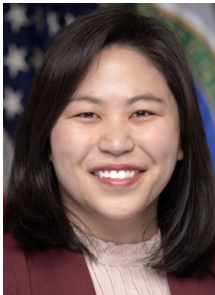




## **Strategic Transmission Planning & Innovations in Siting, with Keynote by Maria Robinson, US DOE Grid Deployment Office**

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Bios of Speakers & Moderator**



**Maria Robinson** is director of the Grid Deployment Office at the US Department of Energy. She was elected to the Massachusetts General Court, serving in the House of Representatives from 2019-2022. While in office, she led the bicameral Clean Energy Caucus, was the state lead for the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators, where she also served on the board, and on the U.S. EPA Clean Air Act Advisory Committee. She also served on faculty at Tufts University's School of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy.

Prior to her election in 2018, Maria led Advanced Energy Economy's Wholesale Markets Program, including engagement at FERC and the regional transmission organizations. Previously, she focused on regulatory issues relating to energy and air, including a 27-state campaign with Governors' offices, legislatures, and energy and environmental regulators. She also managed AEE's report development and data-driven analysis at both the state and national level. Prior to AEE, she worked for Navigant Consulting in the renewable energy practice, supporting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in analyzing and procuring contractors for statewide renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

Maria holds an S.B. in Chemical Engineering from MIT and a Master of Jurisprudence in Energy Law from the University of Tulsa.



**Houtan Moaveni** serves as executive director of the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES). He has dedicated his career to public service, with a track record of successfully planning, launching, and implementing some of the largest, most impactful, and most complex clean energy initiatives in the nation. Prior to his current role, Houtan served as the Director of Facility Certification and Compliance at the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS), where he led the certification and compliance for all electric generation and transmission facilities considered under Article 10 and Article VII of the Public Service Law.

Before joining DPS, Houtan served as the Senior Advisor to the CEO and President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Before joining NYSERDA, he worked for the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC).

Houtan holds a BS in Electrical Engineering and received his MS in Energy Systems & Policies from École nationale supérieure des mines de Paris, in Paris, France.



**Elizabeth Mahony** serves as Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. Prior to her appointment by the Massachusetts Governor, she worked for Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell and Attorney General Maura Healey as an Assistant Attorney General and Senior Policy Advisor for Energy. Elizabeth served in the Energy and Telecommunications Division, focusing on utility clean energy procurements, solar program development, clean energy rate design, consumer protections, and legislative engagement.

Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Elizabeth was Acting General Counsel for the Department of Energy Resources, having previously served as Committee Counsel to Benjamin Downing, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Prior to working in the energy field, Elizabeth was an associate at a small litigation firm in Quincy, Massachusetts, and was Public Affairs Director for the late Senator Susan C. Fargo (D-Lincoln).

Elizabeth is a graduate of Marist College and Suffolk University Law School and a member of the Boston Bar Association's Energy Committee.



**Philip L. Bartlett, II**, was appointed to the Maine Public Utilities Commission in 2019 by Governor Janet Mills. Prior to his appointment, he practiced law with Scaccia, Bartlett & Chabot. He also served in the Maine Senate from 2004 to 2012 and was elected by his peers to serve as Senate Majority Leader from 2008 to 2010. Phil chaired the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee as well as the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future. He also served on the Government Oversight Committee, Natural Resources Committee and Labor Committee.

Phil holds a JD from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Tufts University. His term as Chair of the Maine PUC expires in March 2025.



**Mike Calviou** is Senior Vice President, Regulation & Pricing, for National Grid USA where he is responsible for overseeing regulatory and pricing functions across all U.S. jurisdictions and operating companies. He has spent 25 years working for National Grid in various capacities in the U.S. and U.K., holding senior leadership positions in customer service, asset management / engineering, and strategy. Most recently, Mike led customer and commercial activities and strategic design for Great Britain's electricity and gas transmission networks. He also chaired the Executive Committee for National Grid's U.K. System Operator function (covering both electricity and gas)

for Great Britain.

Mike holds a bachelor's degree in Theoretical Physics from the University of Cambridge in the UK.



**Clarke Bruno** is CEO of Anbaric. He has twenty-nine years of private and public sector experience in energy development and law. He joined Anbaric in 2010 as its general counsel, became president of transmission in 2017, and CEO in 2020. Prior to joining Anbaric, Clarke served as energy and environmental counsel to New Jersey Governor Corzine and was a senior attorney for NYC Mayor Bloomberg. He chaired the NYC Bar Association's energy committee from 2012-2015. Clarke practiced law in NYC for close to twenty years. He has lectured at NYU Law School, Boston University Law School, and the Fletcher School at Tufts University.

Clarke earned his BA from Swarthmore College and his JD from New York University Law School. He is a past Chair of the Energy Committee of the New York City Bar Association.



**Dr. Robert Ethier** serves as Vice President, System Planning for ISO New England, overseeing the organization's regional and interregional planning process. This includes development of the biennial Regional System Plan, analysis of new transmission and generation projects for New England, implementation of the FERC-approved generator interconnection process, development of ISO findings for Transmission Cost Allocation, the execution of regional economic planning studies requested by stakeholders, and operation and support of the Forward Capacity Market in New England. He also led ISO's efforts to implement the initial Forward Capacity Auction. Previously, Bob served executive roles in market operations, market development, resource adequacy and market monitoring. Prior to joining ISO New England, he consulted for Stratus Consulting and Hagler Bailly Consulting. Bob has authored papers on electricity price volatility, electricity auctions, and asset valuation published in major journals.

He holds a B.A. in Economics from Yale and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Applied Economics from Cornell.



**Janet Gail Besser** is a nationally recognized energy policy and regulatory strategy expert, with experience as a regulator, clean energy business association leader, utility executive, developer, consultant, and consumer advocate. Most recently, as vice president, she led the Smart Electric Power Alliance's Regulatory and Business Innovation work.

Previously, she was executive vice president of the Northeast Clean Energy Council; VP, Regulatory Strategy and Policy at National Grid; Chair and Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; and an executive and expert at Analysis Group and Lexecon. She also held senior staff roles at the Massachusetts Energy Office and New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, was policy director for a national IPP association, and worked for a small hydro developer and low-income consumer advocate. Janet is the recipient of the 2019 Northeast Energy and Commerce Association Vanguard Award and the 2014 Northeast Women in Energy and the Environment Achievement Award. She currently chairs the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) Committee on the role of net metering in the evolving electricity system. She is the chair of the Power Options Board and serves on the VEIC Board, where she chairs the Impact and Evaluation Committee.

Janet has an MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Williams College.



**Carol Holahan** is a partner in Foley Hoag's Energy & Cleantech practice. She advises large, competitive regional generators and other participants in the wholesale and retail competitive electricity markets on regional policy initiatives, changing environmental regulations, decommissioning and sale of plants, and matters pending before the FERC. In addition to concentrating on traditional fossil fuel generation, Carol's practice includes renewable energy resources such as large solar, storage, and biomass. She has significant experience in the NEPOOL stakeholder process, and with legal challenges to new or existing laws and regulations, environmental permitting, facility siting, and assessment or limitations of liability due to the sale or retirement of generating facilities.

Prior to joining to Foley Hoag, Carol was the Senior Director of Government Affairs at Dynegy, Inc. Before that, she served as Director of Government Affairs for the NEPGA, representing competitive power producers before state policy makers, regulators, and infrastructure siting boards. She also served as the Director of the Office of Legislative Services in New Hampshire.

Carol earned her JD, magna cum laude, from Suffolk Law School, and her BS from Georgetown.