



State Utility Regulators & New England's Clean Energy Future; and Scaling Up Off-Shore Wind

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Bios of Speakers/Moderator



Marissa Paslick Gillett is Chairman of Connecticut's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. She was appointed by Governor Ned Lamont in April 2019. Previously, she served as Vice President of External Relations for the Energy Storage Association – the national trade association representing the energy storage industry.

Prior to joining ESA, Marissa worked at the Maryland Public Service Commission, where she most recently served as the senior advisor to the chairman. Her duties included advising the agency's chairman and other commissioners on technical, legal and policy matters related to offshore wind procurement, statewide energy efficiency programs, advanced metering infrastructure, grid reliability issues and electric vehicles. She represented the commission before the Maryland General Assembly and led stakeholder engagement initiatives as part of the state's grid modernization proceeding.

Marissa received her B.S. in bioengineering from Clemson and her JD from the University of Baltimore.



Philip L. Bartlett II was appointed to the Maine Public Utilities Commission in June 2019 by Governor Janet Mills. Prior to his appointment, he practiced law with Scaccia, Bartlett & Chabot. Phil 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. While in the Senate, he 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, the Natural Resources Committee, and the Labor Committee. Phil has taught micro and macroeconomics at the collegiate level.

Phil holds a JD from Harvard Law School and a BA in economics and political science from Tufts University, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude. His term expires in March 2025.



Matthew Nelson is Chair of the Department of Public Utilities. He was appointed in February 2019 by Governor Baker. Matthew began his energy career at the DPU in 2007 in the Natural Gas Division. Subsequently, he served as the Supervisor of Regulatory, Policy, and Planning for Eversource Energy, as part of the nationally recognized Mass Save program.

Returning to the DPU, Matt became the Director of Electric Power, as well as the director of Regional and Federal Affairs. During his time at the DPU, he has investigated a wide range of utility issues, including grid modernization investments, general rate case issues, solar and renewable energy development, energy efficiency, climate strategies, competitive supply, and storm restoration issues.

Matt is a graduate of Stonehill College and holds a master's degree in economics from Tufts University.



Patrick Woodcock is the Undersecretary of Energy in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. In that position, he oversees the Department of Energy Resources and the Department of Public Utilities and also serves as a Massachusetts representative to the New England States Committee on Electricity.

Previously, Patrick was the Director of the Maine State Energy Office, where he served as Maine's representative to NESCOE and was a member of the Board of Efficiency Maine Trust. Prior to joining the Maine State Energy Office, Patrick worked for Senator Olympia Snowe in her Washington, D.C. office and was one of the lead congressional staffers who authored the overhaul of fuel economy standards in the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act.

He graduated from Bowdoin and holds a BA in government.



Dr. Stephanie McClellan is the Director of the Special Initiative on Offshore Wind (SIOW), an independent project at the University of Delaware's College of Earth, Ocean and Environment that supports the advancement of offshore wind as part of a comprehensive solution to the most pressing energy problems facing the U.S. Stephanie has offshore wind power experience in both the private and public sectors. Prior to launching the Special Initiative in Offshore Wind in 2013, she was the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Outreach for the Google-backed Atlantic Wind Connection.

Working for this offshore wind infrastructure project put Stephanie in close contact with the majority of offshore wind developers, policy-makers in multiple offshore wind states, and the vast network of state and national offshore wind advocates.

Earlier this year, Stephanie joined the Renewables Consulting Group and will lead RCG's public sector renewables practice in North America. Stephanie holds a Ph.D. and an MA in public policy from the University of Delaware.



Erich Stephens, Chief Development Officer of Vineyard Wind, has been advancing clean energy policies and renewable energy project development in the Northeast for over 20 years, since the earliest days of the US offshore wind industry.

He formed the company that is now Vineyard Wind, leading it from the “Smart from the Start” era and the first lease area auctions, through the company’s acquisition by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners and Avangrid Renewables. Prior to that, Erich was head of development operations for Bluewater Wind, one the first US offshore wind development companies and the first US offshore wind company to win a PPA.

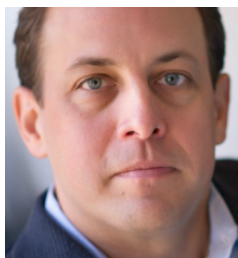
Erich was also the founder and executive director of People's Power & Light, a non-profit organization promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency in Rhode Island, and a founding partner of SolarWrights, one of the first residential PV installation companies in New England. He is a graduate of Brown University.



Dr. Edward N. Krapels, Founder and CEO of Anbaric, is a leader in the rising industry of non-utility electric transmission and distribution development. Anbaric is a platform company for the Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan, and together they have formed a development arm, Anbaric Development Partners. Anbaric specializes in early stage development of large-scale electric transmission systems for offshore wind projects, and storage solutions for intermittent energy sources.

Prior to the inception of Anbaric, Ed was a founding partner in developing several iconic electric transmission projects, including the Neptune Regional Transmission System and the Hudson Project. Ed has written several books, dozens of monographs, and scores of articles. He serves on various boards, including the Board of the Alpha Project and the President’s Advisory Board of Brigham & Women’s Hospital.

Ed earned a Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University, an M.A. from the University of Chicago, and a B.A. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.



David Hang serves as the President for Ørsted U.S. Offshore Wind overseeing US offshore wind project development activities encompassing a diverse portfolio along the U.S. East Coast.

David joined Ørsted in 2018 as part of the Ørsted’s merger with Deepwater Wind. David made the first investment in Deepwater Wind in 2007 on behalf of his previous employer, the D. E. Shaw group, and served on Deepwater’s Board and as its Chief Financial Officer until the merger with Ørsted. Prior to joining Ørsted, David spent twenty years in private equity at J.P. Morgan Partners and the D. E. Shaw group, specializing in energy and industrial investments.

He graduated from the University of Virginia’s McIntire School of Commerce.



John Hartnett is President of Mayflower Wind Energy, a joint venture between Shell and EDP Renewables which is actively developing offshore wind projects in its lease area off the coast of Massachusetts. Mayflower recently submitted bids into the Massachusetts offshore wind solicitation and is working to support the development of an effective supply chain to support the industry.

John has been in the energy business for the past 30 years, working in project development, finance, business development, and sales. He has been with Shell for the past sixteen years, focusing primarily on power development, trading and marketing. He also brings extensive experience in Northeast U.S. power markets, including conventional and renewable power generation, as well as transmission service.

John holds an MBA from Syracuse and an undergraduate degree from SUNY Albany.



Dr. Jonathan Raab has served as the convener and moderator of the New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable since 1995, and of the Energy Policy Roundtable in the PJM Footprint since 2016. A national leader in applying consensus building processes to energy, environmental, and regulatory issues, some of his major cases include the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI); the New England Demand Response Initiative (NEDRI); the Greenhouse Gas planning processes for the City of Boston, Maine, and Rhode Island; RPS rules for Massachusetts and Rhode Island; the energy plan for Tennessee; energy efficiency stakeholder processes in California, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts; market rules for Alberta; and Grid Modernization in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. He has also run stakeholder processes for U.S. DOE, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, and U.S. EPA. Jonathan assisted both PJM and MISO in reforming their respective stakeholder processes.

Prior to establishing Raab Associates, Jonathan was the Assistant Director of the Electric Power Division at the Massachusetts DPU. He holds a Ph.D. from MIT, and an M.S. and A.B. from Stanford. He has taught courses at the University of Oregon, Stanford, UMass (Boston) and MIT and is the author of *Using Consensus Building to Improve Utility Regulation*.