

Speaker Biographies for the 2.26.16 NE Roundtable

Matthew A. Beaton

Secretary, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton oversees the Commonwealth's six environmental, natural resource and energy regulatory agencies.

Previously he 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 has an undergraduate degree in biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a master's degree in energy and environmental analysis from BU.

Pierre Arcand

Québec Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

Pierre Arcand began his career as a radio journalist in the 1970's, eventually co-owning several radio stations.

He was first elected as a Member of the National Assembly in 2007. Over the course of his political career, he has served in numerous important posts including the Minister of International Relations, the Minister of Sustainable Development, and now as Quebec's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources with responsibilities for the *Plan Nord* and the Côte-Nord Region.

Harvey Michaels

Harvey Michaels is a lecturer and research director in the MIT Sloan School of Management and the interdisciplinary MIT Energy Initiative.

He also consults in cities, including Boston and Cambridge, as well as for Massachusetts utilities, on community energy and climate action.

Harvey arrived at MIT as a serial entrepreneur, having served as chairman and CEO of Nexus Energy Software (now Aclara Software), and before that, as president of XENERGY (now part of DNV-GL Consulting and Con Edison Solutions).

Jim Steffes

Jim Steffes leads the Corporate Affairs group for Direct Energy and is responsible for public policy, political and regulatory advocacy, market development and media relations across North America.

Jim recently returned to Direct Energy, after having served as CEO of Circular Energy, and before that, as President of both Northeast Retail and Green Mountain Energy at NRG. In his earlier stint at Direct Energy, Jim ran the company's Texas Residential business.

Jim holds a Master's in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School and a BS in Foreign Service from Georgetown.

Jim Gallagher

Jim Gallagher is Executive Director of the New York State Smart Grid Consortium.

Previously, he served as Senior Manager for Strategic Planning at the New York ISO, and prior to that, as Director of Energy Policy for the City of New York, where he was the lead energy advisor to Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Jim is a member of many advisory boards and committees, including those of Grid4EU, the largest smart grid project funded by the European Commission, EPRI's Grid Modernization Advisory Group, and the Executive Advisory Committee for the U.S. DOE's State and Local Energy Efficiency Action Network.

Dan Allegretti

As VP of State Government Affairs for Exelon, Dan Allegretti is responsible for the company's relationship with state and provincial governments across the northeastern US and Canada. At the federal level, he has served as a Director of Wholesale Energy Policy and has participated in a variety of proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

He has held leadership positions in numerous industry organizations, including NPCC, IPPNY, NEPGA, RESA, NECA, the New York ISO Management Committee, the Ontario IMO Markets Advisory Council and the Maine Energy Council, and has served two terms as the elected Chair of the New England Power Pool.

Dan holds a J.D. from Georgetown and a B.A. from Colby College.

Micah Remley

Micah Remley is EnerNOC's Senior Vice President of Product, responsible for guiding the development of EnerNOC's award-winning energy intelligence software.

In previous leadership roles in operations and implementation, Micah helped to scale EnerNOC's demand response and energy efficiency solutions to tens of thousands of customer sites representing almost 10 gigawatts of technology-enabled demand response capacity in markets around the world.

Micah holds a BS in Ecology with highest honors from the University of Maine and an MBA