## Speaker and Convener Bios for the 10/6/17 New England Roundtable



**Patrick P. Smith** is Vice President, Transmission Business Development at Eversource Energy. In this role, Pat is responsible for developing short and long-range strategic plans for growing the Transmission business, as well as identifying opportunities to invest in and own new transmission projects and infrastructure.

A veteran of the utility industry, Pat has served in a variety of engineering and leadership roles at Eversource over the past 25 years. Before joining the company, Pat was with General Dynamics, where he was a project engineer. Pat holds a BA in

Electrical Engineering from Manhattan College, and a certificate of Executive Education from the University of Connecticut.



Don Jessome is co-founder, President, and CEO of Transmission Developers Inc. and TDI New England, collectively known as TDI. TDI develops unique merchant energy transmission projects by utilizing high-voltage direct current (HVDC) buried cable technology to link trapped renewable generation resources with markets that are looking to lower costs and emissions in an environmentally and community focused manner. Since 2008, TDI has been developing the 1,000 MW Champlain Hudson Power

Express project, which will link hydro/wind resources from Québec, Canada to New York City. Since 2013, TDI has also been developing the 1,000MW New England Clean Power link, which will connect hydro/wind resources from Québec to the New England markets. Don earned his undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from the Technical University of Nova Scotia and his MBA, with Distinction, from Saint Mary's.



Sara J. Burns is President and CEO of Central Maine Power Company (CMP), Maine's largest electricity transmission and distribution utility, and a subsidiary of AVANGRID. She also oversees Asset Management and Planning, Business Development, and Regulatory Strategy for the Avangrid Networks regulated utilities.

Sara began her career with CMP in 1987 as manager of Risk Management, serving in a variety of roles including Chief Operating Officer, vice president of Human Resources, and director of Financial Services. Prior to joining CMP, she worked at Unum Corporation. In addition to her role at CMP, Sara serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of Maine and Company, a state-wide business development organization. She is also a board member of the Mitchell Institute, the Augusta Board of Trade, and the Trustees of Colby College. Sara is a graduate of Colby College.



Chris Huskilson is President and Chief Executive Officer, Emera Inc., in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Chris began his career with Nova Scotia Power in 1980. He was made Chief Operating Officer of Emera and Nova Scotia Power in July 2003 and President and Chief Executive Officer of Emera in 2004.

Chris is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia. He serves on many for-profit and not-for-profit

Boards of Directors. He is Past-Chair of the Greater Halifax Partnership, the Energy Council of Canada, and the Canadian Electricity Association. Chris holds a BS in Engineering and an MS in Engineering from the University of New Brunswick.



William (Will) Hazelip is Vice President, US Business Development at National Grid. He has more than a decade of business development, transaction, finance, and operations experience with a focus on electric transmission.

Prior to joining National Grid, Will served as Managing Director of Business Development at Duke Energy, where he created and implemented the company's market development strategy to gain a leading position in the California electric transmission

sector. The strategy yielded a \$1 billion pipeline of greenfield and acquisition opportunities, including the acquisition and continued operation of Path 15 Transmission LLC, which he ultimately led as its president. Will holds a BA in history from Emory University and an MBA from the University of South Carolina.



Steven Nadel is executive director of American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE). Previously, he was deputy director of the organization and director of ACEEE's Utilities and Buildings programs. Steve has worked in the energy efficiency field for more than 30 years, with more than 100 publications to his name. He has testified many times on energy efficiency subjects before Congress and before multiple state legislatures. Steve was a major contributor to national energy legislation passed by Congress in 1987, 1992, 2005, and 2007.

Prior to joining ACEEE, Steve planned and evaluated energy efficiency programs for New England Electric; directed energy programs for the Massachusetts Audubon Society; and ran energy programs for a community organization working on housing rehabilitation in the poorest neighborhoods of New Haven, CT.

Steve holds an MS in energy management from the New York Institute of Technology and a Master's in environmental studies from Wesleyan.



**Ken Kimmell** is president of the Union of Concerned Scientists. UCS is a leading science-based nonprofit that combines the knowledge and influence of the scientific community with the passion of concerned citizens to build a healthy planet and a safer world. He has more than 30 years of experience in government, environmental policy, and advocacy.

Prior to joining UCS, Ken served as Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. As Commissioner, he also served as chairman of the board of the

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, helping to prod the nine member states to reduce power plant carbon emissions by almost 50 percent through 2020 - a reduction of around 90 million tons.

Ken served as general counsel at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in the Patrick administration. Prior to that, he spent 17 years as the director and senior attorney at a Boston-based law firm specializing in environmental, energy, and land-use issues. Ken earned his undergraduate degree at Wesleyan and his law degree at the UCLA.



Peter Rothstein is President of NECEC, which combines two nonprofit organizations - the Northeast Clean Energy Council, a 501(c)(6) and NECEC Institute, a 501(c)(3). The Northeast Clean Energy Council is a broad-based business-member organization whose members and partners cut across dozens of cleantech sectors and stages, from startups to emerging companies and market segment leaders. The NECEC Institute leads programs in innovation & entrepreneurship and industry research & development across the region.

Peter has 30 years of experience in cleantech venture and high tech markets. He has also been involved in a range of leading cleantech and entrepreneurial organizations, including the National Renewable Energy Lab's VC Advisory Board, catalyst to MIT Deshpande Center solar and energy storage projects, and a Board member of the Cleantech Open. Earlier in his career, Peter was an entrepreneur and executive in the software industry, serving as a Lotus/IBM Vice President of Strategy. He holds a Masters from the MIT Sloan School of Management and a Bachelors in Environmental Design from Clark University.



Sue Reid is Vice President of Climate and Energy at Ceres, overseeing Ceres' energy and climate work - including Electric Power, Transportation, Oil & Gas and Insurance - and coordinating across the organization to advance the Ceres Clean Trillion campaign. The Ceres Clean Trillion is a clean energy investment target intended to avoid the worst effects of climate change, requiring more than \$1 trillion of additional investment in clean energy globally each year.

Sue has two decades of experience as an attorney and specialist in clean energy and climate issues and policy. Prior to joining Ceres in 2014, she served as Vice President and Massachusetts Advocacy Center Director at the Conservation Law Foundation, where she successfully spearheaded efforts to secure some of the strongest climate and clean energy policies in the U.S.

She also previously worked as an intellectual property litigation attorney at law firms in Silicon Valley and Boston, where she represented a broad range of high tech clients. Sue earned her law degree with honors from Boston University School of Law.



**Dr. Jonathan Raab** has served as the convener and moderator of the New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable since 1996 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; 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 and their respective stakeholders reform their stakeholder processes.

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