



FERC Commissioner Keynote; and Future of Distributed Energy Resources in New England

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Bios of Speakers/Moderator



Commissioner Richard Glick was nominated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by President Trump in August 2017 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in November 2017. Before joining the Commission, Rick was general counsel for the Democrats on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, serving as a senior policy advisor on numerous issues, including electricity and renewable energy.

Prior to that, he was vice president of government affairs for Iberdrola's renewable energy, electric and gas utility, and natural gas storage businesses in the United States. He ran the company's Washington, DC, office and was responsible for developing and implementing the U.S. businesses' federal legislative and regulatory policy advocacy strategies.

Rick previously served as a director of government affairs for PPM Energy and before that was director of government affairs for PacifiCorp. He served as a senior policy advisor to U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, and before that was legislative director and chief counsel to U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas. Rick is a graduate of George Washington University and Georgetown Law.



Philip Martin is Vice President at Enel X. He leads the company's North American distributed energy business development team and focuses on developing new markets, strategic partnerships and commercial offerings for the company's innovative DER solutions. Philip comes to Enel X through its acquisition of EnerNOC, where he launched the firm's DER business model and established its first project finance capabilities. Philip also played a leading role in the company's global expansion. He is responsible for its entry into Australia, Ireland, and Japan and has led a number of corporate, regulatory, and business development initiatives across these various territories. Prior to Enel X, Philip worked in the solar space and consulted to the US Department of Energy. He holds a BA (with honors) in Political Science from Tufts.



Chris Rauscher is Director of Policy & Storage Market Strategy for Sunrun, where he works on Northeast & Caribbean Affairs with a focus on storage, virtual power plants, and wholesale markets. Prior to joining Sunrun, Chris was an energy policy advisor in the US Senate, where he worked on a diverse issue set with a particular focus on DERs. Chris has worked as a staffer on various political campaigns and been involved in a number of startup businesses.

He earned his JD, summa cum laude, from the University of Maine, and BA, cum laude from Dalhousie University, in Canada.



Michael Stoddard is an attorney and the Executive Director of the Efficiency Maine Trust, the independent administrator for programs that promote energy efficiency, alternative energy resources, and carbon savings in Maine. The Trust plans and manages programming for all conservation funds from the gas and electric utilities, RGGI revenues, and Forward Capacity Market revenues. It also administers the VW settlement funds being used in Maine to promote EVs and EV charging infrastructure. Michael was selected as the first director of the Trust upon its establishment in 2010.

Before coming to the Trust, Michael was Senior Counsel at ENE (now the Acadia Center). Prior to his work at ENE, Michael was Assistant to the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission. He holds degrees from Williams College and the University of Maine School of Law.



Judith Judson was appointed Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources in April 2015. Prior to joining the DOER, Judith worked at Customized Energy Solutions as Director of Emerging Technologies for the U.S., where she advised clients on the use of innovative technologies to cost-effectively modernize the US electric grid. Judith joined Customized Energy Solutions from Massachusetts-based clean energy technology company, Beacon Power LLC, where she served as Vice President of Asset Management and Market Development. As a nationally recognized expert on energy storage, Judith has participated in numerous hearings and technical conferences at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Judson chairs the Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council, serves on the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Board, and represents Massachusetts on the Boards of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and National Association of State Energy Officials.

During the Romney Administration, Judith served as Chairman and Commissioner of the Massachusetts Public Utilities Commission. She holds an M.B.A. from Harvard and an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from Kettering University.



Penni McLean-Conner is Chief Customer Officer and Senior Vice President of Customer Group for Eversource Energy. She is responsible for providing Eversource's 3.5 million electric and gas customers with high quality customer service across multiple platforms and delivering a cost-effective portfolio of electric and gas energy efficiency programs that have been ranked number one in the nation. Penni is a recognized thought leader in the utility industry, with over 30 years of experience implementing positive change. She is a published author of three books on customer service and energy efficiency, and the customer service columnist for *Electric Light and Power Magazine*.

Penni holds a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from North Carolina State and is a registered Professional Engineer. She is active on industry and community boards.



Janet Gail Besser is Managing Director of Regulatory Innovation & Utility Business Models at Smart Electric Power Alliance. She brings to this role broad energy industry experience as a regulator, clean energy business association leader, utility executive, developer, consultant, and consumer advocate.

Previously, Janet served as Vice President of Policy and Government Affairs for the New England Clean Energy Council. Prior to that she was the Vice President, Regulatory Strategy and Policy at National Grid, and Chair of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. Janet has been an executive and expert consultant at two leading consulting firms, Analysis Group and Lexecon, and held senior roles at the Massachusetts Energy Office and New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. She also served as policy director for a DC-based national independent power association and began her career as a small hydro developer and low-income consumer advocate. Janet holds a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard and a B.A., magna cum laude, from Williams.



Henry Yoshimura is the Director of Demand Resource Strategy for ISO New England, where he is responsible for integrating distributed energy resources (energy efficiency, demand response, distributed generation) into the New England wholesale electricity market.

He began his career with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, where he directed the regulatory effort making Massachusetts among the first states to incorporate energy efficiency into the utility planning, resource acquisition, and ratemaking processes. After leaving the DPU, Henry advised several state governments in the U.S. and abroad on restructuring their electricity industries. Upon joining the ISO, he worked with industry stakeholders to develop the market design that allowed New England to be the first region to integrate distributed energy resources into the Forward Capacity Market.

Henry chairs the Demand Resources Working Group on behalf of NEPOOL and testifies frequently on market design issues concerning distributed energy resources. He holds an MA in Economics from the University of Montana and a Certificate in Leadership Development from Rensselaer.



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*.