



The Connective Tissue: Transmission in Support of Decarbonization

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Biographies of Speakers & Moderators



Chair 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, Rich 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.

Rich 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. Rich is a graduate of George Washington University and Georgetown Law.



Matthew Nelson is Chair of the Department of Public Utilities. He was appointed in 2019 by Governor Baker. Matt began his energy career at the DPU in the Natural Gas Division. Subsequently, he served as the Supervisor of Regulatory, Policy, and Planning for Eversource Energy, as part of the nationally recognized Mass Save program. Returning to the DPU (and before assuming the chair position), Matt became the Director of Electric Power, as well as the director of Regional and Federal Affairs.

During his tenure at the DPU, he has investigated a wide range of utility issues, including grid modernization investments, general rate case issues, solar and renewable energy development, energy efficiency, climate strategies, competitive supply, and storm restoration issues. Matt is a graduate of Stonehill College and holds a master's degree in economics from Tufts University.



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

For over twenty years, Doreen has held public and private sector leadership roles advancing clean energy projects. For the past ten years she has held executive, technical, and policy positions at NYSERDA. Most recently, as Vice President of Large-Scale Renewables, she oversaw the State's nation-leading advancement of renewable resources under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, including the development of offshore wind. Before embarking on a career in public service, Doreen spent more than a decade in the energy sector, serving in management and engineering roles.

Doreen earned a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Rochester and an MBA from SUNY Albany. She serves on the board of several nonprofits, including the National Offshore Wind Research & Development Consortium, Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center, and the Clean Energy States Alliance.



Abe Silverman serves as General Counsel and Executive Policy Counsel of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the lead energy regulator for the State of New Jersey. At the BPU, Abe works on advancing New Jersey's clean energy agenda, with a special emphasis on carbon policy and market design issues, as well as the A-to-Z of regulating New Jersey's public water, electric and gas utilities.

Prior to joining the BPU, Abe worked for more than a decade at NRG Energy, Inc., ultimately holding the positions of Vice President of Regulatory Affairs & Deputy General Counsel. Abe got his accidental start as an energy regulator in 2002, when he joined the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Office of General Counsel. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Geology and a B.A. in English, and then received his Juris Doctor from The George Washington University School of Law.



Aubrey Johnson is vice president of system planning and competitive transmission for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO). In this role, he oversees all aspects of transmission plan development to meet MISO's future system needs. He is responsible for the planning process that yields the annual MISO Transmission Expansion Plan, including reliability and expansion planning, transmission cost allocation, and the competitive transmission developer selection and monitoring process. Aubrey also oversees MISO's interregional planning efforts.

Prior to joining MISO, Aubrey was vice president of New Mexico Operations for the Public Service Company of New Mexico. He has also held leadership positions at GE Energy Services and Southern Company. He earned his BS in Mechanical Engineering from Tuskegee University.

Aubrey is a graduate of Leadership New Mexico Class of 2014, and is an active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest Heartland, and other nonprofit organizations. He is a member of the American Association of Blacks in Energy and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.



Dr. Robert Ethier serves as Vice President, System Planning for ISO New England, overseeing the organization's regional and interregional planning process, including development of the biennial Regional System Plan, analysis of new transmission and generation projects for New England, implementation of the FERC-approved generator interconnection process, development of ISO findings for Transmission Cost Allocation, the execution of regional economic planning studies requested by stakeholders, and operation and support of the Forward Capacity Market in New England. He previously served as Vice President, Market Operations; Vice President, Market Development; Director of Resource Adequacy; and Director of Market Monitoring. Bob also led the ISO's efforts to implement the initial Forward Capacity Auction.

Prior to joining ISO New England, he consulted for Stratus Consulting Inc., and Hagler Bailly Consulting, Inc. Bob has authored papers on electricity price volatility, electricity auctions, and asset valuation, including papers in *The Energy Journal*, *Land Economics*, and the *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*. Bob holds a B.A. in Economics from Yale and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Applied Economics from Cornell.



Dr. Jonathan Raab has served as the convener and moderator of the New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable since 1995, and the Energy Policy Roundtable in the PJM Footprint from 2005-2010.

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.

Jonathan is currently the Moderator of the **Joint Federal (FERC) and State (NARUC) Task Force on Electric Transmission** and is the Liaison between the PJM Members and the PJM Board on matters related to the Independent Market Monitor.

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. She 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.

Carol earned her JD, magna cum laude, from Suffolk Law School and her BS from Georgetown.