

Speaker and Moderator Bios for the 3.16.18 E Electricity Restructuring Roundtable



Commissioner Robert F. Powelson was nominated by President Trump to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on May 8, 2017. He took the oath of office and became a FERC Commissioner on August 10, 2017.

Prior to joining FERC, Robert spent nine years as a Commissioner at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, serving as Chairman from 2010 to 2014. He served as President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) from 2016-2017. Before becoming a state utility commissioner, Robert was the President and CEO of the Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry in Malvern, PA. He graduated from St. Joseph's and earned a master's degree in Governmental Administration from Penn--receiving the Leadership for Results Award in 2004.



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, 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.



Alicia Barton is president and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, a public benefit corporation that advances innovative energy solutions to improve New York State's economy and environment.

Before joining NYSERDA, she served as co-chair of the Energy and Cleantech Practice at Foley Hoag, LLP, representing clean energy companies in emerging market areas such as offshore wind and energy storage. Prior to this, she led teams working on utility-scale wind and solar projects as COO of the Global Utility business unit at SunEdison.

Prior to working in the private sector, Alicia was CEO of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. Her other public-sector roles include Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning at MassDEP; Assistant Secretary for Environmental Review and Director of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act office; and Deputy General Counsel at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Alicia currently serves on the Boards of Greentown Labs, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, Efficiency Forward, and the Advisory Board for the New England Women in Energy and Environment. She holds a BS in Natural Resources from Ohio State and a JD from Boston College Law School.



Matthew A. Morrissey is Vice President, Massachusetts for Deepwater Wind, where he manages the company's development efforts in the Commonwealth. Matt has been involved in executive leadership positions in the offshore wind industry since 2007.

As the founding Managing Director of Offshore Wind: Massachusetts, Matt spearheaded the industry's successful efforts to include offshore wind in the Commonwealth's energy portfolio, resulting in the historic 1600MW bill signed into law in August 2016.

Under Matt's leadership as Executive Director of the New Bedford Economic Development Council for many years, New Bedford led all similar size cities from around New England in new growth and private capital investment. Matt founded the New Bedford Wind Energy Center where he worked with key local leaders and state officials to attract public investment in the development of the state owned New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal, the first offshore wind terminal in the nation. He has a degree in English literature from UMass Dartmouth.



Lars Thaaning Pedersen is CEO of Vineyard Wind, a Joint Venture of Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP) and Avangrid Renewables. In 2015, Lars co-founded Copenhagen Offshore Partners (COP), a leading offshore wind development and construction management company that works exclusively with CIP on its development portfolio. In 2017, COP completed construction of the 402 MW Veja Mate far-shore offshore wind project in the German North Sea. Currently, COP is working on the development of CIPs 6,000 MW portfolio of offshore wind projects in the US, Canada, Taiwan, and Australia.

Prior to joining Vineyard Wind in 2016, Lars held executive positions in Project Development, Operations and Maintenance and in Asset Management at DONG Energy. He has been involved in more than 10 offshore wind projects in Europe, and has significant experience in development, construction, and operations of offshore wind farms. Lars has been instrumental in bringing new wind turbine technology such as the Siemens 3.6 MW-120m rotor turbine and the 6 MW Siemens Direct-Drive turbine to market. Lars holds a master's in Mechanical Engineering from the Technical University of Denmark.



Thomas Brostrøm is President of Ørsted North America (formerly DONG Energy), headquartered in Boston. In this role, he oversees all North American operations for Ørsted, the global leader in offshore wind. Thomas initially joined Ørsted in Denmark in 2009, where he served in Business Development, Mergers & Acquisitions, and later as Head of the Renewables Strategy team. Prior to joining Ørsted, Thomas was in the investment banking and venture capital business.

Thomas serves on the Board of Directors of the American Wind Energy Association, the national trade organization for the U.S. wind industry. Thomas studied Business Analysis & Valuation and Mergers & Acquisitions at Harvard University and received his master's in Finance and International Business from Aarhus University in Denmark.



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 in reforming their respective 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*.