

## NECBC Energy Conference: Speaker Bios

**Day 1, November 12, 2020**

### Introduction of Keynote Speaker

**Robert “Bob” Kump**, was appointed to the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer and President of AVANGRID in June 2019. In this role, Bob leads the company’s accelerated growth strategy, ensuring the successful execution of the company’s strategic plan. Previously, Bob served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Avangrid Networks, Inc. where he oversaw AVANGRID’s eight electric and gas utilities serving approximately 3.2 million customers across New York and New England. With more than thirty years of experience in the utility industry, Bob has held a number of executive positions in finance, treasury and investor relations with AVANGRID.

Bob serves on the Advisory Council for Binghamton University Watson School of Engineering, and recently joined the Red Cross Board of Directors in Connecticut. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Binghamton University and is a Certified Public Accountant in New York State.

### Keynote Speaker –

**Gil C. Quiniones**, has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York Power Authority (NYPA), the nation's largest state-owned electric utility, since 2011. He is responsible for developing and implementing the statewide utility's strategic vision and mission and for supervising its operations, legal and financial matters and relationships with external stakeholders.

Under his leadership, NYPA is currently playing a key role in the Governor's Reforming the Energy Vision initiative to use market forces and new technology to empower customers and encourage the growth of clean renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Mr. Quiniones is Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Alliance to Save Energy and serves on the Boards of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the Large Public Power Council. He is also NYPA's principal representative to the American Public Power Association, from which he received the Alex Radin Distinguished Service Award in 2017.

Quiniones was also named as the 2017 Smart Electric Power Alliance Power Player of the Year, an award that recognizes those on the front lines of energy transformation in the United States.

Mr. Quiniones was Co-Chair of the New York Energy Highway Task Force, which helped carry out Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's vision for reimagining New York State's energy system through partnerships between the public and private sectors. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute in 2015, the electric power industry's international research and development organization.

Before joining NYPA in 2007 as Executive Vice President of Energy Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Mr. Quiniones served in several positions in the administration of New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, including more than four years as Senior Vice President of Energy and

Telecommunications. He previously worked for Con Edison for 16 years and was one of four co-founders of Con Edison Solutions, the utility's unregulated energy services company.

### **1:35 – 2:40 p.m. | Session 1: Setting the Stage: The Outlook for Building a Cleaner and More Secure Energy System**

#### *Moderator:*

**John Gulliver**, a Senior Partner and Head of the International Group, Pierce Atwood LLP  
John Gulliver is a senior partner at Pierce Atwood and head of the firm's International Group. For over ten years, he was also head of the Energy Practice Group, and was a longtime member of the Management Committee. John's experience involves literally all elements of legal and regulatory power sector issues, having represented clients on a broad range of energy sector transactions, policy issues, financing, mergers and acquisitions, privatization, competition, and regulatory reform matters.

John has worked throughout the United States and in over 50 countries, including the Mideast, Europe, Central and South America, Asia, Central Asia, and Africa, applying his skills and experience to projects involving infrastructure investment in electric transmission, distribution, and generation; renewable energy development, including solar, hydro, wind, and geothermal; nuclear project financing, ratemaking, and decommissioning; project development and finance, BOT transmission planning, transmission support and interconnection agreements; energy efficiency and sustainable development; climate change and CO2 offset trading; gas sector regulation, pipelines, and retail distribution; power pools, power markets, market design and cross-border trading; complex corporate and commercial transactions; international project finance and development.

#### *Panelists:*

**Gordon van Welie**, is President and Chief Executive Officer of ISO New England Inc., having previously served as the company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He joined ISO New England from Siemens Power Transmission & Distribution LLC, 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, Mr. van Welie held several positions at ESKOM, South Africa's electric utility based in Johannesburg. Mr. van Welie is a member of a number of 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 (NERC), 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.

**Bill Quinlan**, President, Transmission, Eversource Energy. Bill Quinlan was promoted to President of Transmission in December 2019. In his new role, Quinlan oversees all operations and development of the energy company's transmission system in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, with a focus on facilitating the integration of new clean

energy resources. Quinlan first joined Eversource—previously Northeast Utilities—in 1984, and gained extensive experience spanning across his career in the company’s operations, policy, legal, regulatory, technology, and business development. As President of New Hampshire Operations from 2013 to 2019, Quinlan led Eversource’s efforts with the State of New Hampshire and other key stakeholders to reach a settlement agreement on the deregulation of the state’s electric utility industry and establish an enhanced reliability program, then successfully oversaw the sale of the company’s generation facilities; championed energy efficiency, battery storage, electric vehicles, and other clean energy innovations; and continued to demonstrate Eversource New Hampshire’s leadership in employee volunteerism, economic development, and community engagement, including leading Eversource’s partnership with Easterseals New Hampshire on their highly successful Walk+5K Run.

**James Robb** assumed the role of president and chief executive officer of NERC in April 2018. Mr. Robb oversees NERC’s mission of assuring the reliability and security of the North American bulk power system. As president and CEO, Mr. Robb directs key programs affecting more than 1,400 bulk power system owners, operators, and users, including mandatory NERC Reliability Standards, compliance monitoring, enforcement, situational awareness, event and risk analysis, reliability assessments and forecasting, cyber and physical security, and government relations. Mr. Robb also oversees the operations of the Regional Entities who support the reliability mission across North America. From 2014 to 2018, Mr. Robb served as president and CEO of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) where he was responsible for the strategic direction and leadership of all of WECC’s activities.

Mr. Robb has more than 30 years of experience in the energy sector as an engineer, a consultant, and a senior executive. Prior to becoming WECC’s CEO in 2014, he held three major leadership roles in the industry at Northeast Utilities (now Eversource Energy) as senior vice president of Enterprise Planning and Development; at Reliant Energy (now part of NRG Energy) where he served as senior vice president of Retail Marketing for the competitive retail business in Texas and the Northeast; and at McKinsey & Company where he was a partner and the leader of the West Coast’s Energy and Natural Resource Practice. During his 15-year career at McKinsey, he worked closely with prominent electric power companies in California, western Canada, the Pacific Northwest, and the Rocky Mountain states, as well as with some of the region’s largest energy consumers. Mr. Robb earned a bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University in Indiana and a master’s degree in Business Administration from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

**Rick Janega** was appointed Chief Operating Officer, Electric Utilities, Canada & Caribbean at Emera Inc. in March 2018. In this role, he is responsible for the oversight of Emera’s electric utility investments in Atlantic Canada and the Caribbean, as well as safety and environment functions across the business. Over his 30-year career with the company, Rick has held a variety of senior roles and has been a key part of Emera’s growth. From 2011 to 2020 Rick served as President of Emera Newfoundland & Labrador (ENL). He was appointed CEO of ENL in 2014 and, in this capacity, he continues to lead the team that delivered the \$1.57 billion Maritime Link transmission project, on time and on budget. Rick has also held a number of senior leadership

positions at Nova Scotia Power, including having served as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer from June to October 2020. His other roles at Nova Scotia Power have included Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Vice President of Operations, General Manager of Power Production and Senior Plant Manager at the Trenton and Point Tupper generating stations. Rick began his career in construction management, manufacturing and the pulp and paper industry. A graduate of St. Francis Xavier University and the Technical University of Nova Scotia (Dalhousie University), Rick is a professional engineer and a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia. He is an alumnus of the Governor General's Leadership Conference.

## **2:45 – 3:50 p.m. | Session 2: Policy and Regulatory Leadership Perspectives on the Best Path to Energy and Environmental Transformation**

### *Moderator:*

**Kevin Conroy** is a partner in Foley Hoag's Administrative Law Department, with a primary focus on state regulatory matters and government investigations. He co-chairs the firm's Cannabis, State Attorney General and Energy, Cleantech & Climate groups.

Kevin has considerable experience developing proactive strategies to guide clients through every aspect of a state's regulatory process, including attorney general investigations, cannabis and gaming licensing and administrative hearings. He has advised many large companies in matters before state Attorney General's Offices, cannabis regulatory bodies and public utility commissions.

Kevin knows firsthand how government investigations work, and has helped companies find workable solutions within highly scrutinized industries. His work with DraftKings led to first-in-the-nation regulations around fantasy sports, ultimately avoiding an outright ban in Massachusetts and providing a roadmap forward for many other states. Kevin represents a variety of cannabis investors and operators regarding state licensing matters including approvals to open and changes in ownership.

Kevin previously served as the Massachusetts Deputy Attorney General assisting in the overall management of the Attorney General's Office and supervising nearly all civil matters in the office including employment, labor, non-profit, consumer enforcement, insurance, financial services, civil rights, health care and energy. Before this appointment, he served as the Chief of the Attorney General's Business and Labor Bureau, overseeing divisions including Business, Technology and Economic Development, Energy, Fair Labor, Medicaid Fraud and Non-Profit/Public Charities.

Kevin began his legal career at Foley Hoag before joining the New England Council as General Counsel in 2005. He returned to the firm in 2012.

### *Panelists:*

**Katie Scharf Dykes** is the Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP). She was nominated by Governor Ned Lamont to serve as the Commissioner of DEEP, and was confirmed on February 20, 2019. Katie previously served as

Chair of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) from 2015-2018, and as Deputy Commissioner for Energy at Connecticut DEEP from 2012-2015. Katie also served as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. (RGGI) from 2014 to 2017. RGGI is a multi-state effort focused on reducing carbon emissions from electric generating facilities. 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 College and the Yale Law School.

**Patrick Woodcock** was named DOER Commissioner in February 2020. Formerly, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' Undersecretary of Energy, Commissioner Woodcock was named Acting Commissioner in December 2019 and served in this role until his current appointment.

Woodcock joined the Baker-Polito Administration in 2017 and served as the Undersecretary of Energy in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for over two years. In that position, Woodcock oversaw the Department of Energy Resources and the Department of Public Utilities. Woodcock serves on the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Board and Investment Committee, represents Massachusetts on the Boards of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Inc. and National Association of State Energy Officials, and is a member of the Energy Facilities Siting Board.

Prior to his time in the administration, Woodcock was Director of the Maine State Energy Office, a position he held from 2013 through 2016. Previously, Woodcock worked for United States Senator Olympia Snowe in her Washington, D.C. office. Woodcock graduated from Bowdoin College and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government.

**Simon d'Entremont** Deputy Minister, Energy and Mines, the Province of Nova Scotia.

Simon started working with the Government of Nova Scotia in 2012 as Deputy Minister of the Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism.

Before joining the Government of Nova Scotia, Simon worked for the Government of Canada for 17 years with Health Canada, Industry Canada and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA). Simon began his career as a stockbroker with the investment firm Scotia MacLeod Inc.

**Dan Burgess**, is Director, Governor's Energy Office, State of Maine. The Governor's Energy Office is responsible for planning and coordinating state energy policy. The Director of the Governor's Energy Office serves as the primary energy policy advisor to the Governor. Governor Mills has made combatting climate change and supporting renewable energy a top priority of her administration. Burgess will help lead those efforts.

Dan Burgess, 36, grew up on what was then a small dairy farm in Newport, Maine. The farm is now a solar-powered Christmas tree farm. Burgess has spent the last eight years working to advance clean energy and climate policy in the administrations of both current Republican Governor Charlie Baker and Democratic former Governor Deval Patrick. Most recently Burgess served as Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Staff at the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources and prior to that as Acting Commissioner. Previously he served as the Legislative

Director for Energy for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Burgess has a business degree from the University of Maine Orono as well as a masters in Public Administration from Northeastern University. In addition, Burgess spent five years in the aerospace and software industries and worked on President Obama's 2012 re-election campaign. Dan will return to Maine with his wife, Rachael, and their daughter, Lucille.

### **3:55 – 5:00 p.m. | Session 3: Washington and Ottawa Insider Roundtable – Post-U.S. Election Politics and Policy Drivers**

#### *Moderator:*

**André Turmel** is co-leader of Fasken's Global Energy Group. He practises energy, natural resources, climate change law and works on electrification of transportation and sustainable mobility legal issues. National and international clients seek André's expertise in relation to business opportunities arising out of new green technologies and renewable energie.

André has in-depth knowledge of energy markets and prepares, reviews and negotiates various energy construction, supply, generation and transmission agreements for Canadian and foreign renewable energy producers. He represents diversified clientele which includes companies operating in every economic sector looking to control energy costs and reduce their environmental footprint.

André also acts for governments and private producers in Canada, Africa and Asia and plays a key role during institutional reforms in the areas of energy, electrification of transportation and water sector.

André is often asked to speak on energy, climate change and electrification of transportation on which he has written numerous works and articles.

#### *Panelists:*

**Maryscott "Scotty" Greenwood** is a Crestview Strategy Partner and the Managing Director of the U.S. A former American diplomat to Canada and a frequent media commentator and public speaker, Scotty serves as a business and public policy advocate, communications expert and political strategist to Fortune 500 companies, trade associations and nonprofit organizations. Chief executive officer of the Canadian-American Business Council, she has repeatedly been recognized by Canadian newsweekly *The Hill Times*, which has named her one of the country's "Top 100 Lobbyists" (2017), "Top 100 People Influencing Canadian Foreign Policy" (2014) and "Top 100 Most Influential People in Government and Politics" (2010).

Scotty also assists clients with their legislative and public policy challenges in the United States. Her experience cuts across borders and sectors, including energy, transportation, life sciences, professional sports and others.

In addition to promoting her clients' policy needs and priorities by engaging in a wide range of education and advocacy activities, including traditional and new media campaigns, direct outreach to policy-makers, coalition-building and grassroots organizing, an area of increasing focus for Scotty has been assisting clients in dealing with disruptive and unexpected events that threaten to harm their organization, its stakeholders or the general public. From a customer data breach to a high-profile firing, an environmental accident to a government antitrust probe,

Scotty helps companies develop and implement a strategy to minimize and mitigate potential damage.

In 2001, Scotty spent four years as chief of staff of the US Embassy in Canada, having been offered the diplomatic posting by President Clinton. During this time, she received the State Department's Meritorious Honor Award for her innovative outreach program to US governors and Canada's premiers to foster cooperation on issues of mutual concern. From 1993 to 1997, Scotty was director of intergovernmental affairs for the city of Atlanta, handling state and federal relations, including serving on the White House Interagency Task Force on Olympic Security and working on various other projects related to the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in that city. Prior to that position, Scotty was executive director of the Democratic Party of Georgia. She has worked on the state's Democratic primary and presidential campaigns since 1988.

**Bill Pristanski** left the government of Canada in 1991 to form a government relations consulting firm. Over the past two- and-a-half decades, he has become one of Canada's most experienced and respected public affairs strategists. He works as the trusted government relations advisor to the C-suite of several corporations. He advises North American companies on building positive relationships with governments in Canada, both at the federal and provincial levels. Over the period of 1983 to 1991, he held several senior positions in the Government of Canada. The first four years he served as executive assistant to Prime Minister Mulroney. From 1987 to 1991, he served as Chief of Staff to the Solicitor General, the President of the Treasury Board and the Minister of the Environment.

In 1990 and 1991, he chaired the weekly meeting of chiefs of staff to ministers. His government experience spans central agencies (PMO and Treasury Board) and major line departments (Solicitor General and Environment).

As Chief of Staff to the Minister of the Environment, he spearheaded the policy development and Cabinet approval process for Canada's Green Plan and the Environmental Assessment Act. Since 2013 he has served as the Chair of the board of the Terry Fox Foundation. Since 1981, he has run in all of the annual Terry Fox Runs, personally raising more than \$700,000 for cancer research. He was awarded one of twelve 2010 *iRun* Awards by *iRun* magazine for his 30 consecutive Terry Fox runs.

Bill, a Sir James Dunn Scholar and DesCartes Fellow, holds an Honours Co-operative degree in Mathematics (Computer Science and Statistics) from the University of Waterloo.

He is currently serving on the Board of Governors and the Senate of the University of Waterloo.

A globally focused institution, celebrated as Canada's most innovative university for 27 consecutive years, Waterloo is home to the world's largest post-secondary co-operative education program and encourages enterprising partnerships in learning, research and discovery.

In 1987 he was awarded the *Canada 125 Medal*. In 2012, he was the proud recipient of the *Diamond Jubilee Medal* created to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada.

**James T. Brett**, President and Chief Executive Officer of The New England Council, was appointed to those positions by the Council's board of directors in October 1996. The Council, a nationally respected and influential regional organization, was established in 1925. It is an alliance of schools, hospitals, corporations, and other private organizations throughout New England, working together to promote economic growth and a high quality of life in the region. It identifies and supports federal policies of importance to all six states, and advocates for its membership regionally and nationally. Mr. Brett has been a leading voice in advocating for public policy issues such as health care, education, financial services and energy throughout New England and Washington, D.C. The Council's membership and financial growth have been impressive under Mr. Brett's leadership. In the past four years, revenues have doubled and net assets have significantly exceeded historical levels. Mr. Brett is co-host of *D.C. Dialogue*, a monthly public affairs program broadcast on New England Cable News.

**Dr. Monica Gattinger** is Director of the Institute for Science, Society and Policy, Full Professor at the School of Political Studies and Chair of Positive Energy at the University of Ottawa. Professor Gattinger's research and engagement focus on the energy and arts/cultural policy sectors, exploring how to strengthen governance, public policy and regulation in the context of fast-paced innovation, technological change and markets, fundamental social and value change, and lower public trust in government, industry, science and expertise. Gattinger is a Fellow at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute and serves on advisory boards for the Institute on Governance, the National Research Council Canada, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization, Pollution Probe and the University of Calgary. She sits on the Editorial Boards of the University of Ottawa Press and the journal *Canadian Public Administration*. Monica received the 2020 Clean50 Award for her thought leadership in the energy sector. She holds a Ph.D. in public policy from Carleton University.

**Day 2, November 13, 2020**

**Opening Remarks**

**9:00 – 9:10 a.m. | [Conference Welcome](#)**

**[Peter J. Howe, Conference Co-Chair, Senior Advisor, Denterlein](#)**

**Peter J. Howe**, a former award winning reporter and editor, draws on 30 years of deep experience in broadcast and print journalism to provide high-level counsel on media relations strategy, content creation, crisis communications and thought leadership campaigns. Peter offers insider's advice on messaging and storytelling that moves public conversations and drives

results. He also provides one-on-one media training and coaching for clients preparing for broadcast and newspaper interviews, speeches and presentations. On all campaigns, Peter delivers measurable, effective strategies that achieve client goals.

His 22-year career with the Boston Globe included seven years as a Massachusetts State House and Boston City Hall correspondent and 13 years covering business, technology and innovation, winning multiple awards including from the Associated Press Managing Editors and Society of American Business Editors and Writers. In his eight years as NECN's chief daily business reporter and manager of its @necnbiz Twitter account, he also interviewed 270 leading local CEOs for NECN's acclaimed CEO Corner and produced 1,800 TV stories.

Born in Boston and a lifelong resident of the area, Peter's a 1986 magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College and is married to the novelist Holly LeCraw (*The Half Brother*, *The Swimming Pool*).

### **Hon. David Alward, Consul General of Canada to New England**

**David Nathan Alward** was appointed as Canada's Consul General to New England in May of 2015, and serves as Canada's representative in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

He was born in Beverly, Massachusetts and is the son of Rev. Ford and Jean Alward. He graduated from Nackawic Senior High School in New Brunswick and completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee.

Mr. Alward was employed with the Canadian federal government from 1982 until 1996. From 1996 to 1999, he was self-employed as a human resource development and community development consultant.

He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in 1999, was sworn in as Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture in 2003, and took the oath of office to become the 32nd Premier of New Brunswick in 2010.

As an active member of his community, Mr. Alward volunteered as an emergency medical technician and laboratory instructor with St. John Ambulance and as a firefighter with the Meductic Fire Department. He has also served as a volunteer in recreational activities and student tutoring, and was a member of the Woodstock Rotary Club in New Brunswick.

Mr. Alward and his wife Rhonda have two adult sons, Jonathan and Benjamin. He and his family still maintain a small family farm in Riceville, New Brunswick, where they raise purebred Hereford cattle.

### **9:10 – 10:15 a.m. | Session 1: The Future of our Energy and Environmental Transformation: How energy industry and environmental stakeholders can collaborate and lead the way to an energy-rich, economically prosperous, low-carbon future?**

*Moderator:*

**Jon Sorenson**, President, New England-Canada Business Council

Jon Sorenson is President of JFS Energy Advisors, an exclusive energy consulting firm focused on customer focused projects such as pipelines and distribution, utilities, procurement, energy efficiency, sustainability, generation management and development, etc. Prior to JFS Energy

Advisors, Mr. Sorenson was a President/Chief Operating Officer and Managing Partner at Competitive Energy Services (CES) from April, 2003 through May of 2015. Mr. Sorenson led a team in procuring and managing more energy load than any third-party entity in Northeast and Atlantic Canada, over \$2 billion dollars in energy spend. His experience includes retail and wholesale electricity and natural gas marketing, oil and bio-fuel procurement and hedging, fuel arbitrage, risk management, forecasting, conversion analysis, strategy development, distributed generation and regulatory work in the US and Canada. Prior to CES, Mr. Sorenson was retained by WPS Energy Services, Inc. (WPS) to provide retail marketing/business development, regulatory and strategic services. WPS/Integrus Energy, was a \$ 5.0 billion energy services company, formerly a subsidiary of WPSR, has over \$14.0 billion in assets. In this role, he started, developed and managed the natural gas operation in New Brunswick, Canada, the first licensed marketer, which became the largest retail and wholesale marketer providing natural gas in the Province. In addition, Mr. Sorenson assisted WPS in their Maine operation in power and natural gas marketing, wholesale origination and modeling, and focused on strategic issues both at the regional and corporate level. Mr. Sorenson was an original executive officer (CMO) for SmartEnergy, Inc., a mass-market energy services company providing electricity and natural gas service to customers in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where the Company secured over 120,000 mass-market customers, with a valuation peak of \$87 million. SmartEnergy, Inc competed with New Power (Enron) in the mass market space and was the first ever retail energy provider where you could secure your energy over the Internet, before being sold to its largest shareholder Alliant Energy. Mr. Sorenson is currently active on the energy committee and serves as Co-chair of the program for the Annual Energy Conference of the New England-Canada Business Council, as well as serving as President of the Council. A graduate of the University of Maine with a degree in economics and finance, Mr. Sorenson served on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association (UMAA), currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the College of Engineering and the Board for the School of Business, Public Policy, Management and Health, where he served as Chair for three years.

*Panelists:*

**Cheryl LaFleur** is the former Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), having been nominated by President Barack Obama in 2010 and confirmed by the Senate for a second term in 2014. Before her FERC tenure, Ms. LaFleur served as Executive Vice President and Acting CEO at National Grid USA. She held other executive positions at National Grid USA, and its predecessor, New England Electric System, including Chief Operating Officer, President of the New England Distribution Companies, and General Counsel. Ms. LaFleur began her career as an attorney at Ropes and Gray in Boston. She holds a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University.

**Mollie Johnson** is Assistant Deputy Minister - Low Carbon Energy Sector, for Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN), based in Ottawa. She was appointed to the position in October 2019. She previously served as Assistant Deputy Minister, Communications and Portfolio Sector, and as Director General, Policy, Major Projects Management Office. Prior to that she served with Environment Canada for almost four years. She has a B.A. from the University of Western Ontario, and a Masters in International Relations from Carleton University.

**Kathleen A. Theoharides** is Secretary of Energy and Environment for the Commonwealth of MA. She oversees the Commonwealth's six environmental, natural resource and energy regulatory agencies, which include the Departments of Environmental Protection, Public Utilities, Energy Resources, Conservation & Recreation, Agricultural Resources, and Fish & Game. Secretary Theoharides also serves as Chairman of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the Energy Facilities Siting Board, and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. Trained as a field biologist, Secretary Theoharides began her policy career working in Washington, D.C. at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and Defenders of Wildlife. After returning to Massachusetts, she served as the Executive Director of the Hilltown Land Trust, and founded Theoharides Consulting which provided climate and environmental policy analysis, strategic planning, and facilitation to universities, government agencies and non-profits. Secretary Theoharides joined the Baker-Polito Administration in 2016 as Director of Climate and Global Warming Solutions in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. As Director and later Assistant Secretary, Secretary Theoharides guided the development and implementation of the Administration's efforts to safeguard Massachusetts from the impacts of climate change, support cities and towns, and coordinate efforts across state government to reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Secretary Theoharides was promoted to Undersecretary in 2019, and continued to lead the Commonwealth's efforts on climate change, including working to strengthen regional and national coalitions focused on bipartisan state climate leadership including the United States Climate Alliance and the Transportation Climate Initiative. Secretary Theoharides received a B.A. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Dartmouth College and Masters of Science in Ecology and Environmental Biology from University of Massachusetts-Boston.

**Dan Dolan** is President of the New England Power Generators Association (NEPGA). He joined NEPGA in 2010. NEPGA is the trade association representing competitive power generators in New England. NEPGA's member companies represent approximately 26,000 megawatts, or nearly 90% of the installed capacity in New England. Prior to that, he served as Vice President, Policy Research & Communications at the Electric Power Supply Association in Washington, D.C.

**10:15– 10:20 a.m. | [Short Stretch Break \(Major Sponsors Visibility Segment\)](#)**

**10:20 – 11:25 a.m. | [Session 2: Annual CEOs Fireside Chat – Energy and Environmental Leadership in Times of Unprecedented Uncertainty. What choices are industry-leaders making to build a cleaner and more secure energy system going forward?](#)**

*Moderator:* **Paul J. Hibbard**, Principal, Analysis Group

Mr. Hibbard is an expert on economics, strategy, regulation, and policy in the electric and natural gas industries. He has a comprehensive background merging business development, technical analysis, resource planning and development modeling, economics, and public policy in the energy and environmental fields. Throughout his career, he has administered and promoted an agenda of advanced ratemaking and policy initiatives for energy companies. Mr. Hibbard has also provided technical and strategic advice to government, industry, business, public interest groups, and trade organizations on energy market structure, electric and natural gas infrastructure planning and siting, utility resource solicitation and procurement, emission allocation and environmental policy, renewable resource program design and administration, transmission pricing, climate change policy, utility ratemaking practices, and the transfer of US federal and state emission control programs to other countries.

Prior to joining Analysis Group, Mr. Hibbard was chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. During his tenure, he carried out a forward-looking ratemaking and policy agenda to advance energy efficiency and renewable resources, coordinate regional efforts in the development of energy resources and associated infrastructure, and promote the administration of fair and efficient transmission pricing models in regional and national contexts. He also provided testimony on resource planning, competitive electricity markets, and transmission pricing in hearings before committees of the Massachusetts legislature and the US House of Representatives, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and state and regional planning councils. Mr. Hibbard has also served as a member of many energy-related boards and committees.

*Panelists:*

**Dennis V. Arriola, CEO, Avangrid**

Dennis V. Arriola is Chief Executive Officer of Avangrid. He was appointed to the post in Jul 2020. He joined AVANGRID from Sempra Energy, where he was Executive Vice President and Group President and Chief Sustainability Officer. With more than 25 years in the energy sector, Arriola has held a variety of leadership positions including Chairman, President and CEO of Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas), Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for SunPower Corp., a Silicon Valley-based solar technology company, and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of both San Diego Gas & Electric and SoCalGas.

Arriola serves as Chairman of the Board for the California Latino Economic Institute and sits on the boards of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Auto Club Enterprises. He previously served as Chairman of the California Business Roundtable and on the board of the United Way – Greater Los Angeles. Arriola holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Stanford University and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard University. Arriola has been named one of the “100 Most Influential Hispanics” by Hispanic Business magazine.

**Keith Cronkhite, President and CEO, NB Power**

Keith Cronkhite was appointed NB Power President and Chief Executive Officer on April 1, 2020. A lifelong New Brunswicker, Keith has more than 30 years' industry experience. He has held positions of increasing responsibility within NB Power operations and corporate, including his most recent role of Senior Vice President, Business Development and Strategic Planning. He is

well known within the energy industry, and throughout his career has established strong working relationships with industry, government and business leaders.

Keith has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of New Brunswick, has completed the Reactor Technology course for Utility Executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He holds an ICD.D with the Institute of Corporate Directors and is board member on the Energy Council of Canada as well as the Atlantica Centre for Energy. He is also a member of the Canadian Standards Association Technical Committee.

### **Badar Khan, President, National Grid US**

Badar Khan is President, National Grid US. He has a degree in engineering from Brunel University in London and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania. He has been a leader in the restructuring of the retail and wholesale power markets in both the US and the UK. Previously, Badar worked at Centrica plc for 14 years in the UK and US, including four years as CEO of Direct Energy, the North American subsidiary that provides electricity, natural gas and home services. Prior to that he was an officer of a start-up private retail energy company in the US, and has also worked in management consulting with Deloitte Consulting in Boston and KPMG London.

Badar joined National Grid in 2017. He brings to the Executive Committee his extensive experience in energy sector, which spans retail power and gas and energy-related services, wholesale energy trading, upstream power generation, and oil and gas exploration and production. He leads National Grid's core, regulated business operations in the US, serving 20 million people across Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island.

### **Wayne O'Connor, President and CEO, ENMAX**

Appointed June 22, 2020, Wayne O'Connor serves as ENMAX's President and Chief Executive Officer. Wayne comes to ENMAX with over 30 years of industry expertise and leadership spanning multiple Canadian and North American electricity and energy markets. Before joining ENMAX, Wayne held the position of President and Chief Executive Officer for Nova Scotia Power leading a team of 1,700 employees and overseeing a portfolio of generation, transmission and distribution assets valued at over \$4 billion. Prior to this role, Wayne held a series of executive leadership positions across Emera Inc. companies, including President and Chief Operating Officer of Emera Energy, Executive Vice President, Operations for Nova Scotia Power, and Executive Vice President, Business Development and Strategy for Emera Inc.

Wayne holds a close affinity with Alberta, having grown up in Brooks, Alberta and attended the University of Lethbridge where he earned a Bachelor of Management, Marketing. He served in various positions with TC Energy in Calgary, formerly TransCanada Pipelines, before moving to Eastern Canada in 2003. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Wayne contributes to the community with a focus on education and healthcare, including having served as Chair of the Board of Governors for Armbrae Academy and established a family foundation at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**11:25 – 11:30 a.m. | [Short Stretch Break \(Major Sponsors Visibility Segment\)](#)**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Session 3: The Strategic Role that Diverse Energy Resources will Continue to play in Carbon Management and Regional Energy Reliability – Renewable Energy (hydro, solar, wind), Storage, and Renewable Natural Gas and Hydrogen.**

**Moderator: Danielle Powers, Senior Vice President, Concentric Energy Advisors**

Ms. Powers has over 29 years of experience in the wholesale and retail electricity markets, power generation, and energy consulting fields with considerable expertise in wholesale electric market operations and analysis, transmission system planning and operations, generation asset sales and acquisitions, asset valuation, wholesale and retail energy planning and procurement, and power plant operations. She has experience in executing both regulated and unregulated fossil and renewable generation asset sale transactions in the areas of regulatory analysis, policy development, due diligence analyses, energy market assessment, and business unit strategy. With her significant experience in preparing market assessments and forecasts, Ms. Powers has advised several clients on the procurement of competitive electricity in deregulated markets by developing strategic procurement strategies, preparing solicitation packages, evaluating supply and service proposals, and negotiating contracts with retail energy suppliers.

She holds a B.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Massachusetts, and an M.B.A., *magna cum laude*, Bentley College.

*Panelists:*

**Alejandro De Hoz – President and CEO, Avangrid Renewables**

Alejandro has more than 15 years of experience in the renewable energy sector, primarily in offshore wind. Prior to becoming President and CEO of Avangrid Renewables, he was the company's Vice President of U.S. Offshore Wind. In that role, he was responsible for the creation of an offshore wind team and the development of offshore wind projects including Vineyard Wind, Avangrid Renewables' joint venture with Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, and Kitty Hawk Offshore, a project with a potential capacity of up to 2.5 GW located off the coast of North Carolina and Virginia. This followed his tenure as Offshore Business Performance Director with Iberdrola, based both in London and Madrid.

Alejandro holds a degree in Physics from the University Complutense of Madrid and an MBA from ICAI-ICADE University of Madrid.

**Alicia Barton, CEO, FirstLight Power**

Alicia Barton joined FirstLight Power as its chief executive officer in August 2020. FirstLight Power is a New England-based, diversified clean energy provider and steward of more than 14,000 acres and hundreds of miles of shoreline along some of our region's most beautiful rivers and lakes.

She previously served as 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.

Ms. Barton has held public and private sector leadership roles advancing clean energy projects and companies for over a decade including serving as co-chair of the Energy and Cleantech Practice at Foley Hoag, LLP, chief of operations of the Global Utility business unit at SunEdison and chief executive officer of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), a publicly supported agency that funds and accelerates the development of the clean energy sector. Prior to serving as CEO of MassCEC, Ms. Barton was the Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP); Assistant Secretary for Environmental Review and Director of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office; and Deputy General Counsel at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA).

**Dave Rhéaume, Senior Director, Business Development Strategies and Relations Outside Québec, Hydro- Québec**

Dave Rheaume serves as Senior Director for Business Development Strategies for Hydro-Quebec. He joined the company in 2018. Prior to that he worked for Énergir for over 9 years as Director and Vice President.

He holds a B.S. in Economics from the Université de Montréal, and a Masters in Economics from Laval.

**Caitlin Tessin – Director of Market Innovation, Enbridge Inc.**

Caitlin Tessin is Director, Market Innovation at Enbridge, based in Houston. She leads the team responsible for commercial opportunities associated with new technologies, expanded/complementary lines of businesses and services, as well as the positive and future-thinking positioning of the company and industry in the market.

She previously served with Spectra Energy for twelve years, including working as Director, Northeast Business Development. She has a B.A. from Rice University and an M.B.A. from Rice's Jones Graduate School of Management.

**Terry Sobolewski – President, National Grid Rhode Island**

Terry Sobolewski is the president of National Grid Rhode Island. He was named to the position in March 2019. He previously served as Chief Customer Officer and Senior Vice President at National Grid.

Prior to joining National Grid, Sobolewski held a variety of leadership roles at General Electric and SunPower Corporation, a leader in the design, manufacturing and delivery of new solar technologies. Terry also served four years in the US Navy, where he completed training as a

Naval Intelligence Officer and spent the majority of his time with Electronic Warfare, Squadron 130, in Whidbey Island, WA. Terry attended Duke University, where he received both his M.B.A. and his B.S.E in Mechanical Engineering.

Sobolewski currently serves on the Board of Directors for The Alliance to Save Energy and the Advisory Board of Duke's Center for Energy, Development and the Global Environment (EDGE).