

MODERATOR AND PANELIST BIOS

2023 NCEP Annual Meeting

JACKIE ASHLEY



Jackie Ashley (CPA, CA) brings over fifteen years' experience in the regulation of the energy sector to her role as a Senior Regulatory Advisor at the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC). Jackie's focus is on improving the efficiency of both the supply side and the demand side of the electricity and gas market, with key areas of focus being long-term resource planning, energy efficiency, distributed generation and demand-side response. Prior to joining the BCUC, Jackie gained extensive regulatory, market monitoring and rate design experience at BC Hydro and the New Zealand Electricity Authority.

DENISE ABDUL-RAHMAN



Denise (Blackburn) Abdul-Rahman is the Executive Director and Founder of Black Sun Light Sustainability, a 501(c3) MSC fiscally sponsored project. Also a former National NAACP staff and a current State Chair for Environmental and Climate Justice for the Indiana State Conference of the NAACP.

Abdul-Rahman holds a BS in management, MBA in healthcare management, and a health informatics designation from Indiana University School of Informatics and is a Black Woman Foreign War Veteran of Operation Desert Storm.

Abdul-Rahman facilitates the Indiana Alliance for Equity, Diversity Inclusion for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure & Economic Opportunities, Indiana Solar Equity For All and leads the building of equitable clean energy projects; and demo projects to PowerUp Clean Energy Jobs, Minority Business Contracts and infuse the Black Green Pipeline initiative.

Among her body of work accomplishments are the successful launch of the PowerUp initiative in Evansville, Indiana as published and distributed to 750,000 members of IBEW and the successful organizing of an "Our Youth Scientists" and "Our Community Scientists" initiative deployed in East

Chicago Indiana. A City with 3 zones declared as a superfund site by the US EPA, with over 91,000 parts per a billion of lead.

Abdul-Rahman's most recent honors and recognition are Community Service Award 2021, NAACP Medgar Evers Nominee 2021, Vote Solar Dr. Espanola Jackson Award 2020, Faith-Based Rev. Mozel Sanders Drum Major for Humanities Award 2020, Indiana University Robert McKinney School of Law Environmental Protector Award 2019, NAACP Indiana Hazel B. Hunter Award 2019 and the NAACP Indiana President's Award 2020.

She has had the privilege to speak/work with various organizations and academic institutions, such as DePauw University, IU McKinney School of Law, IUPUI School of Sociology, Purdue University, Indiana State University, IU-Bloomington, Butler University, Emory University, Wayne State-Law School, provided Keynote address for the University of Chicago at Illinois (Freshwater Lab Summit), AALS Clinical Education Conference, Solar Energy Industry Association, Global Citizen Year at Stanford University, Duke University, UC Davis, University Miami, Yale University and IUPUI Richard Lugar Renewable Energy Center to name a few.

She serves the ERI Advisory Board, National Senior ELP Fellow and serves the United States Speakers Bureau, Keynoted in Brazil 2022. Other capacities of service, former Vice Chair of the City of Indianapolis Air Pollution Control Board, former VP of MREA Board, as well as a Delegate to Egypt COP 27, Glasgow COP 26, Paris COP 21 and Global Climate Action Summit.

ALISON BECKER



Alison Becker has worked in regulatory policy for the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) for 14 years. Prior to joining NIPSCO, she worked in government and for non-profit organizations. At NIPSCO, she has testified in numerous cases, including in the Company's most recent electric rate case on the topic of a low income program. She leads the stakeholder process for the integrated resource process and manages the energy efficiency oversight board, which is made up of external stakeholders. Ms. Becker holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Evansville, an MBA from Valparaiso University, and a JD from the Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. She lives in Indianapolis with her two favorite stakeholders, Peter and Sonic, who are constantly making the case for why they should sleep on her keyboard.

TONOLA BROWN-BLAND

Commissioner Brown-Bland was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue in 2009 and re-appointed in 2017 by Governor Roy Cooper. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Utility Commissioners (NARUC) as Treasurer; Co-Chair of the NARUC Washington Action Committee and a member of both NARUC's Critical Infrastructure and Gas Committees. In addition, she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute, of which she is past Chair, as President of the National Council on Electricity Policy, and on the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. She is a Past President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received her Juris Doctorate from Duke University School of Law.

CLAIRE COLEMAN

Claire Coleman was nominated by Governor Ned Lamont, effective December 3, 2021, to serve as Consumer Counsel for the State of Connecticut. She was confirmed by the Connecticut Senate in March 2022

Coleman formerly served as the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs for the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), where she provided legal and policy advice related to the formulation and implementation of public policy for the State and worked with the Governor's legal team and the Attorney General's Office on litigation and legal matters. She also served as the OPM designee on GreenerGovCT and the Governor's Council on Climate Change.

Coleman previously worked as the Climate & Energy Attorney at Save the Sound (formerly Connecticut Fund for the Environment), and as counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform Committee, where she conducted investigations into private business practices, government programs and regulations, and prepared members of Congress for hearings on many areas of government policy, including energy and environmental regulation. She also worked as a litigation associate at Wiggin and Dana LLP in New Haven and Sullivan and Cromwell LLP in New York, and served as law clerk to the Honorable Ellen Bree Burns, United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. Claire is a graduate of Cornell University and Northwestern University School of law. Between college and law school, she served as a Team Leader for the Americorps National Civilian Community Corps.

In 2020 the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities honored Claire as a Municipal Champion for her work on emergency COVID-19 pandemic Executive Orders that impacted and supported local governments. The Connecticut Law Tribune recognized Claire with a New Leaders in the Law award in 2016, and she has received several awards for *pro bono* legal work.

BRENDA CROSS



Brenda Cross has been an employee of Xcel Energy for 24 years and in her current position as Personal Accounts Supervisor for 10 months. In her role she supervises a group that handles inbound calls from Xcel's most vulnerable customers. Brenda helps manage our Energy Assistance and Affordability programs in Colorado, Texas and New Mexico, and she is a part of the Steering Committee for some of Xcel's latest and most innovative outreach efforts. She has most recently been the Coordinator and liaison with local agencies and government for disaster relief efforts in two of Xcel's Texas communities.

SHEILA CURRY CAMPBELL



Sheila Curry-Campbell is the Program Director/Resource Manager, Pilgrim's Progress Community Development Corporation. Past 1st District County Councilwoman (Allen County) 2019-2022. Currently servicing as the Vice. Chair of the Allen County Democratic Party.

Sheila is the Vice. President of the Board of Directors of Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition. Since 2019 she has served as Board Member of the City of Fort Wayne Economic Development Commission. Member of Interim Study Committee on Courts and the Judiciary (State of Indiana). Sheila has worked as a researcher, program a manger, coordinator, advocate and activist working on racial justice, economic justice and environmental and climate justice.

She currently serves as the President of the Fort Wayne Urban League Guild, Faculty member of AVOW Advancing Voices of Women. Board Member Health Vision Midwest serving as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Sheila is the Past President Fort Wayne/Allen County NAACP Branch 3049, American Legion Auxiliary 4thDistrict Hoosier Girls State Board member. Sheila has a history of working in the non-profit organization management. Skilled in Research, Grassroots Organizing, Coalitions, Community Organizing, as well as in the Areas of Racial Justice, Economic Justice, Gender Justice, and Environmental Justice.

Sheila has received many awards and served on many Boards and Planning committees over the years.

DAVID DANNER



Gov. Jay Inslee appointed David Danner chair of the Utilities and Transportation Commission in February 2013 and re-appointed him to a second term in December 2018.

Danner had been the agency's executive director since 2005 and secretary since 2008. Before that, he served as executive policy advisor to Washington Gov. Gary Locke on energy, telecommunications, finance and elections issues. In 2004, Gov. Locke named Danner to the state Pollution Control Hearings Board and Shoreline Hearings Board, where he served before moving to the commission.

Danner has also been a telecommunications attorney in private practice, counsel to the Washington Senate Energy and Utilities Committee, and senior policy advisor at the Washington State Department of Information Services.

Danner serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), and the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI). He is Chair of the International Consortium of Energy Regulators, and a member of the State Technology Services Board and the Executive Council of the National Council on Energy Policy. He also serves on advisory boards of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum and the Center for Public Utilities at the New Mexico State University College of Business.

Danner has a B.A. from Columbia University, an M.A. in communications from the University of Washington, and a law degree from George Washington University.

JOHN ESPINDOLA



Commissioner John Espindola was appointed by Governor Mike Dunleavy to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska in June 2023. Commissioner Espindola began his public service for the people of the state of Alaska in 2018. He served the Governor for over three years as his personal assistant. In early 2022, Commissioner Espindola began working on Governor Dunleavy's policy team as the liaison for multiple departments and also focused on energy related matters. John helped establish the Office of Energy Innovation through Administrative Order 340 and the Alaska Energy Security Task Force through Administrative Order 345, both housed in the Office of the Governor. During his time working in the Governor's Office, Commissioner Espindola was responsible for organizing the Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference in 2022 and 2023.

Before serving in the Dunleavy Administration, Commissioner Espindola spent over a decade in the construction industry. He also supported the Pueblo of Laguna serving on numerous boards for tribal entities. In 2008, Commissioner Espindola was appointed by the Mayor of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Albuquerque Energy Council where he helped guide the city with energy policy until 2013.

Commissioner Espindola currently serves on the executive committee of the National Council on Electricity Policy.

Commissioner Espindola is a tribal member from the Pueblo of Laguna. He graduated from the University of New Mexico with a B.A. in Political Science and has received several professional accreditations such as New Mexico MM98 Master Mechanical and New Mexico GF09 Utility Contractor licenses. Commissioner Espindola has been married to his wife Dana for 18 years and has two children Arianna and Matthias.

SARAH FREEMAN



Sarah Freeman was appointed by Governor Mike Pence as Commissioner on September 19, 2016, and was most recently reappointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on December 20, 2021. Commissioner Freeman sits on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), is a member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications, and chairs its Subcommittee on Education and Research. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company, chairs the MISO Advisory Committee, and is a member of the EPRI Advisory Council. Freeman is also Vice President of the Mid-American Regulatory Conference and serves on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Freeman served as a senior staff attorney with the nonpartisan Indiana Legislative Services Agency, where she drafted utility and transportation legislation and served as counsel to numerous legislative committees.

A native Hoosier, Commissioner Freeman earned her undergraduate degrees in psychology, French, and political science from Indiana University – Bloomington and her juris doctor degree from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Commissioner Freeman lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Ian Stewart. Their daughter, Nia, attends Indiana University-Bloomington. They are members of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

JULIA FRIEDMAN



Julia made a career from working at numerous membership associations in the energy industry - NARUC, NASEO, and the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance- before joining Opower's regulatory affairs team. At Opower, she works with policymakers, stakeholders, and clients to bring new energy efficiency, demand flexibility, customer engagement, and affordability solutions to market.

MARISSA GILLETT

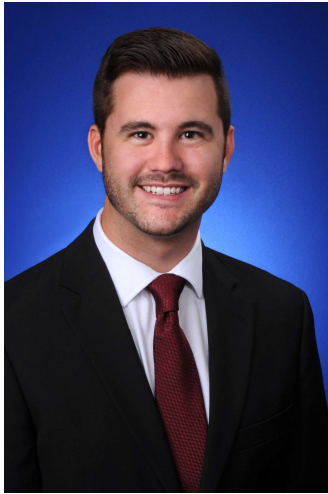


Marissa Paslick Gillett is Chairman of Connecticut's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). Governor Ned Lamont nominated Gillett to serve on the three member regulatory authority on April 26, 2019.

Prior to her appointment, Gillett was the Vice President of External Relations for the Energy Storage Association – the national trade association representing the energy storage industry. In that role, Gillett served on the association's executive team contributing to the organization's overall strategic vision and direction.

From 2011 to 2018, Gillett worked at the Maryland Public Service Commission, an independent agency within the Maryland state government that regulates public utilities, where she most recently served as the senior advisor to the chairman. Her duties included a number of matters on energy issues in the state, such as advising the agency's chairman and other commissioners on technical, legal and policy matters related to offshore wind procurement, statewide energy efficiency programs, advanced metering infrastructure, grid reliability issues and electric vehicles.

Gillett received a Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law in Baltimore, Maryland.

RYAN HADLEY

Ryan Hadley is the Executive Director of the Indiana Office of Energy Development and the State's Chief Energy Officer. Appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on January 24, 2022, Ryan leads the OED in supporting the development of affordable and reliable energy solutions for Hoosiers through three main priorities: energy policy guidance to the executive branch, grant administration, and public education.

Prior to the Office of Energy Development, Ryan served as the Executive Director of External Affairs at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. In that capacity, he led the Commission's legislative, media, and stakeholder management strategies and advised the Commission on related issues. He also oversaw the Consumer Affairs Division, which provides dispute resolution services to customers and utilities. Additionally, he directed the disbursement strategy of the Underground Plant Protection Account fund, intended to raise awareness of Indiana's 811 Law and provide education on safe digging practices.

Ryan is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana located in Evansville. He and his family reside in Bargersville.

DAMALI HARDING

Damali Harding is an expert in renewable energy and electric utilities. She has provided strategic advising to Duke Energy, National Grid and other major U.S. and international energy companies.

Before joining RAP, she worked for Oracle (formerly Opower), where she advised utilities on behavioral load shaping, customer engagement strategies and demand response management.

Previously, Ms. Harding served as executive director of The Energy Co-op, a member-owned nonprofit cooperative that provides renewable energy to thousands of homes and businesses in the greater Philadelphia area. She remains on the board of the cooperative.

Ms. Harding also served as commercial director for Enviva LP, the world's largest producer of industrial biomass to create clean renewable energy. She has also worked for IBM Global Business Management services and Deloitte Consulting as a strategy consultant focusing on operations.

Ms. Harding is on the board of the American Association of Blacks in Energy and is a member of Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy. She is in frequent demand for speaking engagements on energy topics as well as strategic management, leadership development and community building. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College and a Master of Business Administration from Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

JOHN HOWAT



John Howat has been involved with energy programs and policies since 1981, including the past 24 years at National Consumer Law Center where he manages projects related to low income energy affordability and efficiency programs, consumer protections, rate design, and metering technology. He has testified as an expert witness in 24 states, works with governmental, non-profit, and community-based organizations around the country and is an author of NCLC's [Access to Utility Service](#).

DEAN JOHNS

ERIC KOCH



An 8th generation Hoosier, Eric A. Koch grew up on a grain and livestock farm, where he learned the value of hard work.

He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Georgetown University and worked on President Ronald Reagan's re-election campaign in the Office of Political Affairs at the Reagan-Bush '84 Committee.

While earning his Juris Doctorate at the Indiana University School of Law, he clerked at the Bloomington law firm of McDonald, Barrett & Dakich.

He has been engaged in the private practice of law with offices in Bloomington since 1989 and Bedford since 2003. He is a member of the Monroe and Lawrence County Bar Associations, the Indiana State Bar Association, the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, and founded and served as the first President of the Indiana Creditors Bar Association.

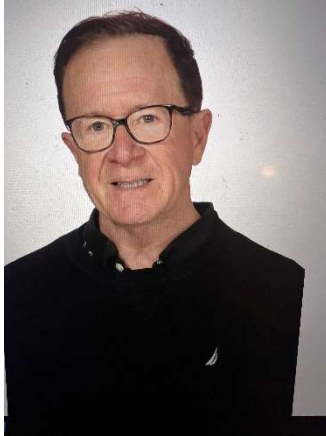
In 2002, he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives, where he served until being elected to the Indiana State Senate in 2016. His legislative service has been recognized by, among others, the Indiana Judges Association (Champion of Justice Award), the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association (Legislator of the Year 2008 and 2015), the Indiana Pro Bono Commission (Randall T. Shepard Award), Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher (Kentucky Colonel), and Indiana Governor Mike Pence (Sagamore of the Wabash).

He currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Utilities Committee, Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary and Commerce & Technology Committees, and as a member of the Senate Corrections & Criminal Law Committee.

A nationally-recognized leader in energy policy, he serves as co-chairman of the Energy Supply Task Force of the National Conference of State Legislatures, as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council on Electricity Policy, and holds a graduate certificate in Energy Policy Planning from the University of Idaho. He also served as a member of the Federal Communications Commission Consumer Advisory Committee from 2018—2022. He focuses on energy, telecommunications, and water policy interactions in Indiana and nationally.

He has served as a member of the Indiana Commission on Courts (2007—2011), the Indiana Probate Code Study Commission (2005—2007, 2013—2014, 2019—present), the Indiana Military Base Planning Council (2005—2019), the Board of Trustees of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (2006—2011), and the Indiana Public Defender Commission (2017—present). He represents Indiana as a Commissioner on The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (2018—present). As a member of the Indiana Supreme Court's Commercial Courts Committee (2019—present), he provides guidance to Indiana's Commercial Courts. He was appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court to serve on its Innovation Initiative (2019—2023) to advise the Supreme Court on opportunities to increase efficiency and accessibility through innovative technology and case management, analysis of court reform, and development and testing of pilot programs related to court reform.

WILLIAM MALCOLM



Bill Malcolm is the Government Affairs Director for AARP working with state offices on utility advocacy before PSCs and state legislatures. He is a teleworker in Indianapolis but works for the National Office Government Affairs Department in Washington, D.C. In this role, he has served as an expert witness (in the Xcel rate case in North Dakota) and writes the public comment testimony for rate case hearings and legislative testimony.

Bill spoke in June on issues with retail choice before the National Energy Assistance Director's Association/National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition joint meeting in San Diego. He spoke at the NARUC summer meeting in Austin in July on a panel entitled "What Consumers Want."

Bill was a founding employee of the nation's first FERC-approved RTO, MISO, where he created the state regulatory relations program. After that he was an energy reporter for The Cruthirds Energy Report Newsletter.

From 1994-2000, Bill managed Midwest state regulatory issues for ANR Pipeline now a unit of TC Energy. ANR is an interstate natural gas pipeline serving the Midwest. Between 1981-1993, he worked for PG&E in rates and in Government Affairs where he helped link LIHEAP enrollment to the California Cares 35% low income rate discount program. Bill started his career at Pacific Power in Portland doing cost of service studies used in rate filings.

Bill holds a M.A. in economics from the University of Washington (Seattle) and a B.A. in economics from UC-Santa Cruz.

He is a teleworker based in Indianapolis where his hobbies include volunteer work for the Broad Ripple Village Association, Friends of Holliday Park, the Indiana Passenger Rail Alliance, and Friends of Broad Ripple Park.

DESTENIE NOCK



Dr. Destenie Nock is an Assistant Professor of Engineering and Public Policy and Civil and Environmental Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University. Dr. Nock is a leader in energy justice, environmental justice, sustainable energy transitions, and the energy-poverty-climate change nexus. In her current work she is developing frameworks for understanding the sustainability and equity trade-offs for different power plant investments across the US. In addition, she has pioneered new measures of energy poverty to help utility companies identify vulnerable populations and energy deficits (i.e., energy limiting behavior and forgone thermal comfort). Dr. Nock is the Chief Executive Officer of Peoples Energy Analytics, a data driven company which uses energy analytics to identify energy poverty in vulnerable households. Dr. Nock received her PhD in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and two BS degrees in Electrical Engineering and Applied Mathematics from North Carolina A&T state University.

QUINN PARKER



Ms. Quinn Parker has over 15 years of professional experience, including regulatory finance and analytics, as well as program research, design, planning, implementation, and strategic planning. Ms. Parker is CEO of Encolor, a firm committed to supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Encolor provides inclusive strategies and thoughtful guidance, helping clients achieve their operational and equity goals. Ms. Parker is a Certified Diversity Professional (CDP) and a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt. Ms. Parker holds an M.B.A. from California State University, Dominguez Hills and a B.A. from Loyola Marymount University. Ms. Parker is an experienced trainer and facilitator. She has delivered trainings virtually and in person around the country at industry conferences such as the Association of Energy Services Professionals, Energy Thought Summit, and Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance. She has also delivered trainings for education leaders such as EUCI.

DAVID SPRINGE

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, Mr. Springe served for thirteen years as Consumer Counsel for the Kansas Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) and spent nine years as an economist and expert witness for both CURB and the Kansas Corporation Commission. Mr. Springe received his M.A. in Economics and Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas. Mr. Springe served as President of NASUCA from 2007-2009 and continues to represent consumer interests on numerous advisory boards, task forces and working groups.

GENNELLE WILSON

Gennelle Wilson is a manager in the Carbon-Free Electricity program. She focuses on how utility business models can be reformed—using performance-based regulation and alternative incentive mechanisms—to foster a swift, equitable, and affordable transition to zero-emissions electricity. Increasingly, she is focused on regulatory mechanisms that can ensure the full savings potential of the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act are leveraged, and translate to a more affordable transition. Prior to joining RMI, Gennelle worked for the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University. In that role, she designed and supported collaborative stakeholder processes on a variety of energy policy issues in the Southeast.