



**FERC Keynote Address; and  
Pivoting from Decarbonization Pathways to Policies in New England**

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Bios of Speakers/Moderator



**FERC Commissioner Allison Clements** has two decades of public and private sector experience in energy regulation and policy, representing utilities, independent power producers, developers and lenders, nonprofits and philanthropies on grid policy issues. Allison is the founder and president of Goodgrid, LLC, an energy policy and strategy consulting firm. Previously, she served as director of the energy markets program at Energy Foundation. Prior to her time at Energy Foundation and Goodgrid, she worked at Natural Resources Defense Council, as the organization's corporate counsel and then as director of the Sustainable FERC Project. Before that, Commissioner Clements spent several years in private legal practice, with the energy regulatory group at Troutman Sanders LLP (now Troutman Pepper) and then with the project finance and infrastructure group at Chadbourne & Parke LLP (now Norton Rose Fulbright).

Allison has served as a federal energy expert in several capacities, including as a member of a National Academies of Sciences committee on grid resilience, as co-chair of the Bipartisan Policy Center's electric grid initiative, and as a clinical visiting lecturer at Yale Law School. She holds a BS from the University of Michigan and a JD from The George Washington University Law School.



**Kathleen A. Theoharides** was sworn in as Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) in May 2019. The Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs oversees the Commonwealth's six environmental, natural resource and energy regulatory agencies, which include the Departments of Environmental Protection, Public Utilities, Energy Resources, Conservation & Recreation, Agricultural Resources, and Fish & Game. She also serves as Chairman of the MA Water Resources Authority, the Energy Facilities Siting Board, and the MA Clean Energy Center.

Trained as a field biologist, Katie began her policy career working in Washington, D.C. at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and Defenders of Wildlife. Previously, she served as Director of Climate and Global Warming Solutions at MA EEA. As Director, and later, as Assistant Secretary, she worked to implement Executive Order 569, led the development of the State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan, and created the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program.

Katie received a B.A. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Dartmouth and an MS in Ecology and Environmental Biology from UMass Boston.



**Katie Scharf Dykes** is the Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP). She was nominated by Governor Ned Lamont to serve as the Commissioner of DEEP and was confirmed in February 2019. Katie previously served as Chair of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, and as Deputy Commissioner for Energy at Connecticut DEEP. She also served as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.. Katie joined CT DEEP in 2012 after prior service as Deputy General Counsel for the White House Council on Environmental Quality and as a Legal Advisor to the General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Energy. Katie is a graduate of Yale College and the Yale Law School.



**Dan Burgess** was appointed as Director of the Maine Governor's Energy Office by Governor Janet Mills in 2019. Prior to his return to his home state of Maine, Dan spent eight years working in Massachusetts to advance clean energy and climate policy in the administrations of current Republican Governor Charlie Baker and Democratic former Governor Deval Patrick. Most recently, he served as Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Staff at the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, and prior to that, as Acting Commissioner. Previously, he served as the Legislative Director for Energy for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Before joining MA EEA, Dan spent five years in the aerospace and software industries and worked on President Obama's 2012 re-election campaign. Dan holds a business degree from the University of Maine Orono and a Master's in Public Administration from Northeastern.



**June E. Tierney** was sworn in as the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Service by Governor Phil Scott in 2017. Prior to her appointment, she served as general counsel to the Vermont Public Service Board. Before that, she was a Board hearing officer, as well as a staff attorney at the Vermont Department of Public Service. June began her legal career with a clerkship at the Vermont Supreme Court, followed by three years as an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York City, where she specialized in securities fraud litigation, white collar crime defense, and corporate internal compliance investigations. June is a graduate of Boston University and Vermont Law School. Prior to her admission to the bar, she served on active duty as a commissioned officer in the United States Army.



**Dr. Jonathan Raab** has served as the convener and moderator of the New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable since 1995. 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; the New England Demand Response Initiative; 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*.



**Carol Holahan** is a partner in Foley Hoag's Energy & Cleantech practice. She advises large, competitive regional generators and other participants in the wholesale and retail competitive electricity markets on regional policy initiatives, changing environmental regulations, decommissioning and sale of plants, and matters pending before the FERC. In addition to concentrating on traditional fossil fuel generation, Carol's practice includes renewable energy resources such as large solar, storage, and biomass. She has significant experience in the NEPOOL stakeholder process, and with legal challenges to new or existing laws and regulations, environmental permitting, facility siting, and assessment or limitations of liability as a result of the sale or retirement of generating facilities.

Prior to joining to Foley Hoag, Carol was the Senior Director of Government Affairs at Dynegy Inc., the largest generator in New England and one of the largest power producers in the country prior to its 2018 merger with Vistra Energy. Before that, she served as Director of Government Affairs for the New England Power Generators Association, representing competitive power producers before state policy makers, regulators, and infrastructure siting boards. Carol also served as the Director of the Office of Legislative Services in New Hampshire, the non-partisan bill drafting and research office of the state's 424-member legislature. She earned her JD, magna cum laude, from Suffolk Law School and her BS from Georgetown.