



**NECPUC 76th Symposium Agenda – PLELIMINARY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE**  
Omni Mount Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, NH  
May 19-21, 2024

(Panelists listed in alphabetical order)

Sunday, May 19

- 3:00-6:00 p.m.      ***Registration Desk Open***
- 5:45 p.m.            ***Pre-Dinner Reception***  
Sponsored by Pierce Atwood LLP, Womble Bond Dickinson LLP, and Day Pitney LLP
- 7:00 p.m.            ***Dinner***
- 8:00 p.m.            ***Dessert Reception***  
Sponsored by Hewitt & Hewitt, National Association of Water Companies, and Nuclear Energy Institute

Monday, May 20

- 7:15 a.m.            ***Breakfast***
- 7:45 a.m.            ***Ethics CLE session #1 of 2 (optional)***  
Donald M. Kreis, JD, New Hampshire Consumer Advocate
- 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ***Registration Desk Open***
- 9:00 a.m.            ***Symposium Opens***  
Hon. Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, NECPUC Co-President

9:15 a.m. ***Plenary Session***  
Governor **Christopher T. Sununu** (invited)

10:00 a.m. ***Break***  
Sponsored by Sense and HData

10:30 a.m. ***Plenary Session***

***Evaluating Resource Costs: Considerations for Regulators***

Moderator: Hon. Pradip K. Chattopadhyay, Commissioner, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

In evaluating the comparative costs and benefits of varying energy supply resources, it can be challenging to distinguish underlying market dynamics from policy-driven factors such as financial subsidies and tax credits. This panel will explore ways for regulators and stakeholders to understand those factors and what that means for the supply portfolio and the regional energy system now and in the future. It will also include a comparative discussion of how these issues are approached in European markets, and what lessons our region can learn from those approaches.

Panelists:

- **Marc Brown**, Vice President, State Affairs, Consumer Energy Alliance
- **Cristoph Graf**, Senior Economist, Institute for Policy Integrity, New York School of Law
- **Richard Levitan**, Principal, Levitan Associates

12:00 p.m. ***Lunch***

12:00 p.m. ***Concurrent lunch for PUC and other state and federal government staff***

1:00-4:00 p.m. ***Registration Desk Open***

1:30 p.m. ***Concurrent Sessions***

***Emerging Opportunities for Managing Water Infrastructure Energy Use***

Moderator: Hon. John W. “Jack” Betkoski, III, Vice Chairman, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

In many communities, the water utility is the single largest user of electricity. This panel will consider current best practices and future opportunities for managing that energy use, to reduce both costs to water utility customers and demand on the electricity system.

Panelists:

- **Dan Foreman**, CEO, Copper Labs
- **Jennifer K. Muir, P.E.**, President, JKMuir
- **Sharon Nall**, Sustainability Section Supervisor, N.H. Department of Environmental Services
- **Craig J. Patla, P.E.**, President, Connecticut Water Company

***Connectivity State of the Art: Pathways for Empowering Consumers and Utilities***

Moderator: Hon. Karen Charles, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable

Telecommunications is the essential link for enabling technologies that empower consumers and enable electric utilities to manage a grid that is increasingly complex. This panel brings together industry leaders to discuss how telecommunications infrastructure is supporting consumers and utilities in meeting their energy, reliability, and sustainability goals.

Panelists:

- **Colin Gibbs**, Vice President, Energy Services, Sense
- **Caroline Goodbody**, Senior Director, Product Strategy, Comcast Smart Solutions
- **Chris Guttman-McCabe**, Chief Regulatory and Communications Officer, Anterix
- **Michael Jennings**, Vice President of Energy Delivery, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative

2:45 p.m.

***Break***

Sponsored by American Clean Power Association

3:15 p.m.

***Plenary Session***

Presentation of George Dunn Award  
Invitation to 2025 NECPUC Symposium

3:30 p.m.

***Plenary Session***

***Getting the Recipe Right: Combining Regulatory and Incentive-Based Approaches to Meet Policy Goals***

Moderator: Hon. James M. (Jamie) Van Nostrand, Chair, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

When seeking to achieve public policy outcomes, agencies and regulators can use a combination of both regulations and incentives. This panel will explore the approach taken by one such agency – the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – to balance the use of those “carrots and sticks” to achieve those outcomes in an effective and equitable fashion. The discussion will include two parts. The first part will consist of a fireside chat with a senior EPA leader.

The second part will expand the discussion and invite perspectives from several entities that have been either EPA grant recipients, subjects of EPA regulations, or both.

Fireside chat panelist:

- **Hon. David W. Cash**, Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 1

Discussion panelists:

- Panelists TBA

5:00 p.m.

***Ethics CLE session #2 of 2 (optional)***

Donald M. Kreis, JD, New Hampshire Consumer Advocate

5:45 p.m.

***Pre-dinner Reception***

Sponsored by Retail Energy Supply Association, Robinson+Cole, LLP, and Itron

7:00 p.m.

***Dinner***

8:00 p.m.

***Dessert Reception***

Sponsored by Edison Electric Institute

9:00 p.m.

***Evening Reception***

Sponsored by New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 a.m.

***Run/Walk with a Commissioner!***

Hon. Abigail Anthony, Commissioner, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

7:15 a.m.

***Breakfast***

7:15 a.m.

***Concurrent Telecom Breakfast***

*Join Commissioners, staff, and telecommunications professionals in discussing telecommunications issues and developments.*

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ***Registration Desk Open***

9:00 a.m.

***Concurrent Sessions***

### ***Keeping Track of Clean Energy***

Moderator: Abigail Anthony, Commissioner, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

A number of New England states have adopted legally binding economy-wide requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and customers in all states, including some of the largest retail electricity customers in the world, take their voluntary pledges to reduce emissions seriously. Today, the states and retail electricity customers rely on different legal and voluntary definitions and standards for emissions accounting, which can lead to confusing and inefficient outcomes, such as entities that are more than 100% renewable or actual emissions that escape allocation. This panel will explain how states and customers determine their emissions and what changes may be needed to meet state and customer requirements.

Panelists:

- **W. Mason Emmett**, Senior Vice President, Constellation Energy
- **Bryan Gower**, Chief Client Services Officer, M-RETS
- **Gailin Pease**, Senior Data Scientist, Singularity Energy

### ***Grid-Enhancing Technologies (GETS): A Least-Cost Approach to Meeting the Challenge of Future Load Growth***

Moderator: Hon. Carolyn Gilbert, Commissioner, Maine Public Utilities Commission

While there may not be agreement on the exact path to decarbonization, experts agree that we are going to need significant investment in transmission to get us there. Grid-enhancing technologies (GETS), together with load management, have the potential to expand the capacity of the grid more cost effectively than solely building more poles and wires. GETS are a family of technologies that maximize the transmission of electricity across existing infrastructure. One frequently cited GET is dynamic line rating, but GETS include sensors, power flow control devices, and analytical tools. In this panel we will discuss the potential of GETS, why they are an important tool in New England, barriers to adoption, and potential regulatory or policy solutions to speed adoption. We will also hear success stories of GETS implementation.

Panelists:

- **Rob Gramlich**, President, Grid Strategies, LLC
- **Ariel Horowitz**, Deputy Director for Grid Modernization, Grid Deployment Office, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Tiffany Menhorn**, Principal, Menhorn Group
- **Rebecca Towne**, Chief Executive Officer, Vermont Electric Cooperative

10:15 a.m.

***Break***

Sponsored by American Petroleum Institute

10:45 a.m.

***Concurrent Sessions***

***Joint Gas-Electric Planning: What Needs to Happen to Advance State Climate Efforts and Maintain Reliability***

Moderator: Hon. Staci Rubin, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

As states make progress toward greenhouse gas emissions targets and goals, there is a need for coordinated planning between gas and electric companies and divisions. The clean energy transition requires new planning exercises that allow regulators, utilities, RTOs, and other stakeholders to consider how changes in natural gas consumption and increased electrification impact our infrastructure and wallets. Join a dynamic panel to hear about work that could happen nationally, regionally, and within states about joint electric and gas planning.

Panelists:

- **Charles Dickerson**, President & CEO, Northeast Power Coordinating Council
- **Emily Green**, Senior Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation
- **Hon. Tricia Pridemore**, Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission; Vice President, NARUC
- **Frank Reynolds**, President, UIL Holdings Corporation

***Retail Demand Response and Load Flexibility***

Moderator: Hon. Philip L. Bartlett, II, Chair, Maine Public Utilities Commission

New England faces significant challenges in managing future load growth and ensuring winter resource adequacy. In response, NECPUC recently created a working group to address these issues. This panel will provide an update on the working group's discussions to date, and discuss potential pathways for making greater use of demand side resources to address regional resource and capacity needs.

Panelists:

- **Elizabeth Anderson**, Chief, Energy & Ratepayer Advocacy Division, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office
- **Jennifer Downing**, Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Energy Loan Programs Office
- **Stephen George**, Manager, Operational Performance, Training, and Integration, ISO New England
- **Chris McCusker**, Vice President, Energy Efficiency and Clean Transportation Programs, National Grid

12:00 p.m.

***Lunch***

1:30 p.m.

***Fireside Chat Plenary Session with Hon. Cheryl LaFleur***

Moderator: Hon. Michael A. Caron, Commissioner Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Commissioner Michael Caron will moderate an informal conversation with former FERC Commissioner and Chairman **Cheryl LaFleur** on the workings of FERC, its docket of current and emerging national regulatory issues, and what we might expect from a FERC with a majority of new commissioners (pending senate confirmation).

2:15 p.m.

***Break***

Sponsored by Advanced Energy United

2:45 p.m.

***Plenary Session***

***CEO Roundtable***

Moderator: Hon. Carleton Simpson, Commissioner, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

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Panelists:

- **Alicia Barton**, Chief Executive Officer, Vineyard Offshore
- **Thomas Meissner, Jr.**, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Unitil Corporation
- **Joseph R. Nolan, Jr.**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Eversource Energy
- **Gordon van Welie**, President and Chief Executive Officer, ISO New England

4:00 p.m.

***Symposium program concludes***

Wednesday, May 22

7:30 a.m.

***Breakfast***