair, sits on the national Veterans In Energy Board of Directors as their secretary, and is a part of the Michigan Women's Veterans Coalition. Prior to working in the energy industry, Amber was a middle school counselor and English teacher. She holds a master's degree from Central Michigan University in School and Agency Counseling and a bachelor's degree from Aquinas College in English Education and Speech Communications. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, hiking, crafting and jigsaw puzzles.

**HON. SARAH FREEMAN**

Commissioner

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Sarah Freeman was appointed by Governor Mike Pence as Commissioner on September 19, 2016, and was most recently reappointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on December 20, 2021. Commissioner Freeman sits on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and is a member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company, chairs the Midcontinent Independent System Operator Advisory Committee, and is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council. Freeman is also President of the Mid-American Regulatory Conference, Vice Chair of the Financial Research Institute Advisory Council at the University of Missouri, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States. Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Freeman served as a senior staff attorney with the nonpartisan Indiana Legislative Services Agency, where she drafted utility and transportation legislation and served as counsel to numerous legislative committees. A native Hoosier, Commissioner Freeman earned her undergraduate degrees in psychology, French, and political science from Indiana University – Bloomington and her juris doctor degree from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Commissioner Freeman lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Ian Stewart. Their daughter, Nia, attends Indiana University-Bloomington. They are members of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

**HON. RON GERWATOWSKI**

Chairman

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Ron Gerwatowski was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission as Chairman in June 2020 by Governor Gina Raimondo. His term runs through February 2026. Chairman Gerwatowski has worked in the utility and energy industry for over thirty years. Since 2018, he also has been a guest lecturer in an environmental economics class at the University of Rhode Island on small-scale renewable energy systems. He is currently a member of the Board for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and serves on the Board of Managers of the New England States Committee on Electricity as a Co-manager for the State of Rhode Island. He previously served as Assistant Secretary of Energy in Massachusetts in 2015, before moving to Rhode Island. Prior to that time, he served in several different legal and utility executive capacities in various jurisdictions, including Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York. Chairman Gerwatowski graduated magna cum laude from Boston College Law School in 1985, where he served as Managing Editor of the Boston College Law Review. He has been a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association since 1991.

**HON. GARY HANSON**

Chairman

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Gary Hanson currently serves as chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. He was elected to the PUC in 2002 and re-elected in 2008, 2014, and 2020. He served as the commission's chairman in 2005, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2019, and 2020. Gary represents South Dakota on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Electricity. He previously served as the president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, represented the nation's NARUC commissioners on the steering committee of the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative and is a member of the Advisory Council for New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities. He served on the board of the Organization of MISO States for 20 years, including stints as treasurer and on the executive committee. Gary served as chairman of the South Dakota Underground Pipeline Task Force, as member of Gov. Mike Rounds' Task Force on Wind Development, South Dakota's Energy Task Force, and Gov. George S. Mickelson's

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Cumulative Environmental Evaluation of Black Hills Mining Task Force. His service to the state also includes three terms in the South Dakota Senate where he was chairman of the committees of Bonding and of Government Audit and Operations, and vice chairman of the Taxation Committee. A native of Sioux Falls, Gary was twice elected as mayor and oversaw multiple departmental operations of more than 1,200 employees. Even though the city was growing, the crime rate was decreased by 35%. Prior to serving as mayor, Gary was Sioux Falls' utilities commissioner for six years and responsible for the development and day-to-day activities for three municipal utilities. He owned several businesses before elected office and was a licensed real estate auctioneer, appraiser, and broker. As a regional and industry leader, Gary is co-founder, former president, and chairman of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System. He was chairman of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, and president of the Sioux Falls Board of Realtors. He has served on the boards of directors of Lutheran Social Services Credit Counseling Advisory, DAV Arthur H. Muchow Independent Living Center, Sioux Falls Jaycees, Northern State University Foundation, Minnehaha Metro Communications Systems, South Dakota Water Congress, and Sister Cities Association. Gary was instrumental in the founding of the Multicultural Center in Sioux Falls, the Great Plains Waicipi, Community Drug Concerns Task Force, as well as endowments for the Sioux Falls Pavilion and the Great Plains Zoo. Awards and honors received by Gary include being named Distinguished Alumnus of Northern State University, Sioux Falls' City Father of the Year, YMCA Tri-State Hall of Fame, International Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellow, Outstanding Young Citizen of South Dakota, Habitat for Humanity's Hat's Off Award, Spirit of Downtown Sioux Falls Award, White Cane Safety Award, Multiple Sclerosis Society Chapter's Mayor of the Year, Children's Care Hospital Wings of Love Award, DAV's Outstanding Legislator Award, and Life Member of Lions Club Sight and Service Foundation. He regularly shared his passion for athletics as a volunteer coach for a variety of youth sports. Gary actively pursues a number of interests including astronomy, carpentry, car engines, birding, genealogy, hunting, fishing, skydiving, SCUBA diving, spelunking, camping, history, and sports. Gary and his wife, Sandy, make their home in Sioux Falls and Pierre. The couple has three children and seven grandchildren.

**HON. ANGIE C. HATTON**

Chair

Kentucky Public Service Commission

Angie Hatton was appointed to the Public Service Commission and designated as Vice Chair by Governor Andy Beshear in March 2023. She was then appointed as Chair on August 6, 2024. Her term expires July 1, 2025. Prior to her appointment, in addition to her private law practice, Chair Hatton served three terms representing Letcher, Pike and Harlan Counties in the House of Representatives, and served the General Assembly as House Minority Whip. Much of her legislative work centered around energy and utility issues. She served on the House Standing Committee on Natural Resources and was appointed by the Speaker of the House to the Southern Legislators Conference Committee on Energy and Environment. Currently she serves on the Board of Directors for both OPSI (Organization of PJM States) and OMS (Organization of MISO States). As a member of NARUC, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions, she serves on the Energy Resources and Environment Committee, the International Relations Committee, and as Co-Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on Coal and Carbon Innovation. Also, she serves on the Advisory Board for the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities. Chair Hatton hails from Letcher Co, one of the more impoverished areas of East Kentucky. After graduating from Eastern Kentucky University in 1994 with a degree in journalism, she worked as a newspaper reporter before earning her law degree at the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1999. She and her family reside in Whitesburg.

**MARY-ANNA HOLDEN**

Managing Director  
Grove Street Advisors

Mary-Anna Holden was appointed by Governor Christie and confirmed as a member of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in January 2012. She was reappointed by Governor Murphy in April 2018, and continued in her service as a Commissioner until January 2024. Prior to her nomination, she served as Mayor of the Borough of Madison for four years and a Councilwoman for ten years. During her service in Madison, she chaired or co-chaired every committee and department in the borough, including electric and water utilities, public works, engineering, transportation and public safety. Ms. Holden also chaired the Madison-Chatham Joint Meeting wastewater facility and the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund. She served for 11 years as a trustee of the N.J. Historic Trust and as a member of the Land Use Legislative Committee of the NJ League of Municipalities. She continues in her 30th year as a Preservation Action Board member in Washington, D.C. Ms. Holden was an at-large board member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and past chair of its Committee on Water. She also served on its subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, Critical Infrastructure Committee, Military Workforce Development Task Force and the DOE-NARUC Nuclear Energy Partnership. She was responsible for redesigning and running NARUC's Utility Rate Training Schools, wrote NARUC's handbook for board members and recreated its ambassador program that pairs new commissioners with veteran commissioners to provide guidance and encouragement to participate in NARUC programming. Ms. Holden served throughout her 12-year Commissioner term as a member of Jersey Water Works' Green Infrastructure Committee, the N.J. Clean Water Council and the National Council on Electricity Policy. For the same 12-year period she was a board member and past chair of the University of Missouri's Financial Research Institute and continues to serve as a board member of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. Ms. Holden is past president of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (MACRUC) and is a member of InfraGard, a nonprofit organization with the FBI and members of the private sector for the protection of U.S. critical infrastructure.

**HON. JEHMAL T. HUDSON**

Commissioner  
Virginia State Corporation Commission

Judge Hudson is serving in his first term at the Virginia State Corporation Commission. In this role, he is one of three Commissioners regulating utilities, insurance, state-chartered financial institutions, securities, retail franchising, and the newly enacted Virginia Health Benefit Exchange. Prior to being elected to the Commission, Judge Hudson was Vice President of Government Affairs at the National Hydropower Association. He was a regulatory practitioner for 10 years managing public policy issues at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where he held several roles including Director of Government Affairs. In that role, he worked closely with attorneys and policymakers to carry out the agency's mission to assist consumers in obtaining reliable, safe, secure, and economically efficient energy services at a reasonable cost through appropriate regulatory and market means, and collaborative efforts. Judge Hudson currently serves as the second vice president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). In January 2024, Judge Hudson was appointed as chair of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment. In July 2024, Judge Hudson was appointed as a member of the NARUC Executive Committee, and he is also a member of the NARUC Board of Directors. Previously, Judge Hudson chaired the NARUC Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity from December 2021 until January 2024. Regional leadership includes serving as President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners and as the Virginia member of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. He also serves on the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute. Judge Hudson earned his B.A. from Adelphi University, his J.D. from Vermont Law School, and his LL.M. in Taxation from the Georgetown University Law Center. He is admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court.

**HON. DWIGHT D. KEEN**  
Commissioner  
Kansas Corporation Commission

Dwight D. Keen was appointed to the KCC by Governor Jeff Colyer on March 29, 2018 and confirmed by the Kansas Senate on April 7, 2018. He served as Chairman from January 17, 2019, to January 16, 2020 and served as Chair from January 13, 2022 to January 17, 2023. Keen was reappointed to the Commission for a second term by Governor Laura Kelly on March 17, 2022 and confirmed by the Senate on March 23, 2022. His second term expires March 15, 2026. Keen is a member of NARUC and serves on the NARUC Board of Directors. He also serves on the Committee on Gas, Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety, and the Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Management. In addition, Keen serves as Vice Chair of the NARUC Gas-Electric Alignment for Reliability (GEAR) Working Group, which is a collaborative effort between state regulators and industry representatives to develop solutions to better align and coordinate the gas and electric industries to maintain and improve the reliability of the nation's electricity grid. He also serves on the Advisory Council of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities. Keen is the Official Representative for Kansas to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), and has previously served on its Steering, and Resolutions Committees. He presently serves as a member of the Finance Committee and the IOGCC Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee. Keen has experience in business, law and government. His prior legal and finance experience includes serving as a securities attorney with the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (presently FINRA) in Washington, D.C.; serving as the Senior Financial Analyst and Counsel to the Director of Corporation Finance for a large money center bank in New York City; and practicing corporate and securities law with two prominent Wichita law firms. Keen's prior state government service includes: serving for six years as Kansas Securities Commissioner; serving two terms as a Commissioner on the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs; and serving one four-year term as a member of the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals. From 1998 to 2010, Keen was an Adjunct Professor of Business for the Graduate School at Friends University in Wichita where he taught graduate level courses in Marketing, Managerial Economics, Strategic Planning, Business Law for Executives and Entrepreneurship. Prior to joining the KCC, Keen operated an independent oil and gas production company. Upon appointment to the KCC, Keen resigned as the managing member of this company and formally severed all forms of management and control over the company. From 2011 to 2013, he served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association. He has also served as a member of the board of the Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association and the Kansas Oil and Gas Resources Fund. Keen has resigned from membership in and from the board of directors of all organizations associated or affiliated with the oil and gas industry. Keen has a B.B.A. degree in business administration, a Master of Science degree in business with emphasis in marketing and finance, and a Master of Arts degree in Economics – each of these three degrees are from Wichita State University. He also has a Juris Doctor degree in law from the University of Kansas School of Law. He is a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. Keen and his wife Lenore reside in Winfield.

**DAN KILLOREN**  
Program Manager, Global Innovation Hub  
Electric Power Research Institute

Dan Killoren leads the Global Innovation Hub at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), an independent, not-profit R&D organization that works with appx. 450 energy providers in 45 countries to conduct research on critical topics in the electricity sector. EPRI's Global Innovation Hub works directly with energy providers in the areas of innovation capability development and demonstration and testing with early-stage energy startups through EPRI's Incubator Energy Labs. Dan brings over fifteen years of energy

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and natural resources experience with specialization in the areas of corporate strategy, R&D and business innovation. Prior to joining EPRI, Dan worked in the Enterprise Innovation group at American Electric Power (AEP) in Columbus, Ohio, leading technology and business model scouting and helping shape AEP's innovation and future of work strategies. Prior to AEP, Dan worked at Salt River Project (SRP), a public water and electricity provider in Phoenix, Arizona, where he assumed roles of increasing responsibility, including leading the Corporate Strategy group and directing SRP's comprehensive strategy development process. Dan pursued his academic studies at Arizona State University, completing B.A. (Honors) and Ph.D. degrees in History with specialization in complex water rights settlements among Native American communities and municipal and agricultural users in the U.S. Southwest.

**STEPHANIE KRABBE**

Senior Vice President, Organizational Development  
InfraSource

Stephanie Krabbe's career in the energy industry began over a decade ago in an accounting role with a gas contractor, where she managed payroll and purchasing. She quickly expanded her expertise, moving through various accounting functions before transitioning into project management, where she oversaw regional operations. This role allowed her to collaborate closely with field teams, deepening her understanding of industry operations and workforce needs. Since joining InfraSource in 2013, Stephanie has held numerous leadership positions, shaping the company's approach to talent development. As Senior Vice President of Organizational Development, she has been instrumental in creating career pathways for the next generation of utility professionals. One of her most notable achievements was founding InfraSource University, a program designed to develop future industry leaders. Her passion for workforce development has driven her to establish initiatives supporting military personnel, college students, and technical school partnerships to bridge industry talent gaps. Beyond her work at InfraSource, Stephanie is a dedicated advocate for workforce innovation across the industry. As a Board Member of the Distribution Contractors Association (DCA), she has played a pivotal role in workforce development and technology initiatives, co-chairing key committees and contributing to programs such as the DCA Leadership Development Program. She is a highly regarded speaker, sharing insights at industry conferences and engaging with students at high schools and technical schools to promote careers in energy infrastructure. Stephanie's commitment to workforce development aligns with the core themes of the People Power segment—ensuring a skilled, diverse, and resilient workforce for the future of the industry. Her leadership in talent development, coupled with her advocacy for education and innovation, highlights the importance of investing in people to sustain and advance the energy sector. Outside of her professional achievements, Stephanie and her husband, Jim, are proud parents of five children and recently welcomed their first grandchild. They enjoy traveling the world and immersing themselves in new cultures, reinforcing Stephanie's belief in lifelong learning and diverse perspectives.

**JARED LEADER**

Senior Director of Resilience  
Smart Electric Power Alliance

Jared Leader is the Senior Director of Resilience at the Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA), where he leads strategic initiatives that help utilities and key industry stakeholders to enable a more clean, resilient and flexible grid. Since joining SEPA in 2017, Jared has developed and overseen programs, tools, and resources that support the deployment of distributed energy resources (DERs), non-wires alternatives, microgrids, and other emerging solutions. Prior to joining SEPA, he spent several years working as an environmental engineer and consultant for utility, municipal and commercial clients in the energy and water sectors. He has a MS, Energy Policy and Climate from Johns Hopkins University, and a BS in Civil and

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Environmental Engineering from the University of Virginia. Outside of business hours, Jared enjoys skiing, hiking and spending time in the great outdoors.

**HON. EDWARD LODGE**

Commissioner  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Commissioner Edward Lodge was appointed to his first six-year term with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission by Governor Brad Little in February of 2023. Before joining the Commission, Lodge served as a Policy Assistant and Communications Director under Governor Philip Batt (1994-1998), Special Assistant to Governor Dirk Kempthorne (1999), and as Government Affairs Specialist for Connolly and Smyser, Chartered (1999-2004). Lodge also served as Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Qwest/CenturyLink (2004-2020). Commissioner Lodge serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Water. Lodge received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management and Organizational Leadership from George Fox University in 2005 as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from George Fox University in 2008. Commissioner Lodge serves as President of Lodge Cattle Company and Random Ventures and sits on the Executive Board for Caldwell Night Rodeo, Western Idaho Fair and the Western Heritage Foundation.

**RONALD MARINZEL**

Senior Director, Emerging Markets  
X-Energy

**MATTHEW MCDONELL**

Managing Partner  
Current Energy Group

Matthew McDonell is Managing Partner at Current Energy Group, a boutique advisory firm specializing in energy economics and policy solutions that balance sustainability, affordability, and reliability. recognized expert in innovative regulatory frameworks and new utility business models, Matthew has extensive experience addressing key issues in the energy transition, including distributed energy resources (DER) integration, power system planning, rate design, grid modernization, and electric vehicles (EVs). Prior to co-founding Current Energy Group, Matthew served as Partner and Head of Consulting at Strategen, where he advanced regulatory innovation critical to energy transition efforts. Notably, he supported Connecticut's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) in developing the Innovative Energy Solutions (IES) Program, a regulatory sandbox facilitating innovative solutions for a decarbonized, affordable, and equitable grid. He also contributed significantly to PURA's adoption of comprehensive performance-based regulation (PBR). Earlier, Matthew was Commission Counsel at the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission (HPUC), globally recognized for its leadership in clean energy policy. At HPUC, he directed initiatives including advanced DER program design, statewide community solar frameworks, and pioneering grid modernization policies. Additionally, Matthew spearheaded Hawaii's investigation into PBR, establishing procedural templates adopted nationwide. Matthew holds a Juris Doctor from the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona and a B.A. in Finance from Michigan State University.



**HON. FLOYD MCKISSICK**

Commissioner  
North Carolina Utilities Commission

Commissioner McKissick was nominated to serve on the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Roy Cooper for a six-year term commencing July 1, 2019, and expiring June 30, 2029. His nomination was confirmed by the NC Senate and the NC House. Prior to his appointment to the NCUC, he served as a member of the North Carolina Senate for approximately 13 years, where he served as the Senior Deputy Democratic Leader. Commissioner McKissick is the son of the late civil rights leader and attorney, Floyd B. McKissick, Sr. He received an A.B. Degree in Geography from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts; a master's degree in Regional Planning (MRP) from UNC-Chapel Hill, a master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Harvard University, and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree from the Duke University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina. He has practiced law since 1984 with several law firms, including Dickstein Shapiro & Morin in Washington, D.C., as well as Faison, Brown, Fletcher & Brough in Durham, North Carolina. He established a practice known as McKissick & McKissick in 1990, where he specialized in Civil Litigation. He has represented Fortune 500 corporations, as well as small businesses and many individuals during the course of his career. He is a member of the following committees through the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC): Consumers and the Public Interest, Electricity, Critical Infrastructure, International Relations and Energy Resources and the Environment. He serves as Chair of NARUC's Consumers & The Public Interest Committee. He is also Co-Chair of NARUC's- NASEO's Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative. He previously served as President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) which is composed of Commissioners from 11 Southeastern States and Puerto Rico. Commissioner McKissick has moderated panels at conferences sponsored by NARUC, SEARUC, as well as the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities, where he is a member of their Advisory Council.

**ROBIN MILLICAN**

Senior VP of Strategy and Policy  
Breakthrough Energy / Gates Foundation

Robin Millican is an advisor to the Bipartisan Climate Trust's Energy Frontier Initiative, a new philanthropic fund focused on continuing America's leadership in cleantech innovation. Prior to this, she was Head of Strategic Initiatives and Integration at Breakthrough Energy, a network of entities and initiatives founded by Bill Gates which include investment funds, philanthropic programs, and policy efforts linked by a common commitment to scale the technologies we need to achieve a path to net zero emissions by 2050. Robin has over a decade of experience in energy, science, and technology policy, including as a senior strategy consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton and as a legislative aide in the U.S. Senate. She also serves on the boards of ClearPath, the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE), and Nature is Nonpartisan, in addition to her role on the Silverado Policy Accelerator's Strategic Council.

**CURT MORGAN**

Chief Executive Officer  
Alpha Generation

Curt Morgan is CEO of AlphaGen. Mr. Morgan was previously CEO of Vistra, an integrated retail electricity and power generation company. During his tenure, he helped establish Vistra as a power and energy transition leader while transforming it from a single-state provider into one of the largest power producers and retailers in the country. During his 40-year career, Mr. Morgan has held leadership responsibilities in nearly every major U.S. power market. Mr. Morgan also served as the President and CEO of EquiPower Resources Corp. and FirstLight Power Resources, Inc., and has held leadership positions at NRG Energy, Mirant Corporation, Reliant Energy and BP Amoco.

**NAVID MOTAMED**  
AVP Global Public Policy  
AT&T

Navid Motamed is Assistant Vice President Public Policy at AT&T. Navid's current responsibilities include spectrum policy development, strategic planning and regulatory aspects of spectrum engineering. Previously, Navid was AVP- Satellite systems and engineering leading the team managing End to End Satellite Systems for DIRECTV and affiliated pay TV platforms in Latin America. Navid joined AT&T via DIRECTV in 2004. He has held various positions with the company related to satellite systems development. Prior to joining DIRECTV, Navid was an Associate for Booz Allen Hamilton and held Communications Systems Engineering roles at PanAmsat/Intelsat Corp, a Global Satellite Operator. He started his career as a Payload Systems Engineer at Hughes Space and Communications. Navid holds a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University in Boston, and an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of Southern California.

**RICHARD MROZ**  
Managing Director  
Resolute Strategies, LLC

Richard Mroz has a long and distinguished career in law, government, public service, and corporate governance. He is Founding Member and Managing Director of Resolute Strategies, LLC and Senior Director of Archer Public Affairs in Trenton, NJ and Washington, DC. He advises clients in the energy, utilities, telecommunications, infrastructure, and financial services industries, as well as a coalition of developers of new nuclear generation facilities. He is a member of the Advisory Board of ClearPath Foundation, the Washington DC based not for profit supporting clean energy innovations and is Senior Adviser to Protect Our Power, a national non-industry non-profit advocacy organization supporting the best practices and investments in cybersecurity and resilience measures for the energy and utility infrastructure. He is a Distinguished Corporate Fellow with the Global Resilience Institute at Northeastern University and a member of the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities, New Mexico State University. Mr. Mroz is past President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) serving as chairman and chief administrative officer of the agency and functioned as the chief energy officer for New Jersey. He was Chairman of the Critical Infrastructure Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and led efforts addressing cybersecurity protection, workforce development, and infrastructure improvements in the electric, gas, water and telecommunications industries. He was also the NARUC liaison to the Electric Sector Coordinating Council (ESCC) and served as President of the Organization of PJM States, Inc (OPSI). Mr. Mroz served on the USDOE Electric Advisory Committee having been appointed to terms by three Secretaries of Energy. Active in corporate governance, Mr. Mroz was a longtime member of the Board of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and currently is a member of the NACD New Jersey Chapter Board, as well as serving on boards of start up energy companies and not-for-profit organizations.

**ROUNETTE NADER**  
Vice President, New Nuclear Generation and License Renewal  
Duke Energy

Rounette Nader serves as Duke Energy's vice president, new nuclear generation and license renewal. She leads the development of the company's new nuclear strategy, execution of second license renewal for the existing operating fleet and implementation of initial license renewal commitments for Harris Nuclear Plant. These efforts play a crucial role in meeting the company's carbon reduction goals. Nader joined Duke Energy in 1992, after college internships with Santee Cooper and South Carolina Electric & Gas. She has served Duke Energy for more than 30 years supporting various groups across nuclear generation, including,

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initial and subsequent nuclear license renewal, nuclear policy and support, new nuclear generation engineering and decommissioning compliance for the fleet. She currently serves on the Electric Power Research Institute's Strategic Initiatives Executive and Long-Term Operations Technical Advisory committees, Nuclear Energy Institute's Decommissioning Working Group and License Renewal Environmental Task Force, University of South Carolina Department of Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board and North American Young Generation in Nuclear Executive Advisory Committee. A native of Moncks Corner, S.C., Nader holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. She is also a registered professional engineer in South Carolina. Nader, her husband and teenage daughter live in Charlotte, N.C. Her stepson, stepdaughter and two grandchildren reside in Charlotte as well.

**HON. CHRIS NELSON**

Commissioner

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Chris Nelson currently serves on the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Chris was appointed Jan. 8, 2011, by Gov. Dennis Daugaard to fill a vacancy on the commission and was elected by South Dakota voters in November 2012 to continue his service for the remaining four years of the term. He was re-elected to a full term in November 2016, garnering the highest electoral percentage ever for a contested statewide race. He again was re-elected in 2022. He is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners serving on the association's Board of Directors, co-chairing the Washington Action Program, is a member of its Investment Committee and is a past chairman of its Committee on Telecommunications. He has been appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, representing the interests of NARUC as state chairman of the board. Previously, Chris served as South Dakota's secretary of state, having been elected in the 2002 general election. Chris was unopposed for re-election in 2006, which was the first time the office was unopposed in the history of South Dakota.

**HON. GREG NIBERT**

Commissioner

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

Greg Nibert was appointed to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission on January 1, 2025. Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Nibert was a partner at the law firm Hinkle Shanor LLP. He is also a former state legislator, having served in both the New Mexico House of Representatives and New Mexico Senate. the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition (NWSC), and the Electricity Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) among others.

**HON. PATRICK O'CONNELL**

Chairman

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

Patrick O'Connell is Chair of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC), appointed to a six-year term starting on January 1, 2023. Patrick is President of SPP's Regional State Committee, sits on WECC's Member Advisory Committee, the FERC-NARUC Current Issues Collaborative, and NARUC's Energy Resources and the Environment Committee. Prior to joining the NMPRC, Patrick worked for Western Resource Advocates, providing leadership to the Clean Energy Team. Before joining Western Resource Advocates, Patrick was a long-tenured employee at the Public Service Company of New Mexico, where he directed PNM's Integrated Resource Planning team, and led natural gas procurement planning efforts for

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New Mexico Gas Company. Patrick is a registered Professional Civil Engineer, graduated from the University of New Mexico and lives in Albuquerque.

**HON. JEREMY H. ODEN**

Commissioner

Alabama Public Service Commission

A native of the Vinemont/Eva area in Cullman County, Jeremy H. Oden was appointed to serve as Commissioner for Place 1 on the APSC in 2012. Commissioner Oden was first elected by the people of Alabama in 2014 and again in 2018 and 2022, allowing him to continue serving the state through 2026. Upon graduating from Asbury University in 1991 with degrees in Biblical theology and Christian education and a minor in psychology, Commissioner Oden worked at and managed several family businesses before entering the banking and industry. He was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives, District 11, position in 1998 and served there until his appointment to the APSC. An active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), Commissioner Oden previously served as a board of director and on the Electricity Committee. He was also a past chair of the subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Management. He was appointed by President Donald Trump's Department of Energy Secretary to serve as a member of the National Coal Council and served until the end of his appointment in 2022. Commissioner Oden is also extremely involved in the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions (SEARUC). Commissioner Oden is married to his wife of more than 20 years, Samantha, and they have a daughter, Anika. The family attends F-squared Church where Commissioner Oden serves as the lead pastor.

**HON. LEA MARQUEZ PETERSON**

Commissioner

Arizona Corporation Commission

Lea Márquez Peterson currently serves on the Arizona Corporation Commission and is the past Chairwoman. During her tenure, she has fought hard for affordable utility rates and has focused on ensuring energy reliability. She was appointed by the Governor in 2019 and later won election to a four year term in 2020 and in 2024. Lea is the first Hispanic woman to serve in a statewide seat in the history of Arizona. Lea received her undergraduate degrees in Marketing and Entrepreneurship from the University of Arizona and her Master's in Business Administration from Pepperdine University. Lea previously owned a chain of gas stations and convenience stores in the Tucson area putting many people to work. Additionally, she served nearly ten years as the President of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber – one of the largest chambers in the state. In her role as Commissioner, Lea co-chairs a national advanced nuclear taskforce, serves on the national board for NARUC (National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners) and chairs their education and research efforts. Additionally, she serves on the advisory board of EPRI, a global energy think tank and as the Vice chair of the board that works on regional interconnection on the west coast (WIRAB). Lea has served her community and state in a number of other positions. She lives in Tucson with her husband and 2 children.

**MARIA POPE**  
President and CEO  
Portland General Electric Company  
EEI Chair

Maria Pope is president and chief executive officer of Portland General Electric. Pope leads PGE in delivering safe, reliable, and affordable energy for Oregonians. Under her leadership, PGE has accelerated the transition to a clean energy future by adding new wind, solar, and battery storage, strengthening the energy grid by integrating new technologies, and working with community stakeholders, customers, and policymakers to power the advancement of society. PGE has the largest voluntary renewable energy program in the country and was ranked the No. 1 utility in the 2024 Forrester U.S. Customer Experience Index. Pope joined PGE in 2009 as chief financial officer and treasurer. She led PGE's power generation facilities, wholesale power marketing and long-term resource strategy as senior vice president of Power Supply, Operations and Resource Strategy. Prior to PGE, Pope was CFO of Mentor Graphics Corporation. She has held senior operating and finance positions in the technology, forest products and consumer products industries. She began her career in banking with Morgan Stanley. Pope has two decades of board experience across diverse sectors. She currently serves on the Columbia Banking System board of directors. Pope is the chair of the Edison Electric Institute and formerly served on the U.S. Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and as prior chair of the Electric Power Research Institute. Pope is a graduate of the Stanford Graduate School of Business and Georgetown University.

**HON. DELTON POWERS**  
Chairman  
South Carolina Public Service Commission

Delton Powers was elected to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in 2020, and presently serves as Chairman. He was recently appointed as a member of the NARUC Board of Directors. He graduated Law School at the real USC in 1977 and spent most of his career as a small-town lawyer. He has been involved in some sort of public service throughout his career and worked in both the State Legislature and in Congress as a student. He worked under two different District Attorneys, or what in South Carolina and across the Atlantic are called Solicitors, served on a governor's task force on juvenile crime, and for over 25 years prosecuted child abuse and neglect cases as part of his private law practice. Commissioner Powers has been involved in environmental issues, growth planning and Coastal conservation, having served on the South Carolina Coastal Council and its successor board for almost 20 years. This was a pivotal time in South Carolina with Hurricane Hugo, beach renourishment issues and the population explosion on the South Carolina Coast by the "great Northern Migration." He has mentored young lawyers, including a daughter and son-in-law, and has a passion for music, baseball and grandchildren.

**HON. TRICIA PRIDEMORE**  
President, NARUC  
Commissioner  
Georgia Public Service Commission

Tricia Pridemore was elected to the Georgia Public Service Commission in 2018. Pridemore serves on many boards in the energy industry, and works on constructive solutions to our nation's electric transmission, pipeline safety and diversified energy generation including natural gas, nuclear, solar and American coal. She serves as President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). 2024-2025. She is Past Chair, Board of the Financial Research Institute (FRI) at the University of Missouri; a Member, National Petroleum Council; Member, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Board;

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a Member, Gas Technology Institute (GTI) Public Interest Advisory Council; a Member, New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council; and a Member, Critical Consumer Issues Forum (CCIF) Executive Committee. Pridemore is recognized by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians. She served on both the 2019 Transition Team of Gov. Brian Kemp and the 2011 Transition Team of Governor Nathan Deal. She co-chaired both of Governor Nathan Deal's Inaugurals. Pridemore is a member of the Rotary Club of Marietta. She earned a bachelor's degree from Kennesaw State University. Tricia and her husband Michael reside in Marietta, Georgia and are members of Mount Paran Church in Atlanta.

**MICHAEL PURDIE**

Director of Regulatory Affairs and Markets  
National Hydro Association

Michael Purdie is NHA's Director of Regulatory Affairs and Markets. Mike comes from Dominion Energy where he advocated for Dominion Energy's interests at PJM, ISO-NE, and NEPOOL stakeholder venues. Prior to working for Dominion Energy, Mike worked at the Nuclear Energy Institute and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Mike is the supporting NHA staff member for the Regulatory Affairs and Markets Committees.

**THOMAS J. PUTTMAN**

President  
NW Natural Water

Mr. Puttman is the President of NW Natural Water. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, NW Natural Water is one of the fastest growing investor owned utility companies in the United States, with over 30 systems in 6 western states. NW Natural Water is part of NW Natural Holding Company, which through its subsidiaries, has been doing business for more than 165 years in the Pacific NW. Mr. Puttman has over 25 years of experience in water, wastewater and recycled water utility investment, development and operations. From expanding the NW Natural Water portfolio through M&A and new utility development to operations and maintenance, capital project delivery, customer service and rate making, he oversees all aspects of the business to ensure safe, reliable and cost effective utility service. Mr. Puttman earned a BS in Civil Engineering and MS in City and Regional Planning and is a licensed professional civil engineer, certified planner and LEED accredited professional.

**HON. MARY PAT REGAN**

Commissioner  
Kentucky Public Service Commission

Mary Pat Regan was appointed to the Public Service Commission and designated as Commissioner by Governor Andy Beshear on July 11, 2022. Her term expires July 1, 2027. Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Regan was the Commonwealth's Deputy Secretary for Education & Labor. Her previous professional experience includes key senior executive roles with the AT&T Corporation including responsibility as National Vice President-Regulatory for AT&T and Kentucky State President of AT&T Communications. Commissioner Regan also held several senior sales executive positions with MCI Telecommunications Corporation. Commissioner Regan has participated in and provided Chair leadership for several Louisville based community and civic programs during the last ten years including Greater Louisville Inc., Kentucky Chamber, Business Leaders for Education, and United Way. She has served as member of the Board of Directors for Kentucky Educational Television, The Louisville Science Center, the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation and the Louisville Collegiate School. Commissioner Regan

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attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has a life-long interest and participation in sports and competitive athletic activities to include cycling, running and swimming. She has earned participation completion medals in seven Ironman National Competitions. Originally from Minneapolis, Commissioner Regan has resided in the Commonwealth for over twelve years and currently lives in St. Mathews.

**HON. DAN SCRIPPS**

Chair

Michigan Public Service Commission

Dan Scripps was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Public Service Commission in February 2019 and named Chair in July 2020. His term expires July 2, 2029. As a Commissioner, Mr. Scripps has been an active participant in multiple state energy advisory groups, including the Michigan Council on Climate Solutions, the Upper Peninsula Energy Task Force, the Michigan Dam Safety Task Force, and an Interdepartmental Workgroup on Propane Security. Chair Scripps is the immediate past president of the Organization of MISO States and the Mid-America Regulatory Conference. He previously chaired the Regional Expansion Criteria and Benefits Working Group for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), helping to develop consensus around cost allocation for the largest-ever portfolio of electric transmission projects in U.S. history. Mr. Scripps is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission; the Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resiliency; and the Gas-Electric Alignment for Reliability. He is a member of NARUC's Committees on Critical Infrastructure, Gas, and International Relations, and the Washington Action Program. He's also been an active participant with NARUC's international programs, participating in regulatory engagements on four continents. Mr. Scripps previously served in the Michigan House of Representatives, where he chaired the Banking and Financial Services committee and served on committees dealing with energy, telecommunications, and environmental protection. He has also worked with state and national clean energy trade and philanthropic organizations and practiced law in the Washington D.C. office of a leading global law firm, where he advised regulated utilities, project developers, and financial institutions on cutting edge domestic and international energy projects. Mr. Scripps is a graduate of Alma College and the University of Michigan Law School. He lives with his family in northern Michigan.

**FREEMAN SHAHEEN**

President

Chevron Global Gas

NGSA Chair

Freeman Shaheen is President of Chevron Global Gas based in Houston, Texas. He is responsible for Chevron's global marketing and trading activities for natural gas, liquefied natural gas (LNG), and liquefied petroleum gas/natural gas liquids (LPG/NGL) businesses. Prior to that, he was Director of Global Value Chain Strategy (GVCS) and responsible for leading Chevron's efforts to produce and steward Upstream value chain strategies for all commodities globally. He also served as Management Sponsor, which focused on internal talent development. During his career at Chevron, he has served in a number of leadership roles of increasing responsibility in all areas of value chain optimization, crude refining, trading, negotiations, business development, start-ups, and planning & strategy. Additional prior positions include Business Development Manager of Commercial & Biofuels, Senior Crude Trading Manager, and Trading Manager of Distillates, Biofuels, and Carbon Emissions. As Vice President of Global LNG Supply & Trading, he was responsible for marketing and optimization of LNG sales. With 30 plus years of experience in the energy industry, Freeman began his career in 1991 with Texaco (Star Enterprise) as a project engineer

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after earning his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1990 and 1991, respectively. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Natural Gas Supply Association, an organization dedicated to achieving a cleaner future through strong partnerships with renewables and supporting innovative technologies and market solutions that reduce emissions. He is married with five children – three adults and two teenagers.

**HON. ERIC SKRMETTA**

Commissioner

Louisiana Public Service Commission

Commissioner Eric Skrmetta, is currently fulfilling his 17th consecutive year of service as Public Service Commissioner for the State of Louisiana. He serves as Louisiana's representative as a board member of the organization of MISO States, a board member of the Entergy Regional States Committee and Vice chairman on the Board of Directors of the MISO Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. His volunteer service at NARUC is broad and varied, but critically includes his participation as a Member of the Board of Directors of NARUC, Co-Vice Chairman of the NARUC Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues - Waste Disposal, NARUC National Gas Infrastructure Task Force Committee Member, NARUC Nuclear Energy Partnership NEP, NARUC Washington Action Committee Member, NARUC Taskforce for Emergency Preparedness Recovery and Resiliency Member, as well as past president of SEARUC. Eric is a Member of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council. Commissioner Skrmetta holds a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Technology, a Juris Doctorate (JD) as well as a Masters in Law (LL.M) (Admiralty)

**HON. GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH**

Commissioner

Florida Public Service Commission

Gabriella Passidomo Smith was reappointed to the Florida Public Service Commission by Governor Ron DeSantis for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2023. She was first appointed to the Commission in 2021 to fill a vacant seat. Commissioner Passidomo Smith is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). She serves on the NARUC Committee on Gas, the NARUC Gas Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety, and was recently appointed to serve on NARUC's Task Force on Gas Planning. Commissioner Passidomo Smith is a member of the Financial Research Institute's Advisory Board and was appointed to the Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisory Council and New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council. Before being appointed to the Commission, Commissioner Passidomo Smith served in the FPSC's Office of General Counsel, where she provided analysis and recommendations on issues spanning the Commission's regulatory jurisdiction. Commissioner Passidomo Smith served as a law clerk for the Florida solicitor general in the Office of the Attorney General. As a law student, she interned in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Electricity and Fossil Energy. Commissioner Passidomo Smith also authored a report on federal certifications for natural gas pipeline construction under the National Environmental Policy Act, becoming very familiar with federal energy and environmental policy. Commissioner Passidomo Smith graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Florida. She earned a Juris Doctorate from the Washington and Lee University School of Law and is a member of the Florida Bar. She received her MBA from Florida State University.



**TODD SNITCHLER**  
CPU Advisory Council Chair  
President and CEO  
Electric Power Supply Association

As the Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)'s president and CEO, Todd Snitchler represents companies that own competitive power generation assets and advocates for policies that focus on achieving and maintaining well-functioning and properly regulated competitive wholesale electricity markets. Prior to joining EPSA, Todd served as the Vice President of Market Development at the American Petroleum Institute where he worked with industry, government, and customer stakeholders to promote increased demand for and continued availability of our nation's abundant and clean natural gas resources. Prior to that, Mr. Snitchler was a principal for Vorys Advisors, LLC in Ohio where he led the government affairs efforts in the energy and utility space where he represented competitive suppliers and independent power producers and developers. In that role he established strong relationships in Ohio and nationally with policy makers and industry participants supportive of competitive markets. Mr. Snitchler previously served as chairman of both the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Ohio Power Siting Board. He was elected twice to represent the 50th House District in Stark County, Ohio."

**DAVID STANTON**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Cleanwater1

David Stanton is CEO of Cleanwater1, Inc. ("CW1") a leading provider of Water Quality Management Solutions and chemical feed Systems to the municipal water and wastewater utility markets. He joined CW1 in the fall of 2022 with over 30 years of water and environmental industry experience. Prior to CW1, he led the integration of Clean Earth, Inc., a +\$800M-per-year specialty waste processing and recycling company formed from two significant acquisitions. Before Clean Earth, Stanton served as CEO of Suez (now Veolia) North America Utility Holdings, Inc., one of the largest U.S. water and wastewater infrastructure owners. Through investments in leadership, assets, and digital transformation, Suez achieved industry-leading results during his tenure. In the two decades prior, Stanton held leadership positions in two startups (APTWater and Westates Carbon) and helped grow and improve operations at two industry consolidators (EarthTech and SouthWest Water). Additionally, Stanton has been a long-term advocate for innovation in water technology and digital transformation, having served as Chairman for the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC). He currently serves on the Board of Burnt Island Ventures, an early-stage venture capital firm focused on water, as well as the Board of KloudGin, a workforce and asset management software focused on utilities. He holds a B.S. in electrical engineering from Cornell University and has had relevant continuing education at UVA-Darden, Stanford, and in Lean and Six Sigma process improvement methodologies.

**PAUL N. STOCKTON**  
Chair, Grid Reliance  
National Security Subcommittee, DOE Advisory Committee

Dr. Stockton leads Paul N Stockton LLC, a strategic advisory firm in Santa Fe, NM. He helps private sector and government leaders strengthen the resilience of US infrastructure. He also chairs the Board of Directors of Analytic Services, Inc., the Homeland Defense and Defense Support to Civil Authorities subcommittee of DOD's Reserve Forces Policy Board, and the Grid Resilience for National Security subcommittee of DOE's Electricity Advisory Committee. As Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs from 2009-2013, Dr. Stockton guided Defense support in response to Superstorm Sandy and other catastrophes. Dr. Stockton also served as Executive Director of the US

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Council of Governors, and led Department policy initiatives on continuity planning and antiterrorism/force protection. After leaving DOD, Dr. Stockton provided grid regulators with innovative metrics and cost recovery criteria in Resilience for Black Sky Days (2014). His recent studies on the electric system include Surfing the Wave: Resilience Strategies for the Decentralizing Grid. Dr. Stockton holds a PhD from Harvard University and a BA from Dartmouth College. He was twice awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, DOD's highest civilian award.

### **JAMES TERBUSH**

Past President

El Paso County Board of Health

James Terbush MD MPH is a Senior Partner with Martin, Blanck & Associates and joined the firm in April 2014. From 2006 to 2009, Captain Terbush USN, served as Command Surgeon to North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). In this role, he served as the Medical Advisor to the Commander and was responsible for the integration of Department of Defense medical assets internally and with other agencies in support of military response to civilian disasters, combating terrorism and protecting Americans. From 2009-2011, Dr. Terbush served as the Fleet Surgeon for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command. He was deployed forward to Port au Prince in response to the devastating earthquake disaster in Haiti, integrating DOD medical capabilities into the overall International response. Dr. Terbush's final assignment before retiring from military service was with the Science and Technology Directorate at NORAD and USNORTHCOM where he served as the lead for medical innovations. In more than 30 years of Government service Dr. Terbush was the physician to U.S. personnel in over 80 countries. He is published in scientific journals on; Influenza and Air Travel, Mass Fatalities Management and Public Health Consequences of a Cyber Attack. Dr. Terbush served on multiple boards of directors; Public Health for El Paso County Colorado, Peak Military Care Network (veterans affairs), graduate medical education (Univ. of Colorado), and disaster medicine. He was also an advisor to the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine Forum on Disaster and Public Health and is a Past President of the American Academy of Disaster Medicine. Dr. Terbush served as the Board of Health President from 2018 to 2023, during the COVID 19 pandemic. Dr. Terbush received his MD degree from the University of Colorado (1978) and a Master's in Public Health from the University of California, Los Angeles (2005).

### **HON. MARY THRONE**

Commissioner

Wyoming Public Service Commission

Governor Gordon appointed Mary Throne to the Wyoming Public Service Commission, effective March 1, 2019. He reappointed her in 2021 for a full 6-year term and she served as Chairman from March 2023 to March 2025. Mary continues to serve in leadership roles in the West and at NARUC. A Campbell County, Wyoming native, Mary returned to the state in 1992. Prior to joining the Commission, Mary represented the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division in the Office of the Attorney General and in private practice, she assisted a variety of energy, mineral and business clients with environmental compliance and permitting, industrial siting, and other regulatory issues. For ten years, Mary represented Cheyenne's House District 11 in the Wyoming House of Representatives, serving as Minority Floor Leader for four years. Term Expires March 1, 2027

**MATTHEW TOMC**

Vice President, Regulatory Policy and Energy Supply  
Ameren Illinois

Matthew Tomc is Vice President of Regulatory Policy and Energy Supply for Ameren Illinois Company, a subsidiary of Ameren Corporation. Based in Collinsville, Ameren Illinois provides service to 1.2 million electric customers and more than 800,000 natural gas customers across 43,700 square miles in the state of Illinois. Tomc is responsible for power procurement, natural gas procurement, and regulatory policy & rates for Ameren Illinois. He has served various leadership roles in the company's legal department since joining Ameren in 2007. He helped lead the development of Ameren Illinois' efforts in legislation and litigated many of the regulatory reforms that have enabled Ameren Illinois to invest in its rate-regulated business and earn solid returns. He also leads the implementation of complex regulatory initiatives to improve renewable energy integration. He holds a juris doctorate degree from the University of Kansas School of Law, and a bachelor's degree in economics from Emporia State University. He serves on the board of Fathers and Families Support Center.

**NICK WAGNER**

Vice President of Regulatory, Colorado  
Black Hills Energy

Nick Wagner currently serves as VP, Regulatory for Black Hills Energy and has been with the company since 2020. In this role Wagner provides strategic leadership for regulatory and policy matters and manages the regulatory and government affairs teams for BHE. Wagner served 7 1/2 years as a board member of the Iowa Utilities Board, now the Iowa Utilities Commission, which is responsible for regulation of the rates and services of electric, natural gas, and water utilities, the services of communications utilities, and generally supervises all pipelines and the transmission, sale, and distribution of electrical current. As a commissioner Wagner served in many different roles outside of the Commission duties including, serving a one year term as President of NARUC. Wagner served on the Committee on Gas, Washington Action Program, Committee on Critical Infrastructure, NARUC board and executive Committee, Treasurer for Smart Grid Interoperability Panel 2.0 (SGIP) and as a board member, Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) - served as president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary, Treasurer of the National Council on Electricity Policy (NCEP), member of the Executive Committee, Critical Consumer Issues Forum (CCIF), and was a member of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities advisory committee. Prior to the IUB, Wagner spent over 15 years in industrial controls and automation in roles from Controls Engineer to Director of Quality Management. These roles included professional and management experience in project execution, facility energy and efficiency audits, and building control, programming, team management, project management, strategic planning, process improvement, quality management, continuous improvement and more. Wagner also served a 4 year term as a Marion City Council member and 2 terms (4 years) in the Iowa House of Representatives, where he served as ranking member and chair of the Local Government Committee and as vice chair of the Appropriations Committee. Also served on the Administration and Regulation Budget Sub Committee and the Commerce, Transportation, and Ways and Means Committees.

**MARK WALKER**

Vice President, Technology Policy  
CableLabs

Mark Walker is Vice President, Technology Policy at CableLabs. He joined CableLabs in 2015 and leads the Technology Policy team which focuses on spectrum policy, broadband policy, cybersecurity and supply chain security policy, privacy, artificial intelligence, and energy efficiency and sustainability policy. Prior to joining CableLabs, Mark was the Deputy Chief in the Telecommunications Access Policy Division of the

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Federal Communications Commission that led the policy team for the E-rate Program (more formally known as the "Schools and Libraries Universal Service Mechanism"). While at the FCC, Mark also served as a Legal Advisor to the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau as well as an Attorney Advisor on the E-rate and Rural Health Care teams. Prior to joining the FCC, he worked in private practice representing clients in telecommunications and other closely regulated industries. Mark holds a Bachelors degree in Engineering Science and Mechanics from Penn State University, an MBA from Lehigh University, and a JD from the University of Colorado.

**HON. DOYLE WEBB**

Chairman

Arkansas Public Service Commission

Doyle Webb of Benton was appointed Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders in January 2023. Prior to his appointment to the Public Service Commission, Webb served as General Counsel for the Republican National Committee from 2017 to 2021, and was Chairman of the Republican Party of Arkansas for twelve years. Chairman Webb was elected to the Arkansas Senate in 1994, and served as Chairman of the Energy committee during his tenure. He sponsored legislation that established the ARKids First health care program, and legislation that gives scholarships to the children of firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty. He is licensed to practice law in Arkansas and established his private practice in Benton for over 20 years before he served as Chief of Staff to the late Lt. Governor Win Rockefeller. Chairman Webb received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas, School of Law Little Rock and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. Currently, he is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on the sub-committee on Education and Research (SER) and on the Committee on Electricity. Also, he is an advisory council member of New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities. Chairman Webb resides in Benton with his wife Barbara Webb and their four-legged children, Carlise and Sophie.

**BRIAN WEISKER**

Board Member, AGA

President Natural Gas Business, Duke Energy

As senior vice president and president of Duke Energy's natural gas business, Brian Weisker is responsible for the company's regulated natural gas operations in the Carolinas, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, including subsidiary Piedmont Natural Gas. In addition, he leads the gas commercial operations, which includes supply, wholesale marketing, transportation and pipeline services, field customer service, sales and delivery, and business development. Prior to assuming his current position in April 2024, Weisker served as senior vice president and chief operations officer for Duke Energy's natural gas business, a position he held since January 2020. He led the gas utility operations, including construction, engineering, operations support and maintenance, asset management and integrity, operations performance, gas control, quality management and pipeline safety. Prior to that, he served as vice president of operational excellence within the natural gas business. Weisker has more than 25 years of experience in the energy industry. He began his career as a nuclear submarine officer serving onboard three separate fast attack submarines from 1994 to 2002. After leaving military service, Weisker joined Cinergy Corp., where he held several corporate leadership roles from 2002 to 2006. Following Duke Energy's merger with Cinergy in 2006, he served as the plant manager at the East Bend, Allen and Marshall power plants. He was named

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vice president of coal combustion products, operations and maintenance in 2015. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Weisker graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering. He also earned a Master of Business Administration from Tulane University. Weisker serves on the boards of directors of the American Gas Association, the Southern Gas Association, the Common Ground Alliance and the Charlotte, N.C., Chapter of the American Heart Association. Weisker is also a recipient of Duke Energy's James B. Duke Award, the company's highest employee award for outstanding contributions to Duke Energy's business success. Weisker and his wife, Pamela, have two daughters and a son.

**JON WILKINS**

Partner  
Quadra Partners

Jon Wilkins co-founded Quadra Partners, LLC in 2017 and serves as Quadra's lead partner for all activity related to federal and state broadband funding. Over the last seven years, Jon has worked with a range of private sector and non-profit broadband providers, as well as federal and state entities, on programs including CAF-II, RDOF, BIP (Broadband Infrastructure Program), ARPA (SLFRF and CPF), and BEAD. Most recently, he has served as a strategic advisor to state broadband offices including in Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Montana, and Texas on the development and implementation of their BEAD programs. He is a widely acknowledged industry expert in government broadband funding, and he has addressed many industry and government audiences including testimony before the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee during the lead-up to the passage of the IIJA/BEAD statute in 2021. Prior to co-founding Quadra, Jon served as the Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at the FCC, as well as the COO of that agency, during which time he acted as the policy lead for the \$1.5 billion annual expansion of the e-Rate program in 2014-2015. Jon joined the FCC in 2013 after a 17-year career at McKinsey & Company in Washington, D.C.

**HON. DALLAS WINSLOW**

Chair  
Delaware Public Service Commission

Chairman Winslow was appointed by Governor Minner in March of 2005, Governor Markell in 2010 and 2015, and Governor Carney in 2021. He has been Chairman since July, 2012. Chairman Winslow, and his wife Linda, originally from Wilmington, are now Lewes, DE residents and he holds the state wide Commissioner appointment. Chairman Winslow graduated from Brandywine High School and Dickinson College. He was an all state athlete in football and basketball at Brandywine and is a member of Dickinson College's Sports Hall of Fame. He served three years in the active army before graduating from Duquesne University School of Law. After law school, he served twenty years in the Delaware Army National Guard retiring as a full Colonel and being awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He also was appointed by Governor Castle and served as the State Director of the Selective Service System. Chairman Winslow also served thirty years as a trial attorney for the state culminating in being the Chief of Legal Services for the Office of Public Defender. He was an unsuccessful Republican candidate for Attorney General in 1986. He, however, was a successful candidate for the state senate in 1998 serving four years on the Senate Energy and Transit Committee, Judiciary Committee, Highways and Transportation Committee and the Joint Finance Committee. Chairman Winslow is Past President of the Organization of PJM states, inc. (OPSI), the

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Middle Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (MACRUC), the Delaware Society Sons of the American Revolution, and the National fraternity, Alpha Chi Rho. He is presently a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), MACRUC, and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Chairman Winslow and the commission welcome you to join the commission as it meets publicly and/or to make your views on regulatory issues known by writing or calling the Commission.

**LIZZY YATES**

Director of External Affairs and Communication  
Southern Nuclear

Lizzy Yates serves as Director of External Affairs and Communication for Southern Nuclear, a subsidiary of Southern Company that operates the carbon-free nuclear power plants for Alabama Power and Georgia Power, including Vogtle Units 3&4, the first newly constructed units in the United States in over 30 years. Lizzy oversees the development and execution of Southern Nuclear's communication strategy and provides strategic external support for all Southern Company nuclear development efforts. Her team's work has won multiple national awards and is recognized within the industry as a best practice for nuclear communication. Before joining the nuclear industry in 2018, Lizzy led communication for Southern Company wholesale subsidiary Southern Power, including the acquisition of 29 wind, solar, and natural gas facilities from California to Maine. Lizzy also gained valuable experience leading marketing and sales initiatives for a variety of clients and industries, including fashion, fast food, health and wellness, and performing arts. She is a seasoned media spokesperson who has earned media coverage on CNN, Fox News, National Public Radio, The Associated Press, The New York Times, SHAPE, and more. Lizzy serves as global chair of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) Industry Working Group [wano.info] and was recently recognized among the first class of American Nuclear Society 40 under 40 [ans.org]. She was named by Women We Admire as one of the Top 50 Women Leaders of Alabama for 2024 and was recognized by PR Daily as a 2023 Top Woman in Communications for Leadership [ragan.com]. Lizzy earned her Bachelor's in Communications and Information Sciences from the University of Alabama and graduated from the executive development program at Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. She currently serves on the board of directors for The Kiwanis Club of Birmingham.

**HON. DAVID ZIEGNER**

Commissioner  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

David Ziegner was appointed to the Commission on Aug. 25, 1990, by Governor Evan Bayh and has received continuous reappointments from Governor Frank O'Bannon, Governor Mitch Daniels, Governor Mike Pence, and Governor Eric Holcomb, with the most recent reappointment occurring in March 2023. He serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Commissioner Ziegner is part of the Nuclear Energy Partnership, which is a partnership between the NARUC Center for Partnerships and Innovation and the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy. He is a former Treasurer of NARUC and a member and former vice-chair of the NARUC Committee on Electricity and is former chair of its Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration Subcommittee. He is a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference. Additionally, he is a former chairman of the Advisory Council of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University and of the Consortium for Electric Reliability Technology Solutions Industry Advisory Board. He is a former member of the Advisory Council

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of the Electric Power Research Institute. Commissioner Ziegner earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history and journalism from Indiana University in 1976. He obtained his juris doctor degree from the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1979 and was admitted to the Indiana Bar and U.S. District Court in that same year. Prior to joining the Commission, he served as a staff attorney for the Legislative Service Agency, where he developed his background in both utility and regulatory issues. As the agency's senior staff attorney, he specialized in legislative issues concerning utility reform, local measured telephone service, the citizens' utility board, and pollution control. He also served as general counsel for the Commission prior to his appointment. Commissioner Ziegner and his wife Barbara reside in Greenwood and are members of Northminster Presbyterian Church.









