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Industry leaders and commissioners discuss issues facing the electric, natural gas, water, and telecommunications industries.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- CEO & Industry Leaders Panel - The Future of the Industry
- All Hands on Deck Utility Coordination
- The Framework of New Technologies
- Financial Interests and Financing Issues for Grid/Nuclear
- The Race to 100%
- Changing Federal Policy Impacts on Resource Adequacy and Investment in Reliability
- Balancing the Bill: Managing Investment, Innovation, and Customer Impact



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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.

Please wear or bring your nametag at all times.

1. Session Times

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

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

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 • 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Lunch and Dinner is on your own.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. Please see Jeanette Walter, Cindy Blume or Paul McCaig at the registration desk if you have any questions.

ENJOY

Monday, April 20

8:00 - 8:15 AM • Welcome and Introductions

- Dan Lapato, Chair, CPU Advisory Council; Vice President, Planning, American Gas Association
 - Cindy Blume, Director, Center for Public Utilities
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8:15 - 10:15 AM • CEO and Industry Leaders Panel - The Future of the Industry

Moderator: Hon. Ann Rendahl, President, NARUC; Commissioner, Washington Utilities and Transportation

Speakers:

- Sid McAnnally, AGA Chairman; President and CEO of ONE Gas
 - Calvin Butler, EEI Chairman; President and CEO, Exelon
 - Dawn Constantin, NGSA Chairman; COO, bp gas & power Americas
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10:30 – Noon • CEO and Industry Leaders Panel (continued)

Moderator: Hon. Ann Rendahl, President, NARUC; Commissioner Washington Utilities and Transportation

Speakers:

- Thomas Deitrich, President and CEO, Itron
 - Patrick J. Kerr, NAWC Chairman of the Board; President and CEO, Baton Rouge Water Company
 - Hon. Mary Pat Regan, Chair, NARUC Telecommunications Committee; Commissioner, Kentucky Public Service Commission
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1:30 – 3:00 • All Hands on Deck Utility Coordination: A Reliability Imperative -Are We Aligned to Meet The Needs of This Critical Time and What's Our Action Plan?

After years of workshops, task forces and other collaboratives working on aligning our gas/electric utilities, telecom and water sectors with real world conditions, where are we? Now more than ever all of our utilities ride in the same space of reliability, infrastructure modernization and concern about costs to consumers. And now with the advent of big data, AI and hyperscaler needs, how are we positioned? On the national security front, will our seemingly endless delays of siting/permitting transmission cause the US to lose the new arms race to own AI. Let's pull back the curtain and see what's happening to actually achieve the alignments necessary to address the real-world concerns.

Moderator: Hon. Maida Coleman, CPU 1st Vice Chairman; Commissioner, Missouri Public Service Commission

Speakers:

- John Griffith, CEO, American Water Company
- Jim Kerr, President, Southern Company Gas
- Patrick Smith, President and CEO, Ameren Illinois
- Rusty Williams, CEO, Utilities Technology Council

Responders:

- Hon. Edward Lodge, Commissioner, Idaho Public Utilities Commission
 - Hon. Pat O'Connell, Commissioner, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
 - Hon. Eric Skrmetta, Commissioner, Louisiana Public Service Commission
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3:30 – 5:00 • The Framework for New Technologies

New technologies can be a critical part of the solution to ensuring reliability and winning the geopolitical struggle around the global AI race. At the same time, there are barriers for adopting new technologies and challenges to deploy new technologies. With a variety of technologies becoming available what is the most efficient way for commissions and utilities to evaluate and ensure the reliability and cost-effectiveness of these technologies that range from small modular reactors to multi-day storage to virtual power plants to advance connectivity to AI adoption? Often there are pilot projects for certain technologies, but what would an effective framework for evaluating and adopting emerging technologies look like? Panelists will discuss ways to evaluate and adopt technologies while still delivering reliability, affordability, and technological innovation to consumers.

Moderator: Hon. John Hammond, Chair, NARUC Committee on Electricity; Commissioner, Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Speakers:

- Nathan Brownell, Vice President, Resilience and Capital Delivery, CenterPoint Energy
- Shaun Dentice, Chief Revenue Officer, Resource Innovations
- Indran "Indy" Ratnathicam, Chief Growth Officer, Technosylva
- James Richards, Manager, Economics and Project Development, Nuclear Innovation Alliance
- Brian Scriber, Vice President, Security Technologies, CableLabs
- Mark Thompson, Senior Director, State Affairs, Form Energy

Responders:

- Hon. Katie Anderson, Commissioner, Arkansas Public Service Commission

- Hon. Zenon Christodoulou, Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
 - Hon. Gary Hanson, Commissioner, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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Tuesday, April 21

8:30 – 10:00 • Financial Interests and Financing Issues for Grid/Nuclear

The announcements of needed investments for data centers, AI, power generation, and associated transmission and pipeline infrastructure in the past 12 months alone have been astounding. Where will funds to support the data center and associated power and infrastructure come from? What is needed to move quickly and deploy tens of billions of dollars every year? Can new nuclear be successfully financed to be part of the long-term solutions to growing demand? These valid but competing priorities require regulators to make decisions that impact consumers of all types, the utilities they regulate, and the ability for the United States to continue to be a world leader in technology and manufacturing. In a rapidly evolving energy landscape, the time to sharpen both our pencils and require reality-based data for planning to minimize spending but deliver the desired outcomes is now. This panel will discuss how those concerns and opportunities can be planned for in the short, medium, and long-term as well as how costs can practically be mitigated as these milestones are reached. Hear from Wall Street analysts, private equity investors, consumer advocates, and nuclear energy industry leaders discuss both the “how?” and “how fast?” funds can be deployed to deliver wins for the country as well as ensure consumers and bill impacts are not lost in the tidal wave of capital being deployed to solve an important set of issues.

Moderator: Richard Mroz, Independent Consultant and Former NJBPU President

Speakers:

- Benton Arnett, Senior Director, Nuclear Energy Institute
- Chris Ayers, Executive Director, North Carolina Utilities Commission
- Roland Backhaus, Senior Counsel - Nuclear, Vistra Corp.
- Julien Dumoulin-Smith, Equity Analyst, Jefferies
- Venu Ghanta, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Policy, Duke Energy

Responders:

- Hon. Eric Blank, Chairman, Colorado Public Service Commission
 - Hon. Dwight Keen, Commissioner, Kansas Corporation Commission
 - Hon. Katie Sieben, Chairman, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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10:30 – Noon • The Race to 100%

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (“BEAD”) initiative and a variety of state-funded efforts are driving major investments to connect to unserved and underserved locations

using a mix of technologies. This panel will examine near- and long-term deployment trends that will shape the broadband industry and its consumers, highlighting how different technologies are being applied across diverse geographies. We will discuss projections for unserved locations that may remain after BEAD projects are complete, and how that influences the ongoing focus on underserved locations. In addition, we will explore the persistent barriers that can delay or increase the cost of deployment, drawing on experiences with real-world builds. Panelists will share lessons learned on matching technology solutions to specific deployment challenges and propose strategies for accelerating future broadband expansion.

Moderator: Hon. Chris Nelson, Chairman, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Speakers:

- Jeff Brueggeman, Vice President Public Policy, AT&T Services, Inc.
- Rick Cimerman, Vice President External and State Affairs, NCTA
- Bree Maki, Executive Director, Minnesota Office of Broadband Development
- Pamela Sherwood, Vice President, Federal and State Regulatory, Compliance and Broadband Office, Brightspeed
- Susannah Spellman, Deputy Associate Administrator, NTIA
- Jim Stegeman, President and CEO, CostQuest

Responders:

- Hon. Karen Charles, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable
- Hon. Jerry Fenn, Chair, Public Service Commission of Utah
- Hon. Summer Strand, Chairperson, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

1:30 – 3:00 • Changing Federal Policy Impacts on Resource Adequacy and Investment in Reliability

Changes in administrations often bring changes to the policy landscape but the current change to energy policy is forcing the entire energy value chain to turn on a dime. While never an easy adjustment for industries that plan in decades and not in 2- or 4-year cycles, this is an unusual situation that is happening at the same time as unprecedented load growth and national security concerns around AI and the geopolitical implications in that space. Due to recent federal legislation, the landscape of resource development has changed. These changes seem to shift the focus from large renewable development to more fossil fuel-based resources. This panel will explore reliability challenges through the lens of transmission expansion, impacts of tax credit changes, market reforms, and resource adequacy. Panelists will examine planning tools, cost allocation, and strategies to deliver reliability in the face of uncertain demand trajectories, regulatory changes and long infrastructure lead times as well as implementation of proper standards and operational protocols.

Moderator: Hon. Kim David, Chair, Oklahoma Corporation Commission

Speakers:

- Devin McMackin, Director of Federal Affairs, ITC Holdings, Corp.
- Maurice Moss, Sr. Director, Central Region Markets & Policy, American Clean Power Association
- Kyle Sanders, Vice President, Regulatory, PNM Resources
- Brooke Trammell, Vice President, Transmission Strategy & Engagement, FirstEnergy Corp.

Responders:

- Hon. Gabriel Aguilar, Commissioner, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
 - Hon. Tricia Pridemore, Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission
 - Hon. David Ziegner, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
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3:30 – 5:00 • Balancing the Bill: Managing Investment, Innovation, and Customer Impact

As utilities across electricity, gas, water, and telecommunications sectors face historic investment needs, regulators are working to balance modernization, reliability, and affordability in an era of rapid demand growth. This discussion explores how commissions and industry leaders are defining affordability, supporting low-income programs, and engaging the public to maintain trust amid rising costs. Panelists will examine effective processes and case studies that align innovation with customer protection, identify tools and resources that improve transparency, and highlight pathways to ensure that modernization advances equitably avoiding unintended consequences while keeping essential services accessible and sustainable.

Moderator: Hon. Jehmal Hudson, Chair, NARUC Energy Resources and the Environment Committee; Commissioner, Virginia State Corporation Commission

Speakers:

- Joseph Daniel, Principal, Rocky Mountain Institute
- Mary Anna Holden, Commissioner Emeritus, NJ Board of Public Utilities
- Michael Santorelli, Director, ACLP at New York Law School
- David Springe, Executive Director, NASUCA
- Kelly A. Tomblin, President and CEO, El Paso Electric Company

Responders:

- Hon. Angie Hatton, Chair, Kentucky Public Service Commission
- Hon. Lea Márquez Peterson, Commissioner, Arizona Corporation Commission
- Hon. Floyd McKissick, Chair, NARUC Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest; Commissioner, North Carolina Utilities Commission

Wednesday, April 22

8:30 – 11:00 • Commissioner Grill

Conference participants submit questions to moderators - open to all.

Moderators:

- Hon. Tricia Pridemore, Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission
- Nick Wagner, VP of Regulatory, Black Hills Energy

Commissioners on Grill:

Hon. Gabriel Aguilera, NM Public Regulation Commission
Hon. Katie Anderson, Arkansas Public Service Commission
Hon. Eric Blank, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
Hon. Karen Charles, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable
Hon. Zenon Christodoulou, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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Hon. John Hammond, Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Hon. Delton Powers, South Carolina Public Utilities Commission
Hon. Tricia Pridemore, Georgia Public Service Commission
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Hon. Ann Rendahl, Washington Utilities and Transportation
Hon. Mike Robinson, Wyoming Public Service Commission
Hon. Katie Sieben, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Hon. Eric Skrmetta, Louisiana Public Service Commission
Hon. Summer Strand, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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Nick	Wagner	VP Regulatory	Black Hills Energy	Golden	CO
Susan	Waller	Executive Director	Natural Allies for Clean Energy	Montgomery	TX
Karl	Wardin	AVP National Regulatory	AT&T	Edina	MN
Rachelle	Whitacre	SVP, Regulatory Affairs	Washington Gas	Washington	DC
Dena	Wiggins	President & CEO	Natural Gas Supply Association	Arlington	VA
Christopher	Winland	Director, Project Development	ITC	Oklahoma City	OK
C. Patrick	Woods	President	ITC Great Plains	Topeka	KS
Cameron	Yourkowski	Dir, Regulatory & Market Affairs	Pattern Energy	Portland	OR
Kiera	Zitelman	Senior Director	Edison Electric Institute	Washington	DC



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HON. GABRIEL AGUILERA

Chair

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

Chair 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. He is a graduate of New Mexico State University with a Bachelor of Administration in Finance and Economics. He has a Master's of Business Management from the University of Maryland. Chair Aguilera is a member of the Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council.

HON. KATIE ANDERSON

Commissioner

Arkansas Public Service Commission

Katie Anderson of Scott was appointed Chair of the Arkansas Public Service Commission by Governor Asa Hutchinson in October 2022. She assumed the role of Commissioner in January 2023. Prior to joining the Commission, she served as an Administrative Law Judge for the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission. Commissioner Anderson's family owns I.F. Anderson Farms, Inc. in Lonoke, a 4th generation bait fish farm in operation since 1949. She is a Vice President of the corporation and has also served as in-house counsel, where she managed a variety of legal issues for the business. Commissioner Anderson previously served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Erin L. Wiedemann, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Arkansas; the Honorable Audrey R. Evans, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas; and the Honorable Karen R. Baker, Judge, Arkansas Court of Appeals. From 2012 until 2015, she was Senior Manager of the State and Local Policy Team for Walmart Stores, Inc. where she engineered, individually and as part of a team, public policy initiatives and legislative strategies for more than 9 internal business units (including Health and Wellness, Labor Relations, Employment Compliance, Privacy, Workers' Compensation, Benefits, Unemployment Insurance/Payroll, Legal/Tort Reform, and Fuel) in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Commissioner Anderson received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Arkansas in 1997 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2000. She is licensed to practice law in Arkansas. Currently, she is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where she serves on the Committee on Energy Resources and Environment. She also serves as Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Organization of MISO States (OMS) and is a member of the Personnel Committee. Commissioner Anderson is a Director for the Entergy Regional State Committee (ERSC) and is the ERSC representative for

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MISO's Advisory Committee. She is an advisory council member of New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities. In January 2024, she was appointed by the Supreme Court of Arkansas to serve on the Client Security Fund Committee.

BENTON ARNETT

Senior Director, Markets and Policy
Nuclear Energy Institute

Benton Arnett is the Senior Director of Markets and Policy at the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). In the role, he is responsible for covering issues related to federal and state energy policy, nuclear energy capital formation, and industrial nuclear applications. Arnett has a strong background in government affairs, issues management, and strategic partnerships, with over a decade of experience. He has a Master's of Public Administration (MPA) from Texas A&M University, where he specialized in energy, transportation, and technology policy. Arnett is passionate about promoting energy policy that supports national security, economic growth and environmental sustainability.

CHRISTOPHER J. AYERS

Executive Director
North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff

Christopher J. Ayers serves as Executive Director of the North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff, a position he has held since July 1, 2013. The Public Staff represents the using and consuming public in electric, gas, water, sewer, and transportation matters before the North Carolina Utilities Commission. Prior to joining the Public Staff, he practiced law in Raleigh, North Carolina with the law firms of Poyner Spruill LLP and Hunton & Williams LLP. Mr. Ayers serves on the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) Executive Committee, Consumer Advocates for the PJM States (CAPS) Board of Directors, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council, University of Missouri Financial Research Institute (FRI) Advisory Board, Keystone Energy Board, and New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the State Employees Credit Union and SECU Foundation. Mr. Ayers previously served as President of NASUCA for three years, Chair of the FRI Advisory Board, Chairman of the State Employees Credit Union Board of Directors and Chairman of the SECU Foundation Board of Directors. His professional activities also include service as a member of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum Executive Committee, Department of Energy Electricity Advisory Committee, North Carolina 4-H Development Fund, and the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission. Mr. Ayers earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University and received his Juris Doctor with Honors from the University of North Carolina. He is active in church and community organizations and resides in Apex, North Carolina with his wife Rebecca.

ROLAND BACKHAUS

Senior Lead Counsel - Nuclear
Vistra

Roland Backhaus is Senior Lead Counsel – Nuclear at Vistra Corporation, based in Washington, DC, where he leads legal support for the company's nuclear-related regulatory, compliance, and commercial matters. Prior to joining Vistra, he served in senior leadership roles in the advanced nuclear sector, including as Executive Vice President of Strategic Engagements at Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation, and earlier practiced as a nuclear energy regulatory and transactional attorney at several international law firms advising governments and private clients on nuclear power development, licensing, and infrastructure projects.

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Earlier in his career, Roland served as a nuclear submarine officer in the U.S. Navy. He holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and has additional technical training in nuclear engineering, combining legal and technical expertise across the nuclear energy industry.

HON. ERIC BLANK

Chairman

Colorado Public Utilities Commission

Eric Blank was appointed Chairman of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission on Dec. 11, 2020, by Governor Jared Polis for a four-year term effective Jan. 12, 2021. Governor Polis reappointed him for a second four-year term, effective Jan. 12, 2025. Blank, a lawyer and economist from Boulder, has worked on electric utility and clean energy issues for over 35 years in a diverse range of entrepreneurial, business, and non-profit settings. In 2000, Blank co-founded a pioneering national renewable energy development company, which he ran until three years ago. Blank helped commercialize first wind and then later solar technologies by building some of the earliest and largest clean energy projects outside of California. All told, he has developed 2,000 MW of operating wind and solar projects, representing \$4 billion in invested capital. Blank spent most of the 1990s leading the energy work of a non-profit environmental group, now called Western Resource Advocates. Through PUC interventions in six western states, he helped develop some of the first policies that made utility clean energy investments initially feasible and ultimately cost-effective. Prior to that, Blank was a consultant preparing utility capacity expansion and dispatch modeling studies. Blank holds a law degree from Yale Law School and a master's in economics from the London School of Economics. He is a member of the Center for Public Utilities advisory council.

NATHAN BROWNELL

Vice President, Resilience and Capital Delivery for Electric
CenterPoint Energy

Nathan is Vice President, Resilience and Capital Delivery at CenterPoint Energy. In this role, Nathan leads the engineering, scheduling, work bundling and construction of Houston's electric capital programs, which consist of resiliency, reliability and growth. Nathan has held diverse leadership roles in natural gas and electric operations. Prior to his current position, Nathan served as Vice President of Texas Gas, responsible for the maintenance, compliance and customer service of nearly 1.9M Texas gas customers. Nathan serves on several committees for the Boy Scouts of America and is also a scoutmaster. He is also a board member for Literacy Now, where Nathan serves as the financial committee chairman. Nathan completed the 2021 CenterPoint Energy Leadership Academy and 2023 Leadership Houston programs. He earned bachelor's degrees in mining engineering and economics and a master's in engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology. He also has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Louisville and is a licensed professional engineer.

JEFF BRUEGGEMAN

Vice President - Global Public Policy
AT&T Services Inc.

Jeff Brueggeman is Vice President-Global Public Policy for AT&T. He is responsible for developing and advocating AT&T's global public policy positions on privacy, consumer protection and AI issues. Mr. Brueggeman is based in AT&T's Washington, DC office. He represents AT&T in a wide range of legislative, regulatory and policy development proceedings. Mr. Brueggeman also leads AT&T's engagement with various privacy and technology policy organizations. Prior to assuming his current role, Mr. Brueggeman

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was AT&T's Deputy Chief Privacy Officer. In this role, he helped manage AT&T's privacy policies and coordinate the implementation of data privacy and security programs across the company. Before joining AT&T, Mr. Brueggeman was an attorney in private practice, specializing in communications law. He holds a J.D. from the University of Virginia and a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Minnesota.

CALVIN BUTLER

Edison Electric Institute Board Chairman
President and Chief Executive Officer
Exelon

Calvin Butler is president and chief executive officer of Exelon, one of the nation's largest utility companies by customer count, serving 10.7 million electric and gas customers in New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, Delaware, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, through six local electric and natural gas companies. Butler serves on Exelon's Executive Committee and is a member of the company's Board of Directors. Prior to being named CEO at the end of 2022, Butler was president and chief operating officer of Exelon with responsibilities for Exelon's six local energy companies: Atlantic City Electric, BGE, ComEd, Delmarva Power, PECO and Pepco. Butler also served as CEO of BGE from 2014 to 2019. Previous roles at the company include senior vice president of Corporate Affairs at BGE and vice president of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at ComEd. Before joining Exelon in 2008, Butler held senior leadership roles with the print, digital and supply chain solutions company R.R. Donnelley. Butler spent his early career with Central Illinois Light Company (CILCORP, Inc.), where he worked in government affairs, legal and strategy. Butler serves as chair of the Board of Directors for the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and as the chairman of the Board of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation. He is the vice chair of the board of the Institute of International Education (IIE) and on the Board of Governors for Argonne National Laboratory. He is also on the boards of Battelle, Emerson Electric, Chief Executives for Corporate Purpose, the Economic Club of Chicago, the Greater Washington Partnership, the Caves Valley Golf Club and the Annika Sorenstam Foundation. He is a member of the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago and serves on the James Madison Council of the Library of Congress. He is immediate past chair of the Greater Baltimore Committee and a past chair of the GridWise Alliance. Butler has been recognized by several organizations for his leadership and community commitment. In 2024, Savoy magazine named him one of the "Most Influential Executives" in America; the Daily Record has also listed him three times as one of Maryland's "Most Admired CEOs." In 2020, he was named among Black Enterprise magazine's "Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America." In 2022, the Boy Scouts of America recognized Butler with the Distinguished Citizen Award. That same year, The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture announced him as the first recipient of its "Titan Award." Butler is an active member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Butler earned a bachelor's degree from Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., and a Juris Doctor degree from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Mo. He received honorary doctorates from Morgan State University in 2014 and Delaware State University in 2024.

HON. KAREN CHARLES

Chairman
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable

Karen Charles is Commissioner of the Department of Telecommunications and Cable, where she serves as the principal communications regulator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition to her duties at the Department, Commissioner Charles is Chair of the FCC's North American Numbering Council, and former Chair and current member of the Committee on Telecommunications for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Commissioner Charles is also involved in broadband

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policy development and is a member of both the Massachusetts Broadband Institute and the FCC's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner in 2014, Karen joined the Department as Chief of Staff in 2011. Karen brings to the Department years of leadership experience in both city and state government, having served as Chief of Staff for the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Executive Office of Transportation, and the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority. Before joining government, Karen was a producer for the award-winning news program, Greater Boston with Emily Rooney on WGBH. Karen holds a BS and MBA from Suffolk University in Boston. Karen is a member of the Center for Public Utilities advisory council.

HON. ZENON CHRISTODOULOU

Chair, NARUC Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest

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 of 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 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 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.

RICK CIMERMAN

Vice President, External and State Affairs

NCTA – The Internet & Television Association

Rick is Vice President, External and State Affairs Lead for NCTA – The Internet & Television Association. He leads a team responsible for engagement with state broadband officials, state cable associations, state and local intergovernmental groups, third parties and strategic partners, think tanks and academic community. Rick is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Foundation, the Internet Education Foundation, the TPRC Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy, and the Advisory Council for New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities. He previously served as Private Sector Chair of the American Legislative Exchange Council's Communications and Technology Task Force, President of the National Coalition for Technology and

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Education in Training (NCTET), co-chair of the Congressional Internet Caucus Advisory Committee's Broadband Task Force, and program chair for the three NARUC/NECA National Summits on Broadband Deployment, as well as holding leadership positions in other intergovernmental organizations. He is a recognized expert on broadband and telecommunications policy, has testified across the country before numerous state Public Service Commissions and Legislatures and has also served as an adjunct faculty member of Michigan State University's NARUC Annual Regulatory Studies Program. Prior to joining NCTA, Rick was the Director of the Telecommunications Division of the Maryland Public Service Commission and worked at the Florida Public Service Commission. Rick holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Economics from the University of Florida where he studied public utility economics in association with the Public Utility Research Center (PURC) at the University of Florida. He is also a former Jeopardy TV game show winner.

HON. MAIDA COLEMAN

Center for Public Utilities Incoming Chair
Chair, NARUC Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity
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.

DAWN CONSTANTIN

Natural Gas Supply Association Board Chairman
Chief Operating Officer
bp's gas and power trading Americas

Dawn Constantin is Chief Operating Officer of bp's gas & power trading Americas (GPTA) business. She serves as a liaison between GPTA and other bp business groups, including production & operations and gas & low carbon energy. Dawn is also an active mentor within the organization. Dawn is a seasoned thought leader and is sought after for speaking engagements. She currently serves as Vice President of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) Board and serves as an Advisory Council member for the University of Houston Bauer School of Business Gutierrez Energy Management Institute (GEMI). Dawn holds her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Technical University of Nova Scotia (now Dalhousie University) and started her career with TransCanada Pipelines. Dawn's 30 years of experience in the energy industry has spanned analytics, regulatory affairs and influencing corporate planning and strategy.

JOSEPH DANIEL

Principal
Rocky Mountain Institute

Joe is a principal in RMI's Electricity practice, where he leads the development and deployment of quantitative tools that help accelerate an affordable energy transition for all. He also leads RMI's Ratepayer Lab, a technical assistance platform for consumer advocates. His career spans more than two decades in the energy sector. Prior to joining RMI, he served as the electricity markets manager at the Union of Concerned Scientists, and earlier worked as an economist for the Sierra Club's analyst team and as an associate at Synapse Energy Economics. He specializes in utility regulation and has participated in 100's of utility proceedings and contributed expert testimony on state, regional, and federal energy policy. He serves on the board of the Ohio Citizens Utility Board, a consumer advocate organization in Ohio. He has a MPA, Environmental Science and Policy, from Columbia University and a BS in Chemical Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology.

HON. KIM DAVID

Co-Vice Chair, NARUC Committee on Gas
Chair
Oklahoma Corporation Commission

Kim David was elected to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in 2022 and currently serves as Chair. She previously served in the Oklahoma State Senate (2010–2022), where she was the first woman since statehood to serve as Majority Leader. A native Oklahoman and small business owner, she holds a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Geology from Oklahoma State University. Chairman David represents Oklahoma on the Southwest Power Pool's Regional State Committee and holds national leadership roles with NARUC, the National Petroleum Council, and PHMSA advisory committees.

TOM DEITRICH

President and Chief Executive Officer
ITRON

Tom Deitrich was appointed president and chief executive officer and named to Itron's board of directors on Aug. 6, 2019. He joined Itron in 2015 as executive vice president and COO and has played a major role in shaping the company's strategy to partner with cities and utilities to deliver industrial IoT solutions. Tom has more than 25 years of experience in global operations at leading technology firms and has held numerous executive management positions where he led business-level strategies that transformed and

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significantly improved business results. He has extensive experience in product management, research and development, supply chain management and business development in several industries, including industrial equipment, telecommunications and semiconductors. Before joining Itron, Tom was senior vice president and general manager for Digital Networking at Freescale Semiconductor. Prior to Freescale, Tom worked for Flextronics International, Ericsson Mobile Communications and General Electric Corporation.

SHAUN DENTICE

Chief Revenue Officer
Resource Innovations

Shaun Dentice is Chief Revenue Officer at Resource Innovations, where he leads commercial strategy and growth across the company's portfolio. Shaun works closely with utility clients to align RI's services and software capabilities to the evolving needs of the energy transition to advance energy efficiency, electrification, grid modernization, and demand-side solutions. With more than two decades of experience in the energy sector, Shaun has built and scaled commercial organizations within private equity backed high-growth, mission-driven companies, partnering with regulated utilities to translate innovation into reliable, affordable, and customer-centric outcomes. Shaun holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and sits on the board of the Kick it for Mike Foundation, a non-profit focused on fighting addiction thru childhood education.

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. He sits on the Advisory Committee of New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities. 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.

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Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Policy
Duke Energy

Venu Ghanta serves as vice president of regulatory affairs and policy for Duke Energy. In this role, he manages the company's presence in all North Carolina regulatory matters before the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC). He provides leadership and direction in the development and implementation of public policy that is in the best interest of the customers and communities served by Duke Energy. Previously, Ghanta served as vice president of federal regulatory affairs for Duke Energy leading and directing the company's development and advocacy of federal regulatory policy. In this role, he also led the establishment of the company's first-ever community impact and engagement principles. Prior to coming to Duke Energy, he worked for nearly a decade at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), where he received the EPA Gold Medal for Exceptional Service and the EPA Science Achievement Award. He was also selected to serve as special assistant to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson from 2010-2012. He is a advisory council member of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. Ghanta previously worked in the medical device industry, where his work resulted in multiple patents and publications. From 2001-2004, he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal and Namibia. He received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in chemical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, and a master's degree in environmental sciences and policy from Johns Hopkins University. He currently serves on the board of directors of Advanced Energy. Ghanta resides in Cary, NC, with his wife and two daughters.

JOHN GRIFFITH

President and Chief Executive Officer
American Water Works, Inc.

John C. Griffith President and Chief Executive Officer John Griffith is President and Chief Executive Officer of American Water Works, Inc., the nation's largest regulated water and wastewater utility company. Mr. Griffith leads a team of 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide service to 14 million people in 24 states. Named President and CEO in May 2025, Mr. Griffith has served as American Water's President, responsible for the company's execution of its corporate strategy and daily operations since August 2024. Previously, He served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of American Water since 2022. In his role, he was responsible for all aspects of financial management and strategy, including finance strategy and planning, treasury, accounting, enterprise risk and internal audit, supply chain, control functions, and business development. Passionate about mentoring and coaching, Mr. Griffith is a Partner with Student Partner Alliance, a non-profit organization focused on mentoring high school students. He is also an active member of the Choose New Jersey CEO Council. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Davidson College and an MBA in finance from Columbia Business School, where he graduated with honors.

HON. JOHN HAMMOND

Chair, NARUC Committee on Electricity
Commissioner
Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Commissioner John R. Hammond, Jr. was appointed to his first term with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission by Governor Brad Little in January of 2022. Prior to being appointed to the Commission, John worked for the Idaho Office of the Attorney General as a Deputy Attorney General and later as the Commission's lead Deputy Attorney General. During his career, John also worked in private practice and was a partner at Fisher Pusch LLP in Boise for eight years. John earned his Bachelor of Science from the University of Idaho and his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Idaho School of Law. Commissioner Hammond also serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Electricity.

HON. GARY HANSON
Vice Chairman
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Gary Hanson serves on the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. He was elected to the PUC in 2002 and reelected in 2008, 2014, and 2020, when he received the highest number of votes ever for a contested PUC race. He served as the commission's chairman in 2005, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2020, and 2025. Gary represents South Dakota on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Electricity and on the Western Energy Markets Body of State Regulators. He is a member of the Advisory Council for New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities. 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 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 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. He was the prime sponsor of many successful legislation efforts including eliminating the sales tax on food stamps. 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%. Gary led successful efforts to save Carnegie Library and repurpose it as the City Council Town Hall, and the total restoration of Falls Park. Prior to serving as mayor, in 1988 Gary was elected as Sioux Falls' finance commissioner. However, he traded places with Kenny Anderson and served as the utilities commissioner where he was responsible for the development and day-to-day activities for three municipal utilities. In 1993, he was reelected utilities commissioner by winning every precinct in the city in a contested race. He owned insurance, income tax preparation, and real estate businesses prior to 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 Hats 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 several interests including astronomy, carpentry, car engines, birding, genealogy, hunting, fishing, skydiving, SCUBA diving, spelunking, camping, history, sports, and writing poetry. Gary and Sandy married in 1970 and make their home in Sioux Falls and Pierre. They have three children: Alicia (Eric) Tutt, Wayne (Shari) Hanson, Stacy (John) Haber, 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.

HON. SHERI HAUGEN-HOFFART

Co-Vice Chair, NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure
Commissioner

North Dakota Public Service Commission

Sheri was appointed to the North Dakota Public Service Commission in February 2022 by Governor Doug Burgum and confirmed by voters in November of that year. At the Commission, she oversees a diverse portfolio that includes wind and solar reclamation, economic regulation of electricity, pipeline safety, damage prevention and enforcement, weights and measures consumer affairs, and cybersecurity. Sheri's leadership extends nationally and regionally. She serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), is Vice President of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) Board, sits on the Advisory Council of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum (CCIF) and sits on the advisory council of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. In addition, she chairs the Advisory Council of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. A native of Rugby, North Dakota, Sheri earned her bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota in 1988 and a master's degree in management from the University of Mary in 1996. She remains closely connected to her alma mater, serving on the Board of Directors for the University of North Dakota Alumni Association and Foundation. Sheri has long been active in cooperative leadership. She was elected to the Board of Directors of Capital Electric Cooperative in 2010 and became chair in 2020. She also previously chaired the Board of Central Power Electric Cooperative, a wholesale power supply and transmission cooperative serving six member co-ops, including Capital Electric. Beyond her professional commitments, Sheri and her husband Richard are proud stewards of homesteaded land that has been in her family for three generations. She is deeply committed to supporting military communities, working to raise awareness about PTSD and the stigmas surrounding it, advocating for disabled veterans, and participating in initiatives such as Wreaths Across America.

MARY-ANNA HOLDEN
Former Commissioner
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Mary-Anna Holden is a former 12-year Commissioner of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. She is a contributing writer for Public Utilities Fortnightly magazine and a member of the New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities advisory board. As a commissioner, Ms. Holden served as a board member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and was chair of its Committee on Water. She also served as President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Prior to appointment to the NJ BPU, Ms. Holden was Mayor of the Borough of Madison for four years and a Councilwoman for ten years.

HON. JEHMAL T. HUDSON
NARUC First Vice Chairman
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 and serves on the Center for Public Utilities advisory council. 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

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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 from the University of Kansas School of Law. He is a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. Keen and his wife Lenore reside in Winfield.

JIM KERR

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Southern Company Gas

Jim Kerr is the chairman, president and chief executive officer of Southern Company Gas, one of America's leading natural gas providers serving more than 4.4 million customers. Kerr began his Southern Company career in 2014 as the executive vice president, chief legal officer and chief compliance officer where he led the Office of the General Counsel, which includes the company's legal, corporate governance, audit and compliance functions. Prior to joining Southern Company, Kerr was a partner at McGuireWoods LLP and a senior advisor at McGuireWoods Consulting LLC. He also served for eight years as a member of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, which regulates the rates and services of all public utilities in the state. He was elected president of both the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners and the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Kerr has established himself as a respected voice in the energy industry due to his extensive knowledge of federal and state energy policy and regulations from his work as a utility executive, attorney in private practice and public servant. He has served or is currently serving in leadership positions with Westerman, Inc., the American Gas Association, the National Petroleum Council, the Georgia Aquarium, mental health treatment organization Skyland Trail, the Rotary Club of Atlanta, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the Institute for the Environment at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Electric Power Research Institute. He also remains actively involved in the legal and nonprofit communities, a reflection of his commitment to the customers he serves. Kerr serves on the Board of Trustees for Washington and Lee University, where he earned a bachelor's degree, cum laude. He earned his Juris Doctor degree with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law. He and his wife, Frances, have two children.

PATRICK KERR

National Association of Water Companies Board Chair
President and Chief Executive Officer
Baton Rouge Water Works Company

Patrick Kerr presently serves as President and CEO of the Baton Rouge Water Works Company. He was recently elected the 2026 Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC). This honor follows his recent service as President of the Board of Directors of the American Water Works Association (AWWA). NAWC and AWWA are the most recognized national and international associations in the water industry. Mr. Kerr also serves as Chair of the Baton Rouge Water Company. During his 30 plus years of service at the Baton Rouge Water Company, Pat has held various titles including Operations Manager, Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining Baton Rouge Water, Pat served 10 years on active duty as Captain in the United States Army as an attack helicopter pilot and Special Operations Aviator. Pat attained the rank of Major while serving an additional 10 years in the US Army Reserves. Mr. Kerr holds an MBA from Louisiana State University, and he is a graduate of the President's Program in Leadership from Harvard Business School. Among his work with local charitable organizations, he continues his passion for flying as an active flight instructor volunteering his aviation experience by teaching teenagers to fly through the Louisiana Wing of Civil Air Patrol, part of the U. S. Air Force Auxiliary.

HON. EDWARD LODGE

Center for Public Utilities 2nd Vice Chairman
President
Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Commissioner Edward Lodge serves as President of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. He is deeply committed to service, promoting and safeguarding the Western way of life, and advancing growth and prosperity in rural Idaho. His work reflects a lifelong dedication to stewardship, leadership, and community. Well known for "riding for the brand" of the Great State of Idaho, Commissioner Lodge serves on several boards and foundations and approaches public service with courage and integrity. An Idaho rancher at heart, he lives by the Code of the West, fostering an entrepreneurial spirit and strengthening communities through the development and support of small, locally owned businesses. Idaho born and educated, Commissioner Lodge embraces the challenge and adventure of leadership, finding resilience and purpose in navigating life's fast-moving and often turbulent currents. Guided by the ideals of the Cowboy Code, he remains dedicated to serving the people of Idaho with honor, accountability, and a deep respect for the land and communities that shape the state.

BREE MAKI

Executive Director
Minnesota Office of Broadband Development

Bree Maki was appointed by Minnesota Governor Tim Walz in October of 2022 to serve as the Executive Director of the Office of Broadband Development. She previously served as a Senior Outreach Director and the State Broadband and Telecommunications Director for Minnesota US Senator Tina Smith, and prior for Senator Al Franken. She previously worked as the Office Administrator for Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District. Bree's strong roots to Southeast Minnesota provide a compass in her values and mission to provide all Minnesotan's the tools, opportunities, and inclusion they need to achieve their personal and communities' goals. She currently resides in Winona County with her partner Jeff. She has two adult children, Austyn and his wife Indy and their children Brayden, Elaina, and Cooper and daughter Madelyn. In the true form of serving her community and Minnesota, she is the Chair of the Lewiston-Altura School Board, Chair of the Southeast Service Cooperative Board, and Vice-Chair of the Minnesota State Service Cooperative Board.

SID McANNALLY

American Gas Association Board Chairman
Chief Executive Director
One Gas

Sid McAnnally is chief executive officer of ONE Gas and a member of the ONE Gas Board of Directors. McAnnally joined the company in 2015 as senior vice president of operations, responsible for the operation of its three natural gas utilities – Kansas Gas Service, Oklahoma Natural Gas and Texas Gas Service. He was promoted to chief operating officer in 2020, assuming additional responsibilities for the company's administrative functions, including human resources, cybersecurity and information technology, and was named president and chief executive officer in June 2021. Before joining ONE Gas, McAnnally was an officer of Energen Corporation, serving first as vice president of external affairs and strategic planning, then as senior vice president of customer service and marketing for its utility subsidiary, Alagasco. Before joining Energen, McAnnally practiced law, representing clients in the utility, financial and corporate sectors. McAnnally serves as Chair of the American Gas Association (AGA) Board of Directors. He is a past chair of the Board of Trustees of the American Gas Foundation. Additionally, he is a member of the National Petroleum Council, an advisory organization to the Secretary of Energy. McAnnally also serves as a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's Economic Advisory Council. McAnnally holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Auburn University. He has also attended the Executive Education Program at the Harvard Business School, where he serves as a guest lecturer in the crisis management program..

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.

DEVIN McMACKIN

Director, Federal Affairs
ITC Holdings

Devin McMackin is Director of Federal Affairs at ITC Holdings Corp., where he is responsible for policy development, coalition building, and regulatory and legislative advocacy. In this role, Devin advocates for policies that recognize and support the role of expanded transmission infrastructure to drive the transition to a reliable and affordable energy future. He engages with stakeholders and policymakers from various sectors to form coalitions around mutual support for policies that help move the grid forward. Devin has been with ITC for over 13 years. Devin earned a Master of Public Policy in energy and environment from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of the Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

MAURICE MOSS

Senior Director, Central Regional Electricity and Transportation Policy
American Clean Power Association

Maurice Moss is the Senior Director of Central Regional Electricity and Transmission Policy at the American Clean Power Association, where he advances policies that support fair access to wholesale electricity markets and efficient transmission development. He serves on the NERC Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC), SPP MOPC, Markets+ Participant Executive Committee (MPEC), and the Markets+ Interim Governance Task Force. He previously served on the Board of Directors for the Midwest Reliability Organization. Maurice has held executive and senior attorney roles at public power utilities. He also worked for a federal Power Marketing Administration on hydropower marketing and for a federal agency on NEPA and special use permitting.

RICHARD MROZ

Center for Public Utilities 1st Vice Chair
Managing Director, Resolute Strategies, LLC
Senior Director, Archer Public Affairs

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 and supports the US Nuclear Industry Council. 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 advocacy organization supporting the best practices and investments in cybersecurity and resilience measures for the energy and utility infrastructure. He has served as a Distinguished Corporate Fellow with the Global Resilience Institute at Northeastern University, is first vice chair of the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities, New Mexico State University, and has served as a Co-Chair for Energy Week at Aspen Institute. 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. Notably he served as Chief Counsel for the Honorable Christie Whitman when she was Governor of New Jersey. Active in corporate governance, Mr. Mroz was a longtime member of the Board of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York

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and currently is a member of the NACD New Jersey Chapter Board, as well as serving on boards of startup energy companies and not-for-profit organizations.

HON. CHRIS NELSON

Chair

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Chris Nelson currently serves as chairman of 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, and was again re-elected by a statewide vote in 2022. Chris served as the PUC's chairman in 2012, 2015, 2016 2021 and 2022 and as vice chairman in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2020, and 2025. 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. He holds a NARUC appointment on the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council. Chris represents South Dakota as a board member for the Organization of MISO States, where he serves as the OMS vice president. 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 marking the only time the office was unopposed in the history of South Dakota. Prior to becoming secretary of state, Chris held the position of state election supervisor in the secretary of state's office for 13 years and was uniform commercial code supervisor in the same office for two years. As secretary of state, Chris received the 2010 Excellent Service to South Dakota County Officials award from the South Dakota County Officials Association, the 2004 Hazeltine/Taylor award from South Dakota Kids Voting, and the 2003 Excellence in South Dakota Municipal Government award from the South Dakota Municipal League. In 2005, Chris was appointed as a National Governors Association representative on the United States Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors. Under Chris' leadership the secretary of state's office was awarded the Election Center's 2009 Professional Practices Program State Award. This annual award is given as recognition for the most outstanding election administration professional practice in the nation. The award recognizes the 2008 development and implementation of a new central election reporting system for the state. Following graduation from White Lake High School, Chris earned a bachelor's degree in animal science, with highest honors, from South Dakota State University in 1987. Chris is involved in his church and counts agriculture and hunting as two areas of personal interest. He maintains a part-time cattle operation. Chris and his wife, Penny, reside in Pierre. Their daughter, Rebekah, is a nurse in Sioux Falls.

HON. GREG NIBERT

Commissioner

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

Greg Nibert received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico in 1980 and received a Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from Pepperdine University in 1983. He was Editor in Chief of the Pepperdine Law Review for 1982-83. Currently he is a Commissioner on the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. He was a partner in one of the oldest law firms in New Mexico, Hinkle Shanor LLP, having worked there from 1983 to 2024. He is listed in several legal rating firms and was recognized as one of the top ten energy lawyers in New Mexico. Greg was a frequent speaker and author of papers on oil and gas law topics. Greg is a past President of the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico and has

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been active in the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. Prior to serving on the PRC, Greg was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 2016 and served House District 59 from 2017 until his appointment to serve in the New Mexico Senate in 2024. Greg was appointed to serve on the Energy Council, where he served on its executive board, the Uniform Law Commission, and graduated from the Legislative Energy Horizons Institute. He served two terms as a County Commissioner in Chaves County, New Mexico from 2006 to 2014.

HON. PATRICK O'CONNELL

Commissioner

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

Commissioner Patrick O'Connell is serving a six-year appointment to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC), his term began on January 1, 2023 (term expires December 31, 2028). In addition to serving as one of New Mexico's three Commissioners, he is President of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners, sits on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's ("NERC") Member Representative Committee, the Markets + State Committee (MSC), the Western Resource Adequacy Program's Committee of State Regulators (COSR), and is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Energy Resources and the Environment Committee. Commissioner O'Connell has also previously served as Chair of the NMPRC, served as President of Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) Regional State Committee in 2025, has participated in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC)'s Member Advisory Committee, and on the FERC-NARUC Current Issues Collaborative. 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 (PNM), where he directed PNM's Integrated Resource Planning team, and led natural gas procurement planning efforts for New Mexico Gas Company. Patrick is a registered Professional Civil Engineer, a graduate of the University of New Mexico and lives in Albuquerque.

HON. JEREMY H. ODEN

Commissioner

Alabama Public Service Commission

Jeremy H. Oden was appointed to the Place 1 vacancy on the Alabama Public Service Commission (PSC) by Governor Robert J. Bentley at the beginning of December, 2012. He was elected to a full term in 2014. Previously, Oden was elected as a member of the Alabama House of Representatives. A lifelong member of the Republican Party; he was first elected to the State House in 1998 and represented District 11 (Cullman, Blount and Morgan Counties) until his appointment to the PSC. Before his appointment, Oden worked in the financial industry as a Branch Manager and Vice President for Eva Bank in Cullman, Alabama. He was also a small business owner, primarily involved in the construction industry. Oden is a proud Christian and an ordained minister. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Asbury University as well as two years of post-graduate Seminary studies. Commissioner Oden represents the State of Alabama on various committees including the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council (EISPC), the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition (NWSC), and the Electricity Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) among others.

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). She is also a member of the advisory council for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. Lea has served her community and state in a number of other positions. She lives in Tucson with her husband and 2 children.

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

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 is past 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; 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

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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.

INDRAN "INDY" RATNATHICAM

Chief Growth Officer
Technosylva

"Indy" leads marketing, corporate strategy and M&A at Technosylva. He and his teams ensure Technosylva's complex systems are understood at their most human level, and drive new acquisitions to expand their impact. His work blends rigorous analysis with insightful storytelling, turning complex data into meaningful conversations about resilience, safety, and confidence. Having worked across industries where technical complexity meets urgent societal need, Indy has developed a unique ability to recognize patterns that accelerate solutions—whether driving progress towards the mission, navigating a multifaceted industry, or bringing highly technical, science-based products to market."

HON. MARY PAT REGAN

Chair, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications
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. She is a member of the advisory council for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. Commissioner Regan 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 Competitions. Originally from Minneapolis, Commissioner Regan has resided in the Commonwealth for over twelve years and currently lives in St. Matthews.

HON. ANN RENDAHL

President, NARUC
Commissioner
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Ann Rendahl was first appointed to serve as a commissioner of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission by Gov. Inslee in December 2014 for a six-year term that ended Jan. 1, 2021. Ann has been reappointed and confirmed to a second six-year term ending Jan. 1, 2027. Ann serves as the President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, or NARUC, and serves as a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Ann is also a member of the Committees on Water and

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Critical Infrastructure and was a prior chair of the Committee on Electricity. Ann serves as a member of the Southwest Power Pool's Markets+ States Committee and has served on the Body of State Regulators for the California ISO's Energy Imbalance Market. Ann also serves as a member of the Electric Power Research Institute's Advisory Council, the Advisory Council of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University, and the Advisory Board of the University of Missouri's Financial Research Institute. Before being appointed as a commissioner, Ann served as the Director of Policy and Legislation for the UTC. Before leading the UTC's Policy and Legislative Affairs Section, she served as the Director of the Administrative Law Division, as an administrative law judge for the UTC, and as an assistant attorney general representing the UTC. Ann is a graduate of Wellesley College. She received a master's degree in Public Policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and her law degree from UC Law San Francisco.

JAMES RICHARDS

Manager, Economics and Program Development
Nuclear Innovation Alliance

James Richards is the Program Manager of Economics and Project Development at the Nuclear Innovation Alliance where he works with business leaders, government, and other stakeholders to reduce barriers to nuclear energy commercialization, financing, and early mover projects. Prior to joining NIA, James worked at a nuclear reactor startup where he managed project level cost modeling, developed business model and market entry strategy, and led customers facing business development activities. He also spent time as a researcher at Idaho National Laboratory where he specialized in electricity grid and nuclear techno-economic modeling. James earned his MS and PhD in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Idaho and a BS in chemical engineering from Brigham Young University.

KYLE SANDERS

Vice President, Regulatory
PNM Resources

Kyle Sanders is the Vice President of PNM Regulatory, overseeing the teams responsible for New Mexico and FERC Regulatory Policy and Strategies, including Case Management, Cost of Service and Pricing Customer Strategy. Kyle joined the company in 2012. His business experience includes TXNM Energy Vice President, PNM Regulatory Executive Vice President, Financial Planning, Budget and Cost of Service Director, Corporate Budget and Cost of Service Director, Financial Planning and Load Forecast Manager, Cost of Service Sr. Analyst, Revenue Requirements Analyst, Financial Planning; New Mexico Gas Company Director of Forecasting and Planning; Sun Healthcare Group Internal Auditor; Kriegel/Gary/Shaw & Co. Accountant He is a graduate of New Mexico State University with a Bachelor of Accountancy.

MICHAEL J. SANTORELLI

Director, Advanced Communications Law & Policy Institute
New York Law School

Michael is the Director of the Advanced Communications Law & Policy Institute (ACLP) at New York Law School. The ACLP studies the array of local, state, and federal legal, regulatory, and public policy issues impacting the deployment and use of broadband, utility, and tech services. He has served on the FCC's Consumer Advisory Committee, the FCC's Removing State & Local Barriers to Broadband Deployment Working Group, and the New York State Broadband Task Force, among other initiatives. Immediately prior to joining the ACLP, Michael served as the lead staff member for the New York City Council's Committee on Technology. Michael received his undergraduate degree, with honors, from Tufts University, and his law degree, with honors, from New York Law School.

BRIAN SCRIBER

Chief Information Security Officer
Distinguished Technologist
CableLabs

Brian Scriber is the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and a Distinguished Technologist at CableLabs where he leads cybersecurity strategy, risk management, and security architecture to support the cable and broadband industry. He brings more than 30 years of experience in technology leadership, with senior roles including Chief Technology Officer, Chief Information Officer, Chief Information Security Officer, Chief Architect, and Chief Scientist. His career includes work at organizations such as Nortel, Lockheed Martin, ICAT, FedEx, Open Scan and Sun Microsystems. Across these roles, Brian's work spans product development, operational systems, and applied research in multiple technology domains. He is an inventor on more than 30 patents and has authored peer-reviewed publications in areas including cybersecurity, blockchain technologies, network defense, digital privacy, and broadband connectivity. Brian also contributes cybersecurity and technology expertise through industry and advisory board service. He currently serves on the boards of the Connectivity Standards Alliance (CSA/Matter), the Messaging Malware Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group (M3AAWG), the Communications Sector Coordinating Council (CSCC), and he provides volunteer support to the Colorado Multiple Institutional Review Board (COMIRB). His prior board roles include Universal Plug and Play (UPnP), service as an officer of the Open Connectivity Foundation (OCF) board, and Chairman/President of the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair (CSEF). Brian holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from the University of Michigan, a Master of Science in Computer Science from the University of Colorado, and a Master of Business Administration in Technology Strategy from the University of Colorado.

PAMELA SHERWOOD

Vice President, Deputy General Counsel – Regulatory Law & Government Programs
Brightspeed

Pamela Sherwood leads Brightspeed's \$800M+ Broadband Grant Program, overseeing a portfolio of more than 500 federally, state, and locally funded broadband construction projects across the company's 20 state footprint. She directs the full lifecycle of Brightspeed's grant strategy — from application and award through engineering, construction, compliance, reporting, and close out — ensuring alignment with federal programs including BEAD, ARPA, CPF, and SLFRF. In her role as Deputy General Counsel, Pamela leads the company's federal and state regulatory legal team, managing regulatory strategy, governmental and legislative affairs, and all public policy matters affecting Brightspeed. She has prepared and examined expert witnesses, authored regulatory filings and testimony, and has testified before state regulatory commissions and legislative bodies on behalf of the company. Pamela is also a recognized industry leader. She serves on the Boards of Directors for ATIS and USTelecom, helping shape national broadband and telecommunications policy. In 2025, she was honored by the Fiber Broadband Association with its Women Changing Fiber for Good Award, recognizing her leadership and impact on expanding high speed internet access across the United States.

HON. KATIE SIEBEN

NARUC Second Vice President
Chair
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Katie Sieben has served on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission since January 2017. In 2019, Governor Tim Walz appointed her Chair of the Commission, a role she continues to hold following her reappointment to a second term in 2023. Chair Sieben plays an active leadership role in national utility regulation. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC),

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where she is the incoming second vice president. She also serves on several NARUC committees, including the Gas-Electric Alignment for Reliability (GEAR) Working Group, the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues – Waste Disposal, and the Washington Action Committee. She previously served as president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC), a regional association of state utility regulators. She also currently serves on the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition and is a former chair. She is an advisory council member for the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities. Before joining the Commission, Chair Sieben served in the Minnesota Legislature for 14 years, representing communities southeast of the Twin Cities along the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers. During her tenure in both the House and Senate, she was a strong advocate for environmental protection, public education, and infrastructure investment. She also served as Assistant Majority Leader and chaired the Elections Committee. Outside of government, Chair Sieben has taught graduate-level courses as an adjunct professor and community faculty member in Metropolitan State University's Master's in Advocacy and Political Leadership program. She holds a B.A. from Colorado College, was a Policy Fellow at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs and earned a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

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).

JULIEN DUMOULIN-SMITH

Equity Analyst

Jefferies LLC

Julien Dumoulin-Smith is currently an Equity Analyst at Jefferies LLC since 2024. Formerly, Mr. Dumoulin-Smith was a Senior Research Analyst at BofA Securities, Inc. from 2019 to 2024, Director & Head of US Power & Utilities at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. from 2018 to 2019, and an Analyst at UBS Securities LLC from 2013 to 2017. Education includes undergraduate studies at The Trustees of Columbia University in The City of New York and an MBA from Columbia Business School.

PATRICK E. SMITH, SR.

President and Chairman

Ameren Illinois

Patrick E. Smith, Sr. is chairman and president of Ameren Illinois, where he is responsible for energy delivery to more than 1.2 million electric and more than 800,000 natural gas customers encompassing 1,200 communities across 43,700 square miles. Smith was promoted to Illinois' top position on Jan. 1,

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2026. Smith has been with the company more than 40 years. In his previous role, as senior vice president of Operations and Technical Services, he was responsible for the oversight and support of all electric and natural gas field operations; including subtransmission and distribution maintenance, engineering design, safety and training, reliability planning, dispatch operations, electrical and natural gas emergency response, and construction services for Ameren Illinois. He has held various leadership positions in several areas including vice president of Economic, Community and Business Development, and vice president, Division Operations for Ameren Missouri. He joined Union Electric, now Ameren Missouri, in 1985 as a meter reader, and soon after completed a 4-year apprenticeship, leading to his promotion to journey Lineworker. Since then, Smith has worked in progressively responsible leadership roles. Smith is a native of East St. Louis. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial and organizational psychology and an Executive MBA from Washington University. He is active in the community and passionate about youth sports. He sits on the board of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, and serves on various other committees, including the American Cancer Society's Coaches vs. Cancer efforts.

SUSANNAH SPELLMAN

Deputy Associate Administrator

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Susannah Spellman has more than 25 years of experience working in telecommunications strategy, program development, management, and leadership roles. She has worked in the commercial, not-for-profit, and federal space, both domestically and internationally, helping to shape, launch, and execute telecommunications programs, most recently to advance broadband infrastructure development, adoption, and use. Susannah currently serves as the Deputy Associate Administrator for the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth (OICG). In this role she oversees the program design and implementation of \$50 billion in Federal grant funds to advance broadband infrastructure deployment and digital inclusion and equity efforts to promote broadband access, adoption, and use. Susannah holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Telecommunications from the Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Arts degree in International Science and Policy from George Washington University.

DAVID SPRINGE

Executive Director

National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates

David Springe is the Executive Director of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). NASUCA's 62 member offices represent the interests of utility consumers in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Barbados, Puerto Rico, and Jamaica. Prior to assuming his duties at NASUCA, Mr. Springe served for thirteen years as Consumer Counsel for the Kansas Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) and spent nine years as an economist and expert witness for both CURB and the Kansas Corporation Commission. Mr. Springe received his M.A. in Economics and Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas. Mr. Springe served as President of NASUCA from 2007-2009 and continues to represent consumer interests on numerous advisory boards, task forces and working groups.

JAMES W. STEGEMAN
President and Chief Executive Officer
CostQuest Associates, Inc.

Mr. Stegeman, who has testified before Congress multiple times, is a recognized expert behind the development of the latest generation economic cost models and locational data used by cable, telco, tower and wireless companies and by state and government agencies in support of broadband deployment analysis and network valuation. He leads a firm of leading geospatial and data scientists, database and costing experts, and broadband and valuation specialist. He is leading the design and implementation of the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric adopted and used by the FCC for the national broadband mapping effort, which was also used to drive the funding allocation of NTIA's \$42.45Billion BEAD program. He was retained by NTIA to help investigate approaches to be used in NTIA's BEAD program. He has been retained by States to help develop broadband grant and auction programs. He led the design, coding and implementation of the Connect America Cost Model ("CAM", "CACM", "A-CAM") that was used to implement the Connect America Fund and is still being used by the FCC to disburse over \$1.5Billion annually to fund broadband deployment and was used by the FCC to set the reserve levels for the CAFII and RDOF auctions. He led the design, coding and implementation of the Broadband Analysis Model that was used by the FCC to develop the National Broadband Plan delivered to the US Congress.

HON. SUMMER STRAND
Chairperson
Public Utilities Commission of Wisconsin

On March 2, 2023, Governor Tony Evers appointed Summer Strand to serve as a commissioner for a six-year term. In January 2024, Summer was appointed Commission Chairperson. Currently, Summer is President of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and serves on the Advisory Council of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities. Summer is also a proud member of the Honorary Committee of the National Utilities Diversity Council. Prior to joining the PSC, Summer was the Director of Government Affairs for the Walbec Group, a Wisconsin-based construction and engineering firm. Previously, she oversaw the State of Wisconsin Building Program as Administrator of the Division of Facilities Development at the Wisconsin Department of Administration. She has also served as an advisor to and citizen member of the State Building Commission. Summer began her career in the Wisconsin State Senate. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her law degree from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

MARK THOMPSON
Senior Director, State Affairs
Form Energy

Mark engages with state policymakers and regulators to help move forward beneficial markets to unlock the value of multi-day energy storage for customers. Mark was previously a Commissioner at the Oregon Public Utility Commission, a legal practitioner, and has led regulatory affairs and policy work for utilities in the Northwest. Mark holds a degree in Conservation Biology from Brigham Young University, and a J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School.

KELLY TOMBLIN

President and Chief Executive Officer
El Paso Electric Company

Kelly Tomblin is the President and Chief Executive Officer of El Paso Electric, a utility serving almost 500,000 customers in western Texas and southern New Mexico. She brings over 30 years of leadership experience in the energy sector, having worked in markets including the U.S., Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United Kingdom. Recognized for her leadership, she has received awards such as “Global CEO of the Year” by S&P Platts. Prior to her current role, she led Jamaica Public Service, INTREN (a major utility infrastructure contractor), and served in executive capacities with other energy-firms. Tomblin holds an MBA from New York University’s Stern School of Business, a Juris Doctorate (J.D.), and a Bachelor of Science in Journalism with a concentration in Public Relations from West Virginia University. She began her career practicing law as an attorney at K&L Gates before transitioning into a leadership track in the energy industry. Ms. Tomblin is a board member of El Paso Electric Company; WestStar Bank; the El Paso Chamber of Commerce; El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank; El Paso Downtown Management District; The Hospitals of Providence Governing Board; Edison Electric Institute; and is Vice Chair of The Borderplex Alliance. She is also a member of the Advisory Council for Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness, the Texas Tech President’s Development Council, and the Executive Forum. Kelly is also deeply engaged in governance beyond her company. She serves on multiple boards and advisory councils, including local chambers of commerce and utility associations. She is known for driving transformation, operational excellence, and ethical leadership in organizations navigating change.

BROOKE TRAMMELL

Vice President, Transmission Strategy & Engagement
FirstEnergy

Brooke Trammell is Vice President, Transmission Strategy & Engagement at FirstEnergy, where she leads the company’s strategic positioning through regulatory and policy advocacy, load and generation interconnection support, management of joint ventures and partnerships, and related stakeholder engagement across the company’s multi-state footprint. In this role, she advances forward-looking transmission strategies that support long-term system needs while advocating on behalf of FirstEnergy customers through engagement on PJM and federal policy matters. FirstEnergy serves more than six million electric customers across Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, and New York, and its transmission subsidiaries operate approximately 24,000 miles of transmission lines in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions. An experienced navigator of the regulated utility landscape, Trammell has deep expertise in regulatory matters, rates, resource planning, and state and federal policy. She is known for aligning customer, planning, and regulatory objectives in evolving operational landscapes to support thoughtful policy development and the most balanced portfolios of grid investments. At FirstEnergy, Trammell is focused on working closely with stakeholders to align regional planning, regulatory strategy, and policy development in support of reliability and resource adequacy in the PJM region. Trammell joined FirstEnergy in September 2025 after thirteen years at Xcel Energy, where she held senior leadership roles including Regional Vice President in both the Public Service Company of Colorado and Southwestern Public Service Company operating companies of Xcel Energy. Throughout her career, she has been actively engaged in market design, generation development, and transmission planning matters across ERCOT, SPP, the Western Interconnection, and now PJM. She holds an MBA from West Texas A&M University, a Master of Arts in Economics with a specialization in public utility regulation from New Mexico State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business from New Mexico State University. Trammell has served on executive advisory committees for the Edison Electric Institute, the

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New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council and working groups of Governor Abbott's Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Task Force. She was named one of Public Utilities Fortnightly's Fortnightly Under Forty in 2019 and was a Denver Business Journal Top Women in Energy honoree in 2020. Trammell and her husband Ty stay active with two young daughters, splitting their time between the Midwest and the Southwest.

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.

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

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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.

JIMMY R. (RUSTY) WILLIAMS

President and Chief Executive Officer
Utilities Technology Council

Jimmy R. (Rusty) Williams is President and CEO of the Utilities Technology Council (UTC.) UTC is a DC-based global trade association that represents electric, gas, and water utilities on their mission-critical information and communications technologies. Mr. Williams, a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Alabama, has more than three decades of extensive utility industry experience. He worked at LightRiver Technologies for seven years, where he serves as Vice President, Sales. Before LightRiver, Williams worked for nearly four years as Director of Business Development at AFL Telecommunications. He also worked for more than 25 years at Southern Company, where he held various telecommunications and IT management positions. As President and CEO, Williams will lead UTC's staff as the association continues to be a trusted advocate and thought leader on regulatory issues and emerging technology, as well as a valued training source in the utility telecommunications and networking space. Williams earned his BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. When not working for UTC, Rusty enjoys his family which includes his wife Ivette, 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren. He also enjoys playing golf and hunting. Rusty also serves his church as a leader and teacher.

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 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.

