

## **Speaker Biographies for the 3.24.17 NE Electricity Restructuring Roundtable**

### **Renewable Energy Related Policies, Plans, and Programs**

**Matthew A. Beaton** is Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, where he oversees the Commonwealth's six environmental, natural resource and energy regulatory agencies.

Previously, Matthew served as a State Representative for the Eleventh Worcester district and was a member of the committees on Ways and Means; Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture; and Ethics.

In the private sector, Secretary Beaton has worked as an environmental engineer and sustainability consultant. He holds an undergraduate degree in biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a master's degree in energy and environmental analysis from Boston University.

**Carol Grant** is Commissioner of the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources. She joined OER in May 2016 with more than 30 years of experience in operations, strategic human resources, policy, law, and communications. Prior to joining OER, she had most recently served in leadership roles at two renewable energy companies.

In her current role, Carol leads policy and planning for Rhode Island's nationally-recognized energy efficiency programs. She is also leading the charge to expand local and regional renewable energy to meet Governor Raimondo's recently announced clean energy goal of 1000 MW by 2020. As part of the Rhode Island energy leadership team, she is also responsible for addressing the challenges of affordability, resiliency, and power sector transformation.

Carol holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan.

**Mary Sotos** was appointed Deputy Commissioner for Energy at Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in February 2017. Prior to joining DEEP, she served as the Policy Lead for the U.S. Energy Program at World Resources Institute (WRI), in Washington D.C. where she provided technical guidance to states designing and implementing new clean energy standards and emission reduction policies. Mary worked with large utilities, state public utility commissions, and Fortune 500 companies to pursue cost-effective business models and utility tariffs for deploying renewables.

During her eight years at WRI, she also led the development of multiple voluntary greenhouse gas measurement and reporting standards as part of WRI's Greenhouse Gas Protocol program, a partnership with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. In 2014, Mary received the Leader in Green Power Market Development award by the Center for Resource Solutions for her leadership in developing the standard on electricity emissions accounting.

Mary graduated from St. Olaf College with a bachelor's in Environmental Studies and a concentration in Social Sciences. On a Fulbright Fellowship, she pursued graduate coursework in Science and Environmental Management at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, in Brussels, Belgium.

## **Renewable Energy Related Studies**

**Michael I. Henderson** is Director of Regional Planning & Coordination at ISO-New England. He is also the new Editor in Chief of Power and Energy Magazine. Mike previously served as a Director in the System Planning Department at ISO-NE and chaired the Public Advisory Committee, a regional, public forum for stakeholders to provide input on New England's power system planning process. In this role, he guided the development of dozens of transmission planning studies and the publication of twelve iterations of the Regional System Plan (RSP) and its precursor, the Regional Transmission Expansion Plan (RTEP).

Prior to joining ISO-NE, Mike worked at the New York Power Authority, Long Island Lighting Company, and American Electric Power. Mike has presented technical seminars as well as over six-dozen panel and technical papers at IEEE and other forums. He received two Master of Engineering degrees, Electrical Power Engineering in 1977 and Electrical Engineering in 1976, both from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In 1975, Mike earned a BS in Electrical Engineering from Polytechnic Institute of New York (now NYU) where he served as an Adjunct Lecturer from 1993 through 1999. Mike is a registered Professional Engineer, an IEEE Fellow, and a native son of Brooklyn, New York.

**Bob Grace** is President and Managing Director of Sustainable Energy Advantage. He is a leader and innovator in renewable energy market, policy, financial and strategic analysis. Specializing in multi-stakeholder activities addressing complex and cutting edge challenges, Bob has advised over 150 government, market participant and non-profit clients. He has worked for 33 years in the electricity industry, focusing for the past 20 years exclusively on renewable energy.

Prior to founding Sustainable Energy Advantage, Bob served as principal analyst to the teams pioneering electric industry restructuring at New England Power Company and was also a founder and director of ReGen, the green power division of AllEnergy Marketing Company.

Bob holds a M.S. in Energy and Resources from the University of California, Berkeley, and a B.S. in Energy Studies from Brown; and is a long-time board member of the Northeast Energy & Commerce Association (NECA) and past co-chair of NECA's Renewable Energy/Distributed Generation Committee.

**Jamie Howland** is the Director of Acadia's Climate and Energy Analysis Center. He has extensive experience in energy efficiency policy and energy markets analysis. He has co-authored numerous publications at Acadia Center, including EnergyVision, ClimateVision2020, and Energy Efficiency: Engine of Economic Growth. Jamie has represented Acadia Center as a member of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board and the chair of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board. Jamie spent several years in engineering and consulting with Hewlett Packard before joining Acadia Center. He holds master's degrees in environmental management and engineering from Yale.