



**Transmission's Critical Role in Decarbonizing New England:  
Keynote by FERC Chairman Richard Glick  
Panel: Improving Transmission Planning, Investment, & Siting**

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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 also 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.



**Judy Chang** is the Undersecretary of Energy for Massachusetts. She is an energy economist and policy expert with a background in electrical engineering. Prior to joining Massachusetts' Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, she co-led the energy practice at The Brattle Group. Judy has over 20 years of experience in advising energy companies on regulatory and financial issues, particularly as they relate to investment decisions in transmission, clean energy, and storage.

Judy has submitted expert testimonies to FERC, and to U.S. state, and Canadian provincial regulatory authorities on topics related to resource planning; power purchase and sale agreements; and transmission planning, access, and pricing. She has authored numerous reports and articles detailing the economic issues associated with generation and transmission investments; clean energy development; energy storage; and system planning. Judy has presented at a variety of industry conferences and graduate school seminars on energy and environmental policies, including at Harvard Law School, Tuft's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and MIT's Sloan School of Management. She holds a BS in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from UC Davis and a Master of Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School. Judy is a founding Board member of New England Women in Energy and the Environment.



**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 several 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 an MBA from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.



**Dr. Susan Tierney** is Senior Advisor at Analysis Group in Denver. An expert on energy policy and economics, she specializes in the electric and gas industries. She has consulted to companies, governments, nonprofits, and other organizations on energy markets, as well as economic and environmental regulation and strategy. Her expert witness and business consulting services have involved industry restructuring, market analyses, utility ratemaking and regulatory policy, clean energy regulatory policy, transmission issues, wholesale and retail market design, and resource planning and procurement.

Sue is a former Assistant Secretary for Policy at the US Department of Energy, state cabinet officer for environmental affairs, and state public utility commissioner. She chairs the Boards of Resources for the Future and ClimateWorks Foundation and is a Trustee of the Barr Foundation and a director of World Resources Institute and of the Energy Foundation. Sue holds a Ph.D. in regional planning from Cornell and a BA from Scripps.



**Bill Quinlan** is President of Transmission and Offshore Wind Projects at Eversource Energy. Prior to his current role, Bill served as president of Eversource's New Hampshire Operations. He spearheaded the completion of industry restructuring, including divestiture of the company's generating plants. Bill previously served as senior vice president of Emergency Preparedness as well as vice president of Customer Solutions, overseeing key functions, including engineering, smart grid, distributed generation, electric vehicles, energy efficiency and economic development.

He has extensive operations, policy, legal, regulatory, technology and business experience. In 1993, he joined the company's Legal department and later became deputy general counsel and chief regulatory counsel. From 2003 to 2007, Bill served as president of NU Enterprises, Inc. (NUEI), the holding company for NU's competitive businesses. Bill graduated from Villanova University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, earned an MBA from the University of New Haven and a JD from the University of Connecticut School of Law.



**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 due to 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.