

Speaker Bios for 9.30.16 New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable

Ned Bartlett is Undersecretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Previously, he served as a Partner at Bowditch & Dewey, LLP where he maintained a diverse environmental, energy and transportation practice. Prior to private practice, Ned served as an attorney in a number of environmental and state agencies, and as Special Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts.

Katie Scharf Dykes is the Deputy Commissioner for Energy at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), where she works with both halves of the agency's Energy branch -the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) on the regulatory side, and the Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy on the energy strategy side. She currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. (RGGI). Katie also represents Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy on the Board of Managers of the New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE). Katie joined CT DEEP in March 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. She is a graduate of Yale and earned her JD from Yale Law School.

Joel Gordon is in his third term as elected Chairman of the NEPOOL Participants Committee. He has served for the past five years as NEPOOL Supplier Sector Representative, and earlier as Chair of the NEPOOL Budget & Finance Committee. Currently Joel is the Director of Market Policy for the PSEG Companies in New England. He has held similar positions over the past 15 years with other NEPOOL members, including NRG Energy and PG&E National Energy Group. Previously, Joel was financial vice president for independent energy development firms Eco-Gen Technologies and Bio Development Corporation. He began in the industry as a commercial banker with State Street Bank, where, as vice president in the bank's project finance group, he focused on lending to alternative energy generation projects, including hydro, waste, wood, and gas-fired cogeneration, and also managed the bank's portfolio of gas distribution and water utilities. Joel holds a B.A. in economics from Brandeis University and an MBA from Babson College.

Robert Ethier, Ph.D. is Vice President, Market Operations, at ISO-NE, where he is responsible for the administration of the wholesale electricity markets in the region. Bob previously served as Vice President, Market Development, and before that, as Director of Resource Adequacy and Director of Market Monitoring. He also led the ISO's efforts to implement the initial Forward Capacity Auction. Prior to joining ISO New England, Bob was a consultant for Stratus and for Hagler Bailly. Bob has authored papers on electricity price volatility, electricity auctions, and asset valuation for such publications as The Energy Journal, Land Economics, and the Journal of Environmental Economics and Management.

Janet Gail Besser is Executive Vice President of NECEC, the Northeast Clean Energy Council, where she leads NECEC's policy and advocacy efforts and oversees membership and sponsorship for the organization. She brings to this role broad energy industry experience as a regulator, utility executive, developer, consultant, and consumer advocate. Previously, she was Vice President, Regulatory Strategy and Policy at National Grid, Chair of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, where she led electric industry restructuring, and an executive and expert consultant at Analysis Group and Lexecon. She also held senior staff roles at the Massachusetts Energy Office and New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, and served as policy director for a DC-based national independent power association. Janet began her career as a small hydro developer and low-income consumer advocate. She is a graduate of Williams College and holds an Master's in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School.

Ryan Katofsky is Vice President of Industry Analysis with Advanced Energy Economy. He is currently playing a leading role in AEE's 21st Century Electricity System Initiative, which is focused on accelerating regulatory and business model change in the electric power sector. Prior to joining AEE, Ryan spent 20 years as a consultant to the advanced energy industry, utilities, and the public sector for such firms as Arthur D. Little and Navigant Consulting. His work has included market and technology assessment, economic analysis, business strategy development, due diligence, lifecycle energy and environmental assessment, long-range energy planning, and analysis of public sector renewable energy programs, for both domestic and international clients. Ryan received a Bachelor of Engineering degree from McGill University and an MS in Engineering from Princeton, where he was a Guggenheim Fellow.

Paul Centolella has more than 35 years of experience in energy economics, law, and regulation. A former Commissioner on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Paul currently serves on the U.S. Secretary of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on the Determinants of Market Adoption of Advanced Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy Technologies, the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Smart Grid Advisory Committee, and the MIT Utility of the Future Advisory Committee. Paul is co-author of a Tabors Caramanis Rudkevich White Paper, prepared for NYSEDA in the New York REV proceeding, on Developing Competitive Electricity Markets and Pricing Structures. He is also a member of the Committee that authored the recent National Academies report, The Power of Change: Innovation for Development and Deployment of Increasingly Clean Electric Power Technologies.

Jane Park is Vice President, Regulatory Policy & Strategy at ComEd, a unit of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation. ComEd delivers electricity to approximately 3.8 million residential and business customers across northern Illinois, or 70% of the state's population. Prior to her current role, Jane was Director of Business Strategy & Technology, where she was responsible for shaping technical enhancements as they relate to demand response & dynamic pricing. She previously served as Chief of Staff to ComEd President & CEO Anne Pramaggiore, and prior to that, was in-house counsel to Exelon - first as Assistant General Counsel in Litigation and then in Regulatory. Before coming in-house to Exelon, Jane was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP where she worked on complex commercial litigation matters. Jane has a B.A. from Harvard and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.