

Speaker and Convener Bios for the 12.15.17 N.E. Electricity Restructuring Roundtable



Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur was first nominated by President Barack Obama to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2010 and was confirmed for a second term by the Senate in 2014. She served as Acting Chairman of the Commission from November 2013 to July 2014 and January to April 2017, and as Chairman from July 2014 until April 2015. She is a member of the NARUC Committees on Electricity and Critical Infrastructure and was co-chair of the FERC/NARUC Forum on Reliability and the Environment.

Prior to joining FERC, Cheryl served as executive vice president and acting CEO of National Grid USA, responsible for the delivery of electricity to 3.4 million customers in the Northeast. Her previous positions at National Grid USA and its predecessor New England Electric System, included chief operating officer, president of the New England distribution companies, and general counsel.

Cheryl was named Woman of the Year by the Women's Council on Energy and the Environment in 2015, received the Northeast Energy and Commerce Association's Vanguard Award for leadership in 2014, and a Bipartisan Congressional Award for her work on grid reliability in 2013. Cheryl began her career as an attorney at Ropes and Gray in Boston. She has a J.D. from Harvard, where she was an editor of the Harvard Law Review, and an A.B. from Princeton.



Gordon van Welie is President and CEO of ISO New England, having previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He joined ISO New England from Siemens Power Transmission & Distribution, where he served as Vice President and General Manager of the Power Systems Control Division and was responsible for managing information technology solutions for electric companies.

Before coming to Siemens, Gordon held several positions at ESKOM, South Africa's electric utility based in Johannesburg. Gordon is a member of a number of industry groups, including the National Academy of Engineering, the Executive Committee of the U. S. National Committee of CIGRE, the Member Representatives Committee of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the ISO/RTO Council, and the IEEE Power & Engineering Society. He is a recipient of 2017 Utility Variable-Generation Integration (UVIG) Achievement Award and, in 2016, was awarded the IEEE Power & Energy Society Leadership in Power Award.

Gordon holds a BS in Electrical Engineering and a MBA from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.



Patrick Woodcock is the Assistant Secretary of Energy in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, a role he assumed in April 2017. Previously, he served for four years as Director of Maine's Energy Office. In that position, he was a key author in one of the largest energy bills enacted since restructuring, which focused on reducing residential heating demand, and allowed for Public Utilities Commission consideration of natural gas capacity for electric load. Patrick served as a Board Member of Efficiency Maine Trust as well as Maine's representative to New England States Committee on Electricity.

Before Directing Maine's Energy Office, Patrick worked for United States Senator Olympia Snowe in her Washington, D.C. office and was one of the lead congressional staffers that authored the overhaul of fuel economy standards in the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act. Patrick holds a BA in Government from Bowdoin College.



Thomas Burack is a Shareholder at Sheehan Phinney, a private law practice in Manchester, New Hampshire specializing in environmental, energy and corporate law. Tom guides and advises clients and other attorneys in envisioning, planning, launching, implementing and monitoring projects in the environmental, energy, development, organizational management and governance arenas. Tom has also served as the firm's "hiring partner" and as a trustee of the firm's retirement fund.

At the start of 2017, Tom returned to Sheehan Phinney after serving for over ten years as the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. He served as Chair of New Hampshire's Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee during his tenure as Commissioner of NH DES.

He holds a BA in Government for Dartmouth and a Law degree from the University of Virginia. Tom served as a law clerk for the Honorable David Souter, on the New Hampshire Supreme Court in the late 1980s.



Dr. Lawrence Susskind is Director of the MIT-Harvard Public Negotiations Program and the Ford Professor of Urban and Environmental Planning at MIT. He has served in a variety of roles at MIT over the past four decades, including Head of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, and founder of DUSP's Environmental Policy and Planning Group. He teaches full time at MIT and leads a number of research teams at the MIT Science Impact Collaborative.

Larry founded and is Chief Knowledge Officer of the Consensus Building Institute, a Cambridge-based non-profit providing mediation and negotiation advisory services in many parts of the world. He is one of the founders of the interuniversity Program on Negotiation (PON) at Harvard Law School, where he teaches a Master Class in Negotiation and Advanced Meditation for Lawyers.

He co-directs the MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program that focuses facility siting disputes, negotiation of transboundary water disputes, resolution of disputes over sacred lands, and the resolution of science-intensive policy disputes. Larry has mediated more than 50 multi-party, multi-issue resource management disputes.

Larry is the author or co-author of twenty books, most recently, *Managing Climate Risks in Coastal Communities*. He holds a Masters and a PHD in Urban Planning from MIT.



Bradley Campbell is President of Conservation Law Foundation, an organization recognized for bringing innovative, pragmatic solutions to New England's toughest environmental challenges. As Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, he successfully led major initiatives to protect water resources, reshape development, restore natural resources, and address global climate change.

Prior to his work at NJ DEP, Bradley enforced federal environmental laws as Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Mid-Atlantic region, served in the Clinton administration as associate director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and litigated natural resource cases for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Bradley is the recipient of the prestigious John Marshall Award, the highest level of recognition from the Department of Justice. He holds a BA from Amherst College and a JD from the University of Chicago.



Mary Usovicz is President of MU Connections, an energy based public relations marketing firm specializing in siting and stakeholder outreach. She has over 30 years of experience in dealing with public participation, from siting water and sewer projects for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to building and siting major interstate natural gas pipelines for Tennessee Gas Pipeline.

During her tenure at TGP, she was involved in the AES pipeline project, a multistate pipeline project through MA and NH. She was also successful in siting and building - through public participation - the Tewksbury Gas pipeline project to Wyeth through several Massachusetts communities. She worked on the Essex/Middlesex project and the DOMACII project.

Mary previously worked in external affairs for Repsol on liquid natural gas (LNG) issues, which prepared her for siting and developing Compressed Natural Gas facilities with Oscomp. During her years at TRC, a national engineering services, consulting and construction, Mary was instrumental in developing the stakeholder communication plan for CNG Milford LNG facility. Currently, she is working on Stakeholder outreach for Avangrid and PNGTS.

Mary holds a BA from American University and an MBA from Suffolk.



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; 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*.