

Speaker Bios

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Jonathan Abe

CEO and Founder, Sunwealth

Jon Abe is the CEO and Founder of Sunwealth, a company dedicated to financing and managing solar projects that foster clean energy and community benefit since April 2014. Prior to Sunwealth, Jon held a senior leadership role at Nexamp, Inc., where he supported the development and financing of more than 40 MW of commercial-scale solar projects. Jon was also General Manager of Nexamp Capital, overseeing a diverse portfolio of solar assets. Jon also worked for the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust where he developed and managed the \$68 million Commonwealth Solar program. Jon holds a BA from Cornell University.

Lakshmi Alagappan

Senior Partner, E3

Lakshmi Alagappan is a Senior Partner at Energy and Environmental Economics (E3), where she co-leads the firm's Integrated System Planning and Asset Valuation, Transmission, and Markets practices. In this role, she supports state agencies, utilities, developers, and investors in planning, financing, siting, and permitting assets needed for decarbonized power systems. Within these practice areas, Lakshmi advises clients on a broad set of issues including transmission and renewable planning, needs identification, siting and permitting strategy, cost allocation and recovery, and policy development. Lakshmi is currently overseeing E3's support for the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) renewable siting and permitting initiative, which is creating a comprehensive toolkit for local permitting authorities to streamline clean energy permitting. She was also the E3 study lead of an assessment of renewable energy siting and permitting best practices sponsored by the Clean Air Task Force, Natural Resources Defense Council, and The Nature Conservancy. Beyond siting and permitting, Lakshmi recently led an engagement for ERCOT evaluating methodologies to quantify the economic value of transmission and served as lead author of the NARUC-sponsored paper "Collaborative Enhancements to Unlock Interregional Transmission," which explored solutions to interregional planning, permitting, and operational barriers. Lakshmi holds an

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M.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering and a B.A. in Economics from Stanford University.

Philip Bartlett

Chair, Maine Public Utilities Commission

Philip L. Bartlett II, J.D., was appointed to the Maine Public Utilities Commission in June 2019 by Governor Janet Mills. Prior to his appointment, he practiced law with Scaccia, Bartlett & Chabot. He also served in the Maine Senate from 2004 to 2012 and was elected by his peers to serve as Senate Majority Leader from 2008 to 2010. Bartlett chaired the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee as well as the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future and he served on the Government Oversight Committee, Natural Resources Committee and Labor Committee. He taught micro and macroeconomics at the collegiate level. Chairman Bartlett holds a juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School. He completed his undergraduate work at Tufts University, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude majoring in Economics and Political Science.

Yewande Bayly

Energy Markets Supervisor, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Yewande Bayly is an Energy Markets Supervisor within the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Office of Public Participation. In this role she works with the markets team to develop education materials and outreach about the Commission's electric and market rulemakings, RTO/ISOs and others. She also supports constituents with participation matters at the Commission. Previously, she worked in the Commission's Office of Administrative Litigation. In this role she worked as a technical witness in settlements and litigated cases.

Shauna Beland

Director, Energy Programs and Policy, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources

Richard Bourgeois

Assistant Director, Innovation Partnerships, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

Richard Bourgeois, PE is the Assistant Director for Innovation Partnerships at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), working to build and sustain innovation ecosystems that accelerate the adoption of clean energy technologies.

He previously managed Innovation's Commercialization portfolio and led NYSERDA's efforts to establish the National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium. Prior to joining NYSERDA Richard worked as a research engineer, earning over twenty U.S. patents for advancements in solid oxide fuel cells, hydrogen electrolysis and grid-scale energy storage. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in New York State with an MS in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an undergraduate degree in engineering from Boston University.

Vero Bourg-Meyer

Deputy Director, Clean Energy States Alliance

Vero Bourg-Meyer (she/her) is the Senior Project Director for Solar and Offshore Wind at the Clean Energy States Alliance, where she leads CESA's work to support states' response to the IRA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund opportunities and the Offshore Wind Accelerator Project. Across this portfolio, she provides technical assistance to state energy agencies and green banks to design and launch new programs, including program documentation for states to support solar and solar+storage in low-income communities, standard plug-and-play program templates for states to deploy federal funding, guides and FAQs on a variety of topics from regulatory compliance to tax equity, and public comments to federal agencies to highlight the perspective of state agencies. Prior to CESA, Vero worked in various capacities at Yale University, including as Program Director for Clean Energy. At Yale, Vero built and managed a portfolio of clean energy programs, teams, and initiatives across the university to accelerate the financing and deployment of clean energy and build the capacity and knowledge of professional clean energy networks across the finance, policy, and technology landscape. Prior to Yale, Vero practiced law, successively at international law firms Gide Loyrette Nouel and Hogan Lovells, in their project finance teams, with a focus on the development of large-scale energy infrastructure and public-private partnerships, for governments, multilateral financial institutions, and private sector clients. Vero has advised clients on structuring roughly \$5.5 billion worth of infrastructure investments throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, and North-East Asia. She holds a Master of Environmental Management from Yale, with an environmental policy focus, a French DESS in International Trade Law (JD equivalent) from the Montpellier Law School in France, and a joint US LL.M/Chinese certificate from Tsinghua Law School in Beijing, China. Vero is a member of the New York bar and the Paris bar.

Thomas Bowen

Senior Researcher, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Forest Bradley Wright

State & Utility Program Director, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy

Scott Burger

Director, Business Development & Analytics, Form Energy

Sergio Carrillo

Clean Energy Incentive Programs, Connecticut Green Bank

Sergio joined the Connecticut Green Bank in 2020, where he manages the organization's incentive programs, including the Residential Solar Investment Program (RSIP) and Energy Storage Solutions Program. Prior to the Green Bank, Sergio was the Director of Corporate Development for Chesapeake Utilities Corporation where he led the development and implementation of renewable and sustainability strategies. His previous responsibilities included geographic market expansion, developing new business lines, services, and products, and coordinating and facilitating cross-functional teams. Prior to Chesapeake, he worked at Hess Corporation and Exelon Energy where he led retail and wholesale electricity pricing efforts. Before that he was at Chesapeake as their Manager of Rates, Contracts, and Regulatory Affairs. Sergio holds a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering, Masters in Engineering Management, M.Sc. in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering from Penn State University, and an MBA from Duke University – The Fuqua School of Business. He is also a Six Sigma Lean Black-Belt Professional.

Melissa Cheatham

Program Director, State Support Center, S2 Strategies

Reed Clay

President, Texas Nuclear Alliance

Reed Clay serves as President of the Texas Nuclear Alliance, the only industry association in Texas dedicated to the advancement of nuclear technology in the state. TNA was formed with a singular mission: to make Texas the Nuclear Capital of the World. TNA seeks to educate Texans on the advancements in nuclear technology, advocate for public policy changes to support our country's nuclear renaissance, and organize a growing grassroots army supporting nuclear technology. Reed founded the Texas Nuclear Alliance after recognizing that there was no single organization in Texas to advocate for the incredible advancements being made across the nuclear industry. Reed was formerly the Chief

Operating Officer of Texas under Governor Greg Abbott, where he worked daily alongside executive and legislative leadership to implement Governor Abbott's vision for the State of Texas. Reed has earned a reputation as a tireless worker who is trusted for his honest communication, strategic approach, and deep understanding of a broad range of industries and issues. He spent over a decade at the highest levels of government, and during that time gained a deep understanding of highly regulated industries and how government action impacts the bottom line. After leaving government service, Reed founded the highly successful government affairs consulting firm Crestline Group. The firm has successfully represented dozens of clients, from Fortune 50 companies to early-stage start-ups across a wide variety of industries. Reed's approach has led pundits inside Austin and outside of Texas to recognize him as one of the top public policy advocates in the State of Texas. Reed is also a founding partner of Clay Scott LLP, a boutique Texas law firm focused on administrative and regulatory law.

Claudio Clini

Policy Analyst, Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy

Claudio Kamaalewa Winchester Clini is Kanaka Māoli and grew up on O'ahu, Hawai'i. He is passionate about advancing self-governance for Native people and communities across North America and the Pacific. While obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy at the University of British Columbia, Claudio learned from renowned Indigenous scholars. Before joining the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy, Claudio interned at the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There, he gained a deep understanding of how Tribal Nations can leverage federal programs and funding and the barriers that prevent that money from reaching communities in need. Claudio will support the Alliance by combining his personal, academic, and professional experiences.

David Comis

Energy Program Manager, Maryland Energy Administration

David Comis spent 30 years in the US Navy, serving on surface ships, submarines and aircraft carriers, with assignments in the areas of operations, engineering, policy, and R&D. Later he then served as a consultant, supporting work of the U.S. Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP). David joined the Maryland Energy Administration in 2016, serving as a Senior Energy Program Manager focusing on solar, nuclear and grid reliability issues. A Fellow of the American Solar Energy Society, David has earned a BS in Control Systems Engineering from the US Naval Academy and an MS in

Energy Policy and Climate Change from Johns Hopkins University.

Paul Denholm

Principal Analyst, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Paul Denholm is a Senior Research Fellow at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. His research focuses on examining the technical and economic impacts of large-scale deployment of renewable electricity generation, and the role of energy storage. He holds a Ph.D. in energy analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Chris Deschene

Tribal Energy Attorney & Board Member, National Inter-Tribal Energy Council

Chris is a national leader well respected by his peers, tribal leaders, business leaders, and Indian Country. As a member of the Navajo Nation, Chris' military, public, and legal career and record stem from his core values of service and defense for the greater benefit of the communities he serves. Chris is the former Director for the Office of Indian Energy Policy & Programs, U.S. Department of Energy. Chris has over 20 years of leadership and management experience with extensive business, energy, natural resources, federal Indian law, and government affairs relationships. Chris is a federal Indian and tribal law expert. He continues to serve tribal communities and their partners throughout the United States by assisting tribal and non-tribal leaders find solutions to their complex energy, business and legal challenges. In 2005, Chris co-founded the Law Office of Schaff & Clark Deschene, LLC and established Deschene Consulting, LLC to practice as a tribal energy attorney for tribes and tribal entities throughout the United States. With his firms, Chris helped tribal communities develop much-needed infrastructure and economies with their natural and energy resources. He is quite familiar with small business considerations, rural economic development, and tribal and non-tribal politics regarding business, law, and government. He speaks nationally on tribal energy issues and help shaped nationally tribal policies that brought tribal and non-tribal partners together. Chris is a 1993 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and a 10-year U.S. Marine Corps veteran and officer of Marines (Major, USCMR ret.). He has a Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University College of Law and a Masters of Science Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from Arizona State University.

Sarah Duffy

Director of External Affairs, Illinois Power Agency

Sarah Duffy is the Director of External Affairs of the Illinois Power Agency (IPA), an independent state agency tasked with developing procurement plans and conducting energy, capacity, and renewables procurement events and developing solar energy incentive programs. Sarah joined the Agency as the Associate Legal Counsel in 2021. In this role, she aids in the development and preparation of procurement plans, particularly the biennial Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan, and any future planning processes. In addition, she serves as the legal team lead on the Illinois Solar for All program, DEI initiatives, and labor and prevailing wage issues. Prior to joining the IPA, Sarah worked in the state energy and climate policy space for over five years, most recently as the North American Government Affairs Manager for the Under2 Coalition, a global network of state and regional governments leading on climate action. She previously worked for Georgetown Climate Center and for the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and Environmental Law at the UCLA School of Law, where she was a Shapiro Fellow. Sarah holds a bachelor's degree from the Program in the Environment at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she also earned her JD.

Erin Ferrell

Solar For All Coordinator, Maine Governor's Energy Office

Erin joined the Maine Governor's Energy Office in December 2024, where she serves as the Solar For All Coordinator. Prior to joining the Governor's Energy Office, Erin worked in the City of Portland, Maine Sustainability Office where she led the implementation of Portland's Energy Benchmarking Program and worked on residential energy efficiency incentive programs. She also served two AmeriCorps service terms focused on energy efficiency for low-income households and municipal climate action planning in Maine. Erin earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Biology from the University of Dayton in Ohio.

Rob Gramlich

President, Grid Strategies

Rob Gramlich is President of Grid Strategies LLC, a Washington DC-based consultancy focused on transmission and power markets for a reliable, affordable, and sustainable power system. He co-founded Americans for a Clean Energy Grid, Working for Advanced Transmission Technologies (WATT Coalition), Advancing Modern Powerlines, the Macro Grid Initiative, and the Future Power Markets Forum. Rob has been invited to testify by both parties before Congress, FERC, and state agencies. He has earned awards from FERC as Exemplar of Public Service, the Energy Systems Integration Group for contributions to

market design and transmission planning, The Hill Magazine for lobbying, and the American Wind Energy Association for Technical Achievement. Rob previously oversaw transmission and power market policy for the American Wind Energy Association as SVP and Interim CEO, served as Economic Advisor to FERC Chairman Pat Wood III, and was Senior Economist at PJM Interconnection. Rob has a Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree from UC Berkeley and a BA with Honors in Economics from Colby College.

Sara Harari

Director of Innovation, Connecticut Green Bank

Sara Harari is the Director of Innovation at the Connecticut Green Bank. She leads a team that expands the Green Bank mission to deploy green infrastructure across Connecticut. Over the past year, the Innovation team has launched programs to electrify school buses and led internal strategy to operationalize funds awarded by the EPA through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. At the Green Bank, Sara co-chaired the Hydrogen Task Force and the Innovation Advisory Council. She is a founding board member of ClimateHaven, a climatetech incubator. Previously, Sara worked at National Grid to accelerate the adoption of clean energy, with a focus on advanced control technology and ensuring equitable access. She started her career as an energy engineer at Jacobs Engineering. Sara holds an MBA from the Yale School of Management, an MEM from the Yale School of the Environment, and a BS in Civil Engineering from Tufts University.

Angie Hatton

Chair, Kentucky Public Service Commission

Angie Hatton was appointed to the Public Service Commission and designated as Vice Chair in March 2023. She was then appointed as Chair on August 6, 2024. Her term expires July 1, 2025. Prior to her appointment, in addition to her private law practice, Chair Hatton served three terms representing Letcher, Pike and Harlan Counties in the Kentucky House of Representatives, and served the General Assembly as House Minority Whip. Much of her legislative work centered around energy and utility issues. She served on the House Standing Committee on Natural Resources and was appointed by the Speaker of the House to the Southern Legislators Conference Committee on Energy and Environment. Chair Hatton was named to the Kentucky Gazette's 50 Most Notable Women in 2019, named a KACO Outstanding County Advocate, awarded the Legislative Champion Award at the 2022 Senior Hunger Summit, given a Warrior for Working Families Award from the Working Families PAC, the Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative Henry Clay Award, the Cumberland Valley ADD Outstanding Advocate Award, the KCTC Outstanding Higher

Education Advocate and numerous other awards. She serves on the Board of Directors for Kentucky Youth Advocates, Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, Eastern Kentucky Red Cross, and Kentucky Community Farm Alliance among other nonprofit boards. Currently she serves on the Board of Directors for OPSI (Organization of PJM States) and on the Advisory Board for the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities. For NARUC, she serves on the Energy Resources and Environment Committee, the Electricity Committee and is Vice Chair of the NARUC Coal and Carbon Innovation Committee. After graduating from Eastern Kentucky University in 1994 with a degree in journalism, she worked as a newspaper reporter before earning her law degree at the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1999. Chair Hatton and her family reside in Whitesburg.

Christina Hayes

Executive Director, Americans for a Clean Energy Grid

Christina Hayes is Executive Director of Americans for a Clean Energy Grid (ACEG), representing a diverse coalition of utilities, customers, developers, environmental advocates, and labor interests who support the development of high-capacity transmission to expand and modernize the grid cost-effectively and reliably. While at ACEG, Christina has been a leading advocate for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) historic regional transmission planning rule, Order No. 1920. She's also pushed for reformed siting and permitting processes, increased funding mechanisms to support large-scale regional and interregional transmission projects, and improved interregional transmission planning and development, among other transmission-related issues. A regulatory energy attorney for 20 years, Christina previously served as Vice President for Federal Regulatory Affairs at Berkshire Hathaway Energy, an attorney at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for nearly a decade, including as an advisor to Chairman Wellinghoff, and as an administrative law judge at the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

Carrie Hearne

Executive Director, Virginia Commission on Electric Utility Regulation

Carrie Hearne serves as Executive Director at the Virginia Commission on Electric Utility Regulation. The CEUR is a 14-member Commission within the legislative branch of Virginia's state government, with the purpose of monitoring the State Corporation Commission's implementation of the Virginia Electric Utility Regulation Act and related energy system opportunities and barriers. Prior to joining the CEUR, Carrie spent nearly five years at the Virginia Department of Energy helping to advance energy affordability for Virginia's residents, model pathways to reach clean energy goals, and support local

government policy and permitting for clean energy. Carrie led the Commonwealth's successful applications for competitions including EPA Solar for All and US DOE's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships, as well as developments for the Home Energy Rebates and other federally funded programs. She supported the development of Governor Youngkin's Virginia Energy Plan, the rollout of Governor Northam's Virginia Clean Economy Act, and research on low- and moderate-income solar programs for the Clean Energy Advisory Board. Originally from rural West Virginia, Carrie moved to Virginia in 2019 after working for 15 years in sustainable business operations and clean energy policy in Portland, Oregon. She holds an MBA in sustainable systems and finance from Presidio Graduate School and a Bachelor's degree from Earlham College. She serves as Vice Chair for the Virginia Renewable Energy Alliance (VA-REA) and is a lifelong Senior Fellow of ELP, the Environmental Leadership Program. Carrie lives in a solar-powered home in Richmond, Virginia, with her two dogs Timber and Odie.

Wendolyn Holland

Sr Advisor, Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy

Anna Holmstead

Program Director, Utah Office of Energy Development

Anna Holmstead, a certified Project Management Professional, is the Program Director at the Utah Office of Energy Development, where she leads all federal and state grant programs. With a strong emphasis on delivering tangible benefits to the state and its residents, Anna manages the full lifecycle of these initiatives, including budget oversight, scheduling, risk assessment, and regulatory compliance. She also cultivates strong relationships with stakeholders across federal, state, and community organizations. Prior to her current role, Anna served as a Program and Marketing Manager at kW Engineering for six years. During her tenure, she served as the primary liaison between kW and multiple utilities, managed project delivery and documentation, and spearheaded the development of five distinct utility programs. Anna also led business development efforts, securing contracts for federal and state projects, energy action plans, and other energy services, and notably doubled the average contract award amount within one year of becoming marketing manager. Her proven leadership and strategic vision drive impactful results in the energy sector.

Daniel Hopper

Managing Director, Regulatory Policy, Southern California Edison

Dan Hopper is the managing director of Regulatory Policy at Southern California Edison. In this role, Dan leads an organization responsible for policy design and analysis of energy markets and integrated resource planning; climate policy and customer programs; and rate design, load research and revenue reporting. Under Dan's leadership, the Regulatory Policy teams lead SCE's engagement in proceedings across various state and federal agencies. With over 20 years of energy and engineering experience, Dan has held leadership roles in SCE's Energy Procurement & Management, Strategic Planning, and Customer Service organizations with a focus throughout his career on cost-effectively decarbonizing California's energy mix and improving grid reliability and resiliency. Dan holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno; a master's degree in economics from California State University, Fullerton; and an MBA from UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Hanna Jones

Project Director, Solar for All, Clean Energy States Alliance

Hanna (she/her) serves as CESA's Project Director for Solar for All. In this role, she supports state efforts to expand access to clean energy by coordinating and implementing projects that increase solar energy adoption in underserved communities. She works with state agencies to help them navigate and leverage federal funding opportunities aimed at solar energy expansion, such as those provided under the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA). Before joining CESA, Hanna worked at Sunrun as Senior Program Manager for Grid Services. There, she managed key initiatives to scale Virtual Power Plant programs across the United States and its territories. Her extensive experience includes launching Puerto Rico's first Virtual Power Plant (VPP), designing customer engagement strategies, and analyzing performance data for solar and battery storage technologies. Hanna holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Policy with a concentration in Energy and began her career in the solar industry working her way up from a Canvasser to a Senior position on the Grid Services team.

Gretchen Kershaw

Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Strategy, Grid Strategies LLC

Gretchen Kershaw is Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Strategy of Grid Strategies LLC. In this role, she leads the development of overall business strategy, manages the team of experts, oversees business operations and marketing initiatives, and serves as a senior consultant. She has extensive experience in the power sector, having worked for twelve years at FERC and nearly two years at DOE prior to joining Grid

Strategies. At DOE, she served as the Senior Advisor on Transmission in the Grid Deployment Office, where she received two consecutive Secretary's Honor Awards for her work on DOE's cross-cutting transmission programs. At FERC, she served as a Senior Legal Advisor to the General Counsel, focused on the agency's top priorities, including recent rulemakings on long-term transmission planning and cost allocation and generator interconnection. Prior to this role, she held a variety of positions at FERC, including as Legal Advisor to then-Commissioner Rich Glick, Managing Attorney in the General Counsel's Energy Markets Division, Law Clerk to Administrative Law Judges, and Law Clerk in the Office of Enforcement. Gretchen has a JD from American University Washington College of Law and a BA in Political Science from Wake Forest University.

Kathryn Kline

Sr. Technical Advisor, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Kathryn Kline is a Senior Technical Advisor in the Center for Partnerships & Innovation at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner (NARUC). CPI works to build relationships, develop resources, and deliver training to assist state commissions contending with complex current and emerging issues. Kathryn supports NARUC-DOE Partnerships associated with work on coal and carbon management, nuclear energy, natural gas, and load growth. Prior to joining the Center for Partnerships & Innovation, Kathryn worked as a Senior Research Associate at the National Regulatory Research Institute and as an Economic Development and Small Business Fellow in Congressman John Lewis's 5th District Office. Kathryn earned a B.A. in Politics from Converse University and a M.S. in Public Policy from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Jonathan Koomey

President, Koomey Analytics

Jonathan Koomey is president of Koomey Analytics and is one of the leading international experts on the economics of climate solutions and the energy and environmental effects of information technology. Dr. Koomey holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Energy and Resources Group at UC Berkeley, and an A.B. in History and Science from Harvard University. He was a staff scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory for many years and has been a visiting professor/researcher at Stanford University, Yale University, and the University of California at Berkeley. He is the author or coauthor of more than 200 articles and reports and ten books, including 'Turning Numbers into Knowledge: Mastering the Art of Problem Solving and Solving Climate Change: A Guide for Learners and Leaders'. More at www.koomey.com.

Peter Ledford

Deputy Secretary for Policy, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

Peter Ledford currently serves as Deputy Secretary for Policy at the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. Ledford previously served as North Carolina Clean Energy Director for Governor Roy Cooper where he worked to further the state's clean energy goals. Ledford has also served as General Counsel and Director of Policy at the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association where he served in various capacities between 2014 and 2022. Prior to his work at NCSEA, Ledford worked in the Research Division of the North Carolina General Assembly as a staff attorney and legislative analyst. Ledford is a member of the Board of Directors for the Advanced Energy Corporation and a recipient of Energy News Network's 40 Under 40 list. Ledford graduated from the University of North Carolina with a bachelor's degree in Geography and from the Wake Forest University School of Law.

Warren Leon

Executive Director, Clean Energy States Alliance

Warren Leon is Executive Director of the Clean Energy States Alliance. He oversees the organization's day-to-day operations and leads strategy development. He is also Project Director for the 100% Clean Energy Collaborative. He has written and edited many reports for CESA, including serving as lead author for Advice for States on 100% Clean Energy Planning and Solar with Justice: Strategies for Powering Up Under-Resourced Communities and Growing an Inclusive Solar Market. Prior to working for CESA, Warren was Director of the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust, Executive Director of the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, and Deputy Director for Programs at the Union of Concerned Scientists. He co-authored the influential book 'The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices'. He holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University. He serves on the board of the municipal utility in his hometown of Concord, Massachusetts.

Jeremy Lewis

Deputy Director, Energy Conservation and Management, New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Zeyneb Magavi

Executive Director, HEET

Zeyneb joined HEET in 2016 to collaboratively lead the Large Volume Leak Study which rapidly changed state policy and reduced methane emissions. Zeyneb then pioneered the concept of gas utilities delivering decarbonization through networked geothermal heat pumps, launching Gas to Geo and transforming HEET into a national thought leader for the thermal energy transition. Zeyneb also serves as guest faculty at the Harvard School of Public Health, guest lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management, and as a Senior Policy Advisor to the World Bank. Before entering the sustainability world, Zeyneb led the development of several technological solutions to health challenges in the developing world, and helped launch two start-ups. Zeyneb studied physics at Brown University and later studied global health and then sustainability at Harvard University. She is committed to creating and driving forward compassionate, multi-disciplinary and innovative solutions to the urgent challenge of climate change.

Keith Martin

Co-Head of Projects, United States, Norton Rose Fulbright

Keith Martin is a deal lawyer whose principal areas of practice are tax and project finance. He acted for 258 companies last year. He also lobbies Congress and the Treasury Department on policy issues. The prestigious Chambers directory has called him a "preeminent authority on tax structurings in the US" and gives him its sole "star" ranking among US renewable energy lawyers. Keith is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the New York State Bar.

Will McNamara

Grid Energy Storage Policy Analyst, Sandia National Laboratories

Will McNamara is the Principal Investigator for the Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) National Consortium, representing Sandia National Laboratories as the lead lab for this effort. The LDES National Consortium is a DOE-funded initiative through which stakeholders across the LDES ecosystem can convene to identify barriers, determine potential synergies, and collaboratively develop and implement strategies necessary to achieve LDES technology commercialization within the next decade. Will serves as Grid Energy Storage Policy Analyst for Sandia National Laboratories with a focus on energy storage policy development at the federal and state levels. Will has spent his entire 30-year career in the energy and utilities industry with a concentration on regulatory and legislative policy. He has served as a lobbyist in California and has represented major utilities across the U.S. in numerous jurisdictions in proceedings pertaining to integrated resource planning, procurement, cost recovery, rate design, and the development of policymaking

best practices. Will's areas of subject matter expertise, in addition to LDES policy, include distributed energy resources, AMI/smart grid, renewables, and competitive retail markets.

Jonathan Morgenstein

Senior Project Manager, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Corrin Moss

Program Manager, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

Seth Mullendore

President, Clean Energy Group

Seth Mullendore is president and executive director of Clean Energy Group (CEG), where he oversees the organization's mission to advance energy justice and catalyze innovative energy strategies to address the climate crisis. He previously served as vice president and a project director for CEG, leading efforts to enable greater access to the benefits of solar PV and battery storage technologies for low-income communities and communities of color and working with community-based partners to phase out polluting power plants with clean alternatives. Seth is a contributing author to the 2022 book "Environmental Justice and Resiliency in an Age of Uncertainty," which examines various current environmental issues including energy justice. Prior to joining CEG, Seth served as a Sustainable Energy Fellow with Union of Concerned Scientists and worked with Maine Clean Communities to advance clean transportation initiatives. Before shifting careers to focus on energy and equity, Seth worked in the technology sector where he founded and managed a web development and online engagement company specializing in outreach services for colleges and universities. Seth holds a M.S. in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Stanford University and a B.S. in Geosciences from the University of Southern Maine.

Angela Navarro

President, ALN Policy and Law, LLC

Angela Navarro is the President of ALN Policy and Law, where she counsels energy companies, tech companies, non-profits, and foundations on complex regulatory and policy issues in markets across the country. Previously, she served as the Head of Regulatory Affairs at Arcadia, where she led the energy technology company's state-level policy and regulatory program. Before these roles, Angela spent eight years in state government, including as a Commissioner on the Virginia State Corporation Commission,

which is the body that regulates the investor-owned utilities in Virginia. Issues that arose during her time on the Commission included implementing grid modernization, renewable portfolio standard compliance, energy efficiency portfolio investments, rate cases, and a variety of other subject matters. Prior to her time as a Commissioner, Angela served as a senior advisor across two Governor's offices in Virginia. First, she served as Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources under Governor Terry McAuliffe, where she advised on energy and environmental policies. She then served as Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade under Governor Ralph Northam, where she was the Governor's lead energy policy advisor and supported the Administration on housing, small business, and other economic development priorities. Before entering government service, Angela practiced law with the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC). While at SELC, she led the organization's energy efficiency practice across a six-state southeastern region, and she was the organization's lead attorney on energy matters in Virginia. Angela holds degrees in business and English from the University of Florida and a law degree from Georgetown Law.

Galen Nelson

Mass Clean Energy Center

Galen is the Senior Director of Innovation and Industry Support at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center where he leads a team focused on providing targeted, strategic, and timely resources to help clean energy companies and entrepreneurs develop technologies, move closer to commercialization and market growth. Galen focuses primarily on emerging markets including microgrids, energy storage, grid edge technologies, and energy resilience. Prior to joining the MassCEC, Galen led clean energy business development efforts at the City of Boston. Galen has over 10 years' experience developing programs and policies at the city and state level often at the intersection of urban planning, economic development, and clean energy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Colby College.

Spencer Nelson

Form Energy

Tamara Ogle

Extension Educator, Purdue University

Tamara Ogle is a Community Development Regional Educator for Purdue Extension. She specializes in civic engagement, local government and land use issues. She coordinates statewide programs including On Local Government and Facilitative Leadership and teaches the a national non-credit course for community coaches. Tamara also teaches

sessions for community leadership programs around the state and facilitates community forums and group decision-making processes. Tamara also teaches and conducts research on community land use planning issues.

Todd Olinsky-Paul

Senior Project Director for Energy Storage, Clean Energy States Alliance

At CESA, Todd directs the Energy Storage Technology Advancement Partnership (ESTAP), which aims to accelerate large scale electrical energy storage deployment through collaborative efforts between state energy agencies, US DOE Office of Electricity and Sandia National Laboratories. Todd is also the CESA lead for state energy storage policy support, directing CESA's members' Energy Storage Working Group (ESWG), conducting independent research and analysis on state energy storage policymaking, and providing direct policy and program support to state energy agencies engaged in developing energy storage policies, programs and regulation. His recent work has focused on virtual power plants, battery storage as an efficiency measure, the economics of energy storage, and the equitable incorporation of solar+storage into state clean energy policy and programs. Todd holds an M.S. in Environmental Policy from Bard College and a B.A. from Brown University.

Stacey Paradis

Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission

Stacey Paradis was appointed to the Illinois Commerce Commission by Governor JB Pritzker on April 3, 2023 and has been confirmed for a five-year term. She serves as co-Vice Chair of NARUC's Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and is a member of NARUC's Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal Committee and EV State Working Group. She was named to the NARUC Natural Gas Resource Planning Task Force and also serves on the Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative and the NASEO-NARUC GEB Working Group. Ms. Paradis brings more than 25 years of experience in government relations, public affairs, and non-profit management. Most recently, she served as the Executive Director of the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA), where she led the organization, oversaw the budget and 25+ person staff. She was responsible for the organization's Strategic Action Plan, mission, and vision, as well as managing the MEEA Board of Directors. Previously, Ms. Paradis was a Government Relations and Policy Consultant for the YMCA of the USA managing the state and local advocacy programs for states in the Midwest and South. Earlier in her career, she was the Director of Public Affairs for Orbitz LLC leading the issues management team as the organization underwent reviews by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Transportation. She started her career in Chicago working with the Chicagoland

Chamber of Commerce as a Government Relation Manager responsible for the organization's work in environment, transportation, and economic development. While in graduate school in Washington DC, she worked on Capitol Hill and for the Embassy of Australia. Ms. Paradis is a leader in her field, serving as President of the Illinois Environmental Council Education Fund and a member of the Finance Committee from 2015-2022. In 2017, she received the Damen Award from Loyola University Chicago for the Institute for Environmental Sustainability. She currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the Illinois Regulatory Policy Studies Institute at Illinois State University. Ms. Paradis earned a Masters' degree in Public Administration (MPA) from the George Washington University and a bachelor's degree (BA) in political science from Loyola University Chicago. She lives in Chicago's West Lakeview neighborhood with her husband and two sons.

Ben Paulos

Head, PaulosAnalysis

Bentham Paulos is the principal of PaulosAnalysis, providing consulting on energy policy, advocacy, communications, and research. He is also the co-creator of The Incentive Finder, a Web tool that helps California customers find the clean energy incentives they are specifically eligible for, based on location and income. (See Govcentives.com.) Clients have included government agencies, non-profits, foundations, research and consulting firms, trade associations, and media. Paulos works as Senior Research Associate with the Clean Energy States Alliance and as an Affiliate in the Electricity Markets & Policy Group at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. He serves on the board of Solar United Neighbors.

Alisa Petersen

Federal Policy Manager, Rocky Mountain Institute

Alisa is the Federal Policy Manager on RMI's US Program team. She works closely with technoeconomic experts across RMI to ensure federal climate policy is designed with the best available information. While Alisa oversees all of RMI's federal policy work, her areas of expertise include carbon-free buildings, renewables, and sustainable urbanization. Alisa has been with RMI for over five years. Before joining the US Program, she worked on both the Urban Transformation team and the Carbon-Free Buildings team at RMI. Through this work, Alisa was able to work directly with cities, corporations, and developers on meeting their renewable and building efficiency/electrification goals. Prior to joining RMI, Alisa worked for Seventhwave, a nonprofit energy efficiency company in Madison, Wisconsin, where she served as an Energy Engineer and Project Manager. At Seventhwave, Alisa provided technical assistance to building owners and design teams to help inform a more

energy-efficient building design. She also researched and wrote publications on building energy conservation measures including demand control kitchen ventilation, high-efficiency refrigerated display cases, lighting task tuning, and cold climate facades. Alisa has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Engineering for Energy Sustainability from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Cammy Peterson

Deputy Director of Energy Systems, Innovation, and Strategy, California Energy Commission

Cammy Peterson is the Deputy Director of Energy Systems, Innovation, and Strategy at the California Energy Commission (CEC). Since joining the CEC in 2023, she has helped lead the Research and Development Division to deploy over \$250 million annually in energy storage, building decarbonization, advanced grid technologies, transportation electrification, and early-stage scientific approaches and technology innovations to meet the state's ambitious clean energy and climate goals. She works to advance transformative RD&D funding efforts, including the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) and Long-Duration Energy Storage programs. Prior to the CEC, Ms. Peterson directed the Clean Energy Department at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), a regional government agency in Boston. She launched MAPC's net zero planning practice, helped form the groundbreaking Metro Mayors Coalition Climate Taskforce, and spearheaded an innovative green community choice aggregation program and resilient cooling program, among others. She was appointed by Governor Baker to the statewide Commission on Clean Heat and served for five years on the state's Energy Efficiency Advisory Council, among other appointments, during her tenure. Prior to Massachusetts, Ms. Peterson managed the energy, environmental, and transportation policy and legislative portfolios for a New York State Assemblymember. She holds a Master's degree from Tufts University and Bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Harvard University. Ms. Peterson lives in San Diego, CA with her family.

Damian Pitt

Associate Director of Policy and Community Engagement, Virginia Commonwealth University Institute for Sustainable Energy and Environment

Dr. Damian Pitt is an Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Studies and Planning, in the School of Government and Public Affairs at VCU. His research focuses on the role of state and local governments in facilitating a transfer to clean and renewable energy sources. He has written numerous academic articles and professional reports, including studies for the Virginia Division of Mines, Minerals and Energy, the City of Richmond's

Office of Sustainability and the Richmond Region Energy Alliance (RREA). His most recent publications have addressed the value of distributed solar energy to the electric grid, and opportunities to maximize that value through local planning and state energy policy.

Dylan Poindexter

Technical Systems Analyst, Sandia National Laboratories

Dylan Poindexter is a Technical Systems Analyst at Sandia National Laboratories, focusing on energy storage policy analysis and development. He formerly operated in a Business Development role supporting the Energy Storage and Grid Reliability program since he joined Sandia in 2020. Prior to this, Dylan's area of expertise focused on the legal field with expertise in intellectual property, copyright protections, and trademarks. As of 2021, he holds an MBA in Strategic Management and Policy from the University of New Mexico.

Sean Porse

Data, Modeling, and Analysis Lead U.S. Department of Energy, Geothermal Technologies Office

Sean Porse is the Data, Modeling, and Analysis Program Lead with the U.S. Department of Energy's Geothermal Technologies Office (GTO), where he leads GTO's efforts in identifying the value of geothermal energy in a rapidly decarbonizing grid, crafting strategic research and analysis that informs and prioritizes GTO RD&D investments, as well as cultivating technology collaboration opportunities across DOE. Sean also leads the GTO American-Made Geothermal Manufacturing Prize, a \$4.65 million competition that seeks to leverage technologies like additive manufacturing to catalyze geothermal manufacturing innovation. Prior to his current role at GTO, Sean served as a Special Assistant at the White House Office of Management and Budget, a research scientist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, as well as a policy and regulatory specialist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He holds a Masters in geology from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelors in geology and environmental science from James Madison University.

Francisco Ralston Fonseca

Climate and Energy Analyst, Electric Power Research Institute

Francisco Ralston Fonseca is a Climate and Energy Analyst in the Energy Systems and Climate Analysis group at EPRI. Before joining EPRI, Francisco worked as a Researcher at the Department of Engineering and Public Policy (EPP) at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), where he focused on modeling and analyzing climate-induced impacts in the power

sector. Francisco also worked for seven years as an energy analyst at Power System Research (PSR), a provider of technological solutions and consulting services for the energy sector in Brazil. At PSR, Francisco worked with regulatory and economic-financial analysis of generation assets, and the development of decision-support models used for energy auction bidding and for optimization of renewable energy portfolios in Brazil. Francisco holds a BS and MS in Electrical Engineering at PUC-Rio (Brazil), a MS in Operations Research at Columbia University, and a PhD in Engineering and Public Policy at CMU.

Josh Rogers

Energy Systems Fellow, Great Plains Institute

Josh Rogers is an Energy Systems Fellow at the Great Plains Institute (GPI), a nonprofit organization that brings together experts and stakeholders to develop pragmatic, nonpartisan energy solutions that benefit communities, the economy, and the environment. At GPI, Josh researches siting and permitting challenges for high-voltage transmission projects nationwide. His forthcoming report—based on more than 110 in-person interviews across 13 states—highlights best practices and policies to strengthen collaboration between developers and local stakeholders. Designed as a practical resource, the report supports policymakers, developers, and community members navigating transmission development. Josh graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University and lives in Washington, D.C.

Prantik Saha

New Energy Consultant, Black & Veatch Corporation

Dr. Prantik Saha is a strategy and management consultant at Black & Veatch with expertise in energy storage, green hydrogen, low-carbon fuels, and carbon capture technologies. With 6+ years of scientific research (R&D) and 2+ years of clean energy consulting experience, he advises clients by doing conceptual project design, feasibility analysis, technical due diligence, independent technology assessment (bankability), and integrated resource planning (IRP). His clientele includes electric and natural gas utilities, independent power producers, technology manufacturers, and investors.

Elizabeth Salerno

Principal, GQS New Energy Strategies

Liz is a seasoned expert in energy policy, market analysis, and transmission regulatory reform with 20 years of experience across non-profit, government, and private sectors. As Principal at GQS New Energy Strategies, she advises clients on transforming energy market rules, facilitating new transmission and generation technologies, and navigating the FERC and RTO landscapes. Prior to GQS, Liz spent 6 years at FERC, serving as Lead Advisor for Chairman Rich Glick where she spearheaded reforms on the interconnection queue and regional transmission planning that were pivotal in shaping Order No. 2023 and Order No. 1920. She also was an economic advisor to then-Commissioner Glick focused on markets in MISO, SPP, CAISO and the non-RTO-west. Before joining FERC, Liz worked at Siemens in the wind and gas divisions serving as a lead on business strategy and policy. Liz began her career at the American Wind Energy Association (now American Clean Power Association) where she led efforts on industry data and policy analysis. Liz resides in Charlottesville, Virginia with her family.

Simon Sandler

Researcher, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Simon Sandler is a researcher at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in the Complex Decision Analysis group. He has been at NREL for 2 years and has over 5 years of combined experience working in techno-economic and policy analysis of renewable energy (solar, storage, energy efficiency, wind, and more) in both the public and private sector. He has an engineering background, obtaining a B.S. in civil engineering before getting his M.S. in Sustainable Energy Systems. His current work at NREL is focused on policy and modeling of distributed solar and storage. Projects he works on include the National Community Solar Partnership+, Federal Energy Management Program, and the Environmental Protection Agency's Solar For All program.

Sam Schacht

Project Director, Clean Energy States Alliance

Sam Schacht is a CESA Project Director, leading the Offshore Wind Accelerator and Member Services. He is passionate about making clean energy affordable, accessible, and beneficial to everyone, especially disadvantaged and under-invested communities. At CESA, Sam is interested in how community engagement efforts can improve clean energy project development. Previously, Sam worked at Groundswell, a solar developer based in Washington, DC, where he managed subscriber engagement and support for Groundswell's community solar projects and the DC Department of Energy and Environment's Solar for All program. He worked with a wide range of government offices,

community-based organizations, and individuals committed to equitable clean power. He holds a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Rochester, with minors in Sustainability, Anthropology, and German. Outside of work, Sam loves reading, hiking, and all things soccer. He supports Arsenal in the English Premier League.

Beth Soholt

Executive Director, Clean Grid Alliance

Beth Soholt is the Executive Director of the non-profit organization Clean Grid Alliance¹ (CGA). CGA is the Midwest's premier organization focused on driving the development of renewable energy² by applying technical and public policy expertise, expanding renewable energy markets and building support for clean energy in the Midwest. Launched in 2001, CGA members include non-profit clean energy and environmental advocacy organizations, wind, solar, and storage developers, wind turbine manufacturers, and businesses that provide goods and services to the renewable energies industries. The CGA footprint covers nine³ states that stretch from the Dakotas to Indiana and Michigan to Missouri. CGA is also working in MISO South states including Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Beth serves on the CGA board of directors and is responsible for setting strategic direction for the organization at the state and regional levels, fundraising, developing key relationships and guiding CGA staff in day-to-day work. She holds a seat on the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Advisory Committee representing the Environmental Sector. Beth holds a law degree from Hamline University Law School, St. Paul, Minnesota, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

David Springe

Executive Director, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates Inc

David Springe is the Executive Director of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). NASUCA's 61 member offices represent the interests of utility consumers in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Barbados, Puerto Rico, and Jamaica. Prior to assuming his duties at NASUCA in 2015, Mr. Springe served for thirteen years as Consumer Counsel for the Kansas Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB), the statutory advocate for residential and small commercial utility customers in proceedings before the Kansas Corporation Commission, Kansas courts, and the Kansas legislature. Mr. Springe spent nine years as an economist and expert witness for both CURB and the Kansas Corporation Commission before taking over as Consumer Counsel at CURB. While at CURB Mr. Springe was active in NASUCA, serving as President from 2007-2009, and he continues to represent consumer interests on numerous advisory boards, task forces and

working groups. Mr. Springe received his M.A. in Economics and Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas.

Jason Stanek

Executive Director, PJM Interconnection

Jason M. Stanek is the Executive Director for Governmental Services at PJM Interconnection, LLC. He most recently served as Chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission from 2018 to 2023. Before that, he was Senior Counsel to the Energy Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Energy and Commerce where he advised on matters involving national energy policy, with specific focus on electricity issues and the operations of the regional power markets. He also served in senior positions at FERC, advising both a Chairman and Commissioner. Jason received a law degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a bachelor's degree from Tulane University. He also completed studies at American University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Karen Stewart

Renewable Energy Fund Manager, Rhode Island Commerce

Jenny Sumner

Group Manager - Modeling & Analysis, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

Emile Thompson

Chairman, District of Columbia Public Service Commission

Emile C. Thompson was appointed to the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia by Mayor Muriel Bowser in 2021 and re-appointed as Interim Chairman on December 1, 2021. He was confirmed as Chairman on June 7, 2022. Before the Commission, Chairman Thompson was an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, serving as a Deputy Chief. He has also served as a Principal Member of the D.C. Water Board of Directors since 2016. Chairman Thompson began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable (Ret.) Herbert B. Dixon, Jr. of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He also served as a senior advisor to the Mayoral Administrations of Vincent Gray and Muriel Bowser. Chairman Thompson is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Board of Directors (NARUC), representing public service commissions that regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. He serves as Co-Chair of the Commission

Chairs Council, which provides a forum for Commission Chairs to discuss pertinent issues that affect Commission's nationwide. In addition, he serves as Vice Chair of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure and is a member of the NARUC Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Financial Research Institute and the Critical Consumer Issues Forum. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Organization of PJM Staes, Inc., and the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Board of Directors. Chairman Thompson graduated from Morehouse College with a degree in Computer Science and minors in Math and Biology. He obtained his law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law. Born in Washington, D.C., Chairman Thompson resides with his wife and children. He is active in the D.C. community, serving as a board member of the Abramson Scholarship Foundation and a former board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington. He is also an adjunct professor at American University Washington College of Law.

Rob Thormeyer

Director of State, International, & Tribal Affairs Division, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Rob Thormeyer serves as Director of the State, International, and Tribal Affairs Division (SITA) within FERC's Office of External Affairs. In this role, Thormeyer directs the Commission's engagement with state, international, and Tribal government officials. SITA coordinates and centralizes the interaction and communication between FERC and government agencies, domestic and foreign, through briefings, events, email distribution, and much more. Prior to joining FERC in September 2021, Thormeyer served as Vice President of Communications and Advocacy at the Utilities Technology Council, an international trade association representing the telecom and technology needs of electric, water, and natural gas utilities. Before that, from March 2015-August 2017, Thormeyer served as a Strategic Advisor to former Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Member Colette D. Honorable. From November 2006-March 2015, Thormeyer served as Director of Communications at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Thormeyer began his career as a journalist.

Ryan Trauley

Energy Program Manager - Energy Efficiency and Electrification, Maryland Energy Administration

Bruce Tsuchida

Principal, The Brattle Group

Mr. T. Bruce Tsuchida is a principal of The Brattle Group and has more than thirty years of experience in domestic and international power generation development, utility operations, and energy market analysis. He specializes in bridging technology, economics, and regulatory policy, particularly in assessing the impact of new technologies and regulatory changes. His expertise, largely in the electricity industry (and in the natural gas industry), includes integration studies for intermittent resources such as wind and solar power, storage technologies, operational logic studies, ancillary service studies, new load studies, and analyses required for regulatory proceedings. His work associated with regulatory proceedings includes cost benefit analyses, such as evaluating new technologies and the resource portfolio, as well as cost of service studies and rate design. He has analyzed and modeled market restructuring for the energy industry and power systems and evaluated utility business model options associated with the change in markets (structural changes through deregulation or varying cost allocation methods, and landscape changes such as increase in renewables, change in fuel requirements, or evolving load types). Mr. Tsuchida holds two M.S. degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and the other in Technology and Policy. He holds a B.E. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan.

April Wade

Executive Director, Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium

April Wade is the Executive Director of the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium (VNEC) and the founder and President of Wade Strategic Communications (WSC), a public affairs firm. As E.D. for VNEC, Wade represents the nuclear industry in the commonwealth, advocating for additional opportunities in commercial power, nuclear medicine, academic research, and defense applications of nuclear energy. WSC works with corporate and non-profit clients to develop goal-oriented strategies for navigating the state and federal political processes and communicating with stakeholder audiences. With 30 years of experience as a Public Affairs practitioner, April has worked with clients ranging from oil and gas services firms, the nuclear power industry, rare earth mining, local and county governments, and women's causes. Prior to founding Wade Strategic Communications, April served as the Communications Director for Louisiana Energy Services (LES/URENCO) on the National Enrichment Facility – the first major nuclear facility to be licensed in more than 30 years and the first ever to receive a combined construction and operating license from the Nuclear Regulatory Committee. April lives in Northern Virginia with her husband and their two children.

Jessica Waldorf

Chief of Staff and Director of Policy Implementation, New York State Department of Public Service

Jessica Waldorf serves as the Chief of Staff & Director of Policy Implementation at the New York State Department of Public Service where she is responsible for the development and implementation of regulatory policies in the areas of clean energy, utility regulation, and market innovation. She also recently served as the Interim Executive Director of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (ORES) where she was responsible for the siting of large-scale renewable energy generation projects and major electric transmission facilities. Prior to joining DPS, Ms. Waldorf served as Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy at the Office of the Governor of New York State where she oversaw operations for the energy agencies and authorities in the State, including administrative, budget, legislative, program, and policy priorities. She also held prior roles at the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). She has over seventeen years of experience working on complex clean energy initiatives in New York, including energy affordability, climate finance, transmission development, energy system planning, large-scale renewable technologies, workforce development, clean transportation, and building decarbonization and energy efficiency.

Kyle Wallace

Vice President of Public Policy & Government Affairs, PosiGen

Kyle Wallace is the Vice President of Public Policy & Government Affairs at PosiGen, a renewable energy developer, and the Chair of the Solar Energy Industries Association's Residential Solar & Storage Division. In this role, Kyle works with state policymakers and utility commissions to help shape energy policies that ensure equitable access to solar for all. Prior to joining PosiGen, Kyle was Director of Public Policy for the northeast at Sunrun and was also a board member of the New York Solar Energy Industries Association. Before Sunrun, he held multiple positions at Vivint Solar where he engaged in public policy and government affairs and helped expand the company into new markets. He was also a contributor to Utah State University's Energy Policy Initiative. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science from Utah State University and a Bachelor's degree from Colorado Mesa University.

Leah M Wilkes

Financial Programs Project Planner, Minnesota State Energy Office, Commerce Department

Anita Wilson

IRA Rebates Project Manager, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Anita has over 17 years of experience in the energy industry. She supported electric transmission line and substation project teams for an investor-owned utility and served as a facilitator for an electric utility industry association. Anita has recently joined the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority's Energy Resources Division. Her primary role is to manage Georgia's Home Energy Rebates. Anita graduated with her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History/Secondary Education from Longwood University. She also received her Paralegal Studies Certification from University of Richmond - School of Professional & Continuing Studies.

Pete Wyckoff

Deputy Commissioner for Energy, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Pete Wyckoff leads the Energy Resources Division at the Minnesota Department of Commerce, including the Offices of Energy Affordability, Energy Development, Regulatory Affairs, and Energy Reliability & Security. He has worked closely with the Governor's Office and Legislature to coordinate efforts to bring millions in federal clean energy funds to Minnesota. Prior to joining Commerce, Wyckoff served as Senior Policy Advisor for Energy for U.S. Senator Tina Smith. He also worked for former U.S. Senator Al Franken and at the U.S. Department of Energy during his time in Washington, DC. Wyckoff is an environmental scientist by training and an emeritus professor of the University of Minnesota Morris.

Anna Ziai

Project Director of Federal Initiatives, Clean Energy States Alliance

Anna Ziai (she/they) serves as CESA's Project Director of Federal Initiatives. Her work supports the 100% Clean Energy Collaborative by helping states understand and implement the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA), including advising them of the most relevant funding opportunities and on the implications of their implementation. Anna is a licensed attorney admitted to the Oregon State Bar. Before beginning at CESA, Anna served the Sierra Club's federal Environmental Law Program, where she researched and drafted memoranda, briefs, and formal comments under a wide

range of federal environment legislation. Anna also researched and reported on the causal relationship between high energy insecurity for Black households and access to weatherization and energy efficiency programs in the South. Prior to the Sierra Club, Anna earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in June 2021. Anna completed associate positions with major law firms and worked with the UChicago Abrams Environmental Law Clinic. She helped spearhead cases under federal environmental legislation for clients such as the Center for Biological Diversity. She also led cases before the Michigan Public Service Commission representing Soulardarity, a frontline community organization working to bring community solar to low-income and people of color communities in Highland Park, Michigan.