

National Council on Electricity Policy 2022 Annual Meeting Speaker and Moderator Biographies:

Keishaa Austin

Head of Partnerships and Engagement, *Rewiring America*

Bio: Keishaa Austin is the Head of Partnerships and Engagement at Rewiring America. She joins Rewiring America from the Energy Division at the California Public Utilities Commission, where she served as a Senior Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst in Grid Planning and Reliability. While at the CPUC she led the development of the CPUC's Distributed Energy Resources' Action Plan 2.0. Prior to that she worked as a Program Analyst at the Office of the People's Counsel for the District of Columbia, where she developed engagement and outreach programs focused on Distributed Energy Resources. Before earning her law degree, Keishaa held a variety of roles with media and entertainment companies including Urban One Inc., BET Networks and Capitol Music Group. Keishaa earned her law degree at Texas Southern University and her bachelor's degree from Howard University. Keishaa is from Los Angeles, CA.

Sara Baldwin

Director of Electrification Policy, *Energy Innovation*

Bio: Sara is Energy Innovation's Director of Electrification Policy, where she leads the firm's electrification policy practice area to advance economy-wide decarbonization through the electrification of buildings, transportation, and industry. She provides policy analysis and original research to support policymakers at the state, federal, and local levels. Sara is the lead author on several recent reports, including *Assessing the Viability of Hydrogen Proposals: Considerations for State Utility Regulators and Policymakers* and *Accelerating Clean, Electrified Transportation By 2035: Policy Priorities*. Sara previously served as Vice President of Regulatory for the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) and Senior Policy Associate for Utah Clean Energy – in both capacities she led successful policy, regulatory, and educational efforts to advance renewable energy and energy efficiency. She also served on the Technical Team for the U.S. DOE SunShot Solar Market Pathways Initiative and NREL's Distributed Generation Interconnection Collaborative Advisory Committee. She was named an "Innovator and Influencer" by Solar Power World (2017) and one of "Utah's Enlightened 50" by the Community Foundation of Utah (2012). Sara is a member of GridLab's advisory board, host of Energy Innovation's Electrify This! podcast, and former host of the Grid Geeks podcast. She holds degrees in Environmental Studies and Spanish from the University of Utah.

Charlie Bayless

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, *North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation*

Bio: Charlie provides legal counsel and guidance to NCEMC and its affiliated corporations, North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (the state trade association), and Tarheel Electric Membership Corporation (responsible for material supply and central purchasing). Prior to becoming General Counsel Charlie was the Senior Regulatory Counsel to NCEMC working before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and various other state and federal regulatory agencies on wholesale, transmission, and other regulatory issues.

Prior to joining NCEMC Mr. Bayless was Counsel at American Electric Power. Mr. Bayless also served as an Officer in the United States Air Force where he was the executive officer of his squadron and the contract manager for two satellite communication systems.

Mr. Bayless received J.D. from West Virginia University, his M.B.A for the University of Arizona, his M.S. in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas, and his B.A. from the Virginia Military Institute. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar. He is also a member of the Energy Bar Association and the Electric Cooperative Bar Association.

Andrew Bennett

Director of Advocacy, *Energy Outreach Colorado*

Bio: Mr. Bennett is a licensed attorney with experience working for investor-owned regulated utilities and currently works as the Director of Advocacy for Energy Outreach Colorado where he serves as an expert witness in rate and utility program cases for income-qualified households. He also advocates for Coloradans at the Colorado Legislature and has been instrumental in amending and drafting laws to assist the most vulnerable households, not only with utility affordability but in food and housing affordability and access. Mr. Bennett is also active in the Colorado legal community to advocate for increased inclusiveness in the profession. He is on the board of directors for the Colorado Pledge to Diversity, a nonprofit comprised of many of the largest law firms and in-house counsel departments in Colorado, which provides paid clerkships to diverse law students. During the summer months, you will often find him on the back roads of Colorado on his motorcycle being very responsible.

Karyn Boenker

Project Manager in the Economics, Policy, and Institutional Support Group, *Pacific Northwest National Laboratory*

Bio: Karyn Boenker is a project manager with the Economics, Policy, and Institutional Support Group at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. She specializes in grid modernization and resilience achieved through public policy. At PNNL, Karyn serves as a project manager and technical expert for the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), Building Energy Codes Program, Grid Modernization Lab Consortium (GMLC), and the Interconnection Innovation E-Xchange (i2x).



ToNola Brown-Bland

Commissioner, *North Carolina Utilities Commission*

Bio: 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.

Brown-Bland began her professional career as federal Law Clerk to the Honorable Alexander B. Denson, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and thereafter entered private practice in Greensboro, N.C. She later became in-house attorney for AT&T Corp. (subsequently Lucent Technologies), where she was promoted to Senior Attorney and primarily supported the company's federal contracting and related commercial technology licensing business lines in Greensboro.

She joined the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State in 2001, serving as Director of the Business License Information Office and of the Charitable Solicitations Licensing Section. Brown-Bland's experience in utility regulation began in 2002, when she accepted a position with the North Carolina Utilities Commission as an attorney in the Legal Division. From 2005 until her appointment to the Commission, she served as Associate General Counsel with the City of Greensboro.

Commissioner Brown-Bland has a history of community and civic service, having served on several boards including the Greensboro Bar Association, the Alamance County Historical Museum, and Western Piedmont Residential Services, a non-profit organization that provided residential service to autistic adults.



David Danner (WA)

Chair, *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission*

Bio: 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.



Jennifer Easler (IA)

Consumer Advocate, Iowa Office of Consumer Advocate

Bio: Ms. Easler, Iowa’s Consumer Advocate, leads the Office of Consumer Advocate, a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, responsible for representing the interests of all customers and the public generally before the Iowa Utilities Board and proceedings before state and federal courts and agencies with the goal of ensuring that Iowa utility consumers have access to reliable and adequate utility service at just and reasonable rates.

Prior to being appointed Consumer Advocate by Attorney General Tom Miller in 2020, Ms. Easler served as an attorney in the Office of Consumer Advocate for more than 20 years.

Ms. Easler serves on the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and the National Council on Electricity Policy (administered by the national association of utility regulators). She has represented the Public Consumer Sector at the Midcontinent Independent System Transmission Operator (MISO) which administers MISO’s stakeholder planning process and public policy-based transmission planning, and has led consumer advocate coalitions in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.



Jane English

Environmental and Climate Justice, Program Manager, NAACP

Bio: Jane English NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice, Program Manager, currently, serving as a Fellow, Community Resilience. Jane is an experienced human rights and social justice organizer/activist. From her early activism in the struggle for desegregation, membership in the Glass Bottle Blowers Association-AFL-CIO, Local 155-156, to landlord-tenant organizing, anti-apartheid protest, voting rights advocacy, criminal justice reform and GOTV, to picket lines and marches in support of workplace justice issues, Jane has remained vigilant. Jane served as a member of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ Board of Social Action, and served as its chair 2002 – 2010. This faith based social justice work, includes support for reparations for African Americans, fair trade product education, anti-war, labor solidarity and Haitian support work. She is a graduate of Marshall University and she completed two years of law school at the West Virginia University College of Law.



Sarah Freeman (IN)

Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Bio: 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) and chairs its Subcommittee on Education and Research. She is a member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications and serves on the Boards of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company and the National Regulatory Research Institute. Freeman also is President 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, and their daughter, Nia Stewart. They are members of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.



Sue Gander

Director, Electric School Bus Initiative, *World Resources Institute*

Bio: Sue Gander serves as the Director of the Electric School Bus Initiative at the World Resources Institute (WRI) which aims create unstoppable momentum toward an equitable transition of the U.S. school bus fleet to electric by 2030, bringing health, climate and economic benefits to children and families across the country.

Prior to WRI, Sue was the Managing Director of Policy for the Electrification Coalition where she worked to accelerate the adoption of EVs at scale. That included advancing federal and state proposals to support school bus electrification through policy, financing and vehicle to grid solutions and building partnerships with a broad array of stakeholders from the public and private sectors and civil society.

For over a decade, Sue directed the Energy, Infrastructure and Environment Division at the National Governors Association, spearheading policy support for the transformation of the energy and transportation sectors. Sue also served at the U.S. EPA and at the Center for Clean Air Policy where she led initiatives on clean energy, air quality and climate change.

Sue earned a Master's in Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin, with a Certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy, and a BA cum laude in Public Policy from Brown University.

Sue is the founder and chair of the Women of Electric Vehicles DC Chapter and volunteers with the National Park Service C&O Bike Patrol. She resides with her family in Kensington, Maryland.

Marissa Gillett

Chair, *Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority*

Bio: Marissa Paslick Gillett is Chairman of Connecticut's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). Governor Ned Lamont nominated Gillett to begin serving on the three member regulatory authority on April 26, 2019, and her appointment was confirmed by both the House of Representatives and State Senate in the 2019 session of the Connecticut General Assembly.

Gillett serves as one of Connecticut's representatives on the Board of Directors of the [Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.](#) (RGGI).

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, as well as providing leadership of the research, educational programming and events, marketing, and communications teams.

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. Additionally, she represented the commission on these topics by testifying before the Maryland General Assembly and by leading stakeholder engagement initiatives as part of the state’s grid modernization proceeding.

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.



Devin Hampton
Chief Executive Officer, *UtilityAPI*

Bio: Devin Hampton is the CEO of UtilityAPI, a SaaS platform that lets utilities, clean energy solution providers and their customers safely, consensually, and privately share customer utility data. Simple, secure data access might not grab your attention like a sexy Tesla or shiny new solar farm. But it’s the first step of *every* aspect of the energy transition, including those EVs and solar installations. UtilityAPI pioneered a tech-centered approach to the data access market and continues to lead it.

He is also the co-founder of Empowering Diverse Climate Talent (EDICT), a collective of over 60 climate tech companies also committed to building stronger businesses through diversity. He serves on the Boards of Clean Energy for America, GridFWD, and the Clean Energy Leadership Institute (CELI), and advises GreenTech Noir and two early stage startups.

Before joining UtilityAPI, he served in the Obama Administration as a Senior Advisor for Emerging Markets at the Department of Energy, and later, as Chief of Staff at the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, where he led investments in infrastructure, smart cities, and energy projects in emerging markets.

Prior to his federal service, he was a political organizer for national and local campaigns. He also moved bags for five years as a unionized airline baggage handler. He worked in a hotel and tended bar. He is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Hamody Hindi

Electrical Engineer, *Department of Energy*

Bio: Hamody Hindi is a Transmission Planning Engineer with the Bonneville Power Administration, currently on detail with the DOE Grid Deployment Office leading a National Transmission Planning Study to inform grid needs for the Administration's clean electricity by 2035 goal. He has experience with NERC reliability standards, generator and load interconnection requirements, and development of plans of service for transmission service requests. He also has experience working in cross-disciplinary teams that include transmission planning, transmission operations, commercial, policy, legal and generation groups. He has participated in a number of WECC and NERC working groups, including chairing the WECC Load Modeling Task Force from 2015-2017. Hamody holds a B.A. in Physics from U.C. Berkeley and an M.S.E.E. from University of Washington, Seattle. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Washington.

Marnese Jackson

Co-Director, *Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition*

Bio: Marnese Jackson (she/her/hers) is an Environmental and Climate Justice activist, advocate, trainer and educator from Pontiac, Michigan where she is a mother of two children London and Dawson. Marnese is the Co-Director of the Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition where they inspire and educate Midwesterners to end new installations of fossil fuel equipment in residential and commercial buildings by 2030, and to achieve zero emissions from these buildings by 2050, with intentional consistent integration of equity and labor justice across all facets of our work. focus on eliminating Marnese was previously the Mothers Out Front in December 2018 as the Frontline Organizing Program Manager where she focused on building the base of Mothers in Frontline Environmental Justice communities. She is the former Midwest and Great Plain States Regional Organizer for the NAACP's Environmental and Climate Justice Program. She was the Weatherization Coordinator for Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency and Energy Outreach Specialist for the Southeast Michigan Regional Energy Office. Marnese holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary in Public Relations, Communications, Journalism and African American Studies from Eastern Michigan University in 2006 and Master of Arts Degree from Marygrove College in Social Justice specializing in Environmental, Economic and Racial Justice in 2016, Marnese is a board member of the US Climate Action Network and East Michigan Environmental Action Council, the Environmental and Climate Justice chairperson of the8 NAACP Northern Oakland County Branch and her state and local Social Action Chairperson for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Marnese is a 2020 Michigan Clean Energy Leaders Cohort member and 2020. Marnese is a 350.org BIPOC Cohort member. Marnese is an appointed member of The State of Michigan Council on Climate Solutions.



Sanem Kabaca

Manager, Quantitative Analytics, *Oracle Energy and Water*

Bio: Sanem Kabaca leads the Quantitative Analytics team at Opower (part of Oracle Energy & Water) where she uses data to measure and enhance the value of Opower’s behavioral energy efficiency solutions. She was recently granted a patent for her research on using data to help utilities identify low- and moderate-income customers and connect them with energy assistance programs. Prior to Opower, she held similar quantitative roles in real estate and consulting. Sanem earned her B.A. in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (go Heels!).

Eric Koch (IN)

Senator, District 44, *Indiana Senate*

Bio: State Sen. Eric Koch has served Senate District 44 since 2016. The district includes parts of Bartholomew, Jackson and Monroe counties and all of Brown and Lawrence counties. Before his election to the Indiana State Senate, Koch served District 65 in the Indiana House of Representatives from 2002-2016.

Koch serves as chair of the Senate Committee on Utilities and as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Technology. He also serves as a member on the Senate Committees on Corrections and Criminal Law; Elections; and Family and Children Services. Koch serves on the Indiana Supreme Court’s Indiana Innovation Initiative and the Indiana Supreme Court’s Commercial Courts Committee.

Professionally, Koch is an attorney with Koch McAuley & Bailey PC. He represents Indiana as a Commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Koch also serves as co-chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures Energy Supply Task Force and is a member of the Federal Communications Commission’s Consumer Advisory Committee, the National Council on Electricity Policy’s Executive Committee, and the Boards of Directors of MidSouthern Savings Bank, FSB and its holding company, Mid-Southern Bancorp, Inc.

He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Mike Pence and a Kentucky Colonel by Gov. Ernie Fletcher.



Matt Malinowski

Director for Climate Research, *CLASP*

Bio: Matt Malinowski has over 16 years of experience in electrical engineering and public policy, including over 15 years advising government clients on energy efficiency, and 14 years managing progressively larger teams and projects. He currently serves as the Director for Climate Research at CLASP, researching appliance efficiency and supporting policymakers worldwide with novel tools and analysis.

Previously, he led the consultant team supporting US Environmental Protection Agency ENERGY STAR specification development efforts for televisions and other electronic products, as well as advising the US Department of Energy and Natural Resources Canada on the potential for efficiency standards for electronic products. He has performed engineering and life-cycle analyses, conducted and managed product testing and teardowns, presented at public meetings and conferences, and contributed to Federal rulemakings. His electrical engineering experience and research focused on micropower sensor systems, and he has also worked for integrated circuit manufacturers in Germany and Silicon Valley. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from MIT.

Carl Mas

Director, Energy and Environmental Analysis at *NYSERDA* and Senior Advisor, Office of Electricity at the *Department of Energy*

Bio: Carl Mas currently serves as a part-time Senior Advisor for the U.S. DOE's Grid Deployment Office. Through an intergovernmental appointment, Carl provides strategic, analytic, and stakeholder engagement support for the Building a Better Grid Initiative, focused on the National Transmission Planning Study. For New York State, Carl serves as the Director of NYSERDA's Energy and Environmental Analysis Department and has responsibility for analysis in support of policy and program planning as well as the oversight of NYSERDA's environmental research portfolio. Carl's state energy planning support includes the Authority's efforts with respect to the New York State Energy Plan, the Climate Action Council Scoping Plan, as well as advancement of the Clean Energy Standard.

Previously, Carl was a Manager working at Columbia University's Earth Institute, principally in charge of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project, which consisted of 15 country research teams composed of over 30 leading research institutions from countries representing 70% global greenhouse gas emissions. Carl also worked as a researcher at two U.S. DOE National Laboratories: Sandia National Laboratory and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory; as an energy systems analyst and team leader for a start-up fuel cell company; and as a consultant for a not-for-profit international development organization focused on renewable energy policy development and

market growth. Carl received a dual Masters in Science from the University of California, Berkeley, in Mechanical Engineering and Energy & Resources.

Jerry Norris

Founder and CEO, *The Fledge*

Bio: Jerry Norris is the CEO and Founder of the Fledge located in Lansing MI.

Jerry obtained a B.S. in Statistics from the University of Michigan, with a focus on Computer Science. He began his career with the Unisys Corporation as a Quality Engineer and ISO 9000 Lead Auditor in 1988. Throughout the years, he moved up through the ranks of the quality profession (i.e. Quality Manager, Director of Quality, and VP of Quality).

In 1988 as a Quality Engineer and Lead Auditor, he began developing a software product to help manage compliance activities. Jerry developed software for ISO standards and related compliance systems for all industries, before he decided to start his own company, jadian incorporated in 1998. In 2014 jadian was sold. The next logical step was to start a new software company developing a member directory of compliance professionals. He served as the CEO of GAIA, LLC, which operate globally with customers in over 50 countries helping members connect based on expertise and vicinity. GAIA has evolved into a software company supporting start-ups with an emphasis on mapping.

Jerry now serves as the CEO of the Fledge, a radically inclusive ideation and maker space, incubator and accelerator located in Lansing, MI. He also serves as the Chairman for the GAIA Solutions, and the Fledge Music Group. He spent 5 years as a “Gatekeeper” for the Business Acceleration Fund working with the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) and has a deep understanding of the entrepreneurial ecosystem and the community at large.

Jerry’s expertise includes software development, quality management, food safety management, automotive and aerospace related quality management, environmental protection and management, safety systems, regenerative economies, LEAN communities, blockchain, smart contracts and WEB3. He has worked in the following fields: telecommunications, automotive, furniture, food safety, environmental management, economic development, human rights, labor law, life sciences, advance manufacturing, plastics, consulting, organizational development, systems theory / thinking, sustainability, regenerative economies, crypto ecosystems and more.

About The Fledge:

Located in the Eastside of Lansing, MI the Fledge is housed in a repurposed church in a persistently impoverished area.

[The Fledge](#) is a radically inclusive ideation space, maker space, Incubator and Accelerator on a mission to create opportunities to pursue happiness. In other words, we work towards eliminating poverty through entrepreneurial, innovative, technical and regenerative efforts.

We also work very closely with the Fledge Foundation to help people get their basic needs covered so they can make the space required to plan, create, innovate, and plan a prosperous future. The mission of the foundation is to fight for liberty and justice for all.

The Fledge is widely know for inclusive entrepreneurial efforts, using blockchain technologies for good, and causing good trouble everywhere they go.

Jay W. Oliver

Managing Director, Grid Systems Integration, *Duke Energy*

Bio: Jay Oliver is Managing Director, Grid Systems Integration at Duke Energy. In this role he leads battery storage development, transportation electrification, grid connectivity strategy, demand side management, and clean energy customer programs. Mr. Oliver has over 25 years of experience in electric Distribution, Transmission, and related technology applications.

Mr. Oliver received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of South Florida. He is a licensed Professional Engineer.



Joseph Paladino

Acting Director, Grid Technical Assistance, *Department of Energy*

Bio: Mr. Joseph Paladino has worked for most of his career in the advancement and commercialization of technology to address energy and environmental issues. His efforts in both private and public organizations have focused on waste management, energy efficiency, and electric infrastructure. His current focus is to work with regulators and utilities to incorporate grid modernization and resilience considerations into the grid planning process.

Mr. Paladino has an A.B. in Biology from Middlebury College and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He also holds a patent for a design for a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility.



Tony Reames

Deputy Director for Energy Justice, Office of Energy Justice Policy and Analysis, *Department of Energy*

Bio: Dr. Tony G. Reames is the Deputy Director for Energy Justice at the US Department of Energy. He leads the Department’s new Office of Energy Justice Policy and Analysis in the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity. Reames was most recently an associate professor of environment and sustainability at the University of Michigan, where he established the Urban Energy Justice Lab and the Energy Equity Project, focusing on research and solutions to the production and persistence of racial, income, and geographic energy-related disparities. Reames also served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and worked in both the private and public sectors as a licensed professional engineer. He earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, a Master of Engineering Management from Kansas State University, and a Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Kansas.



John Rhodes

Former Special Assistant to the President for Climate Policy, *White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy*

Bio: From 2021 through August, John Rhodes was a Special Assistant to the President for Climate Policy in the Biden Climate Policy Office and focused on deployment of clean energy, transmission, and building and vehicle electrification solutions.

Prior to that, from 2017 to February 2021, John was Chair of the New York Public Service Commission and CEO of the Department of Public Service, where he worked to develop and implement ambitious, equitable, and practical clean energy polices to ensure reliability and to protect customers.

And prior to that, from 2013 until starting with the Commission, John was President and CEO of the New

York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), where he worked to develop innovative clean energy policies and initiatives to combat climate change and develop jobs and investments in New York's clean energy economy.

He previously served as director for the Center for Market Innovation at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), working to channel private capital toward environmentally beneficial investments with a focus on energy efficiency, renewable energy, green infrastructure, and sustainable food and agriculture.

Prior to NRDC, he spent three years as acting chief operating officer at Good Energies. He was previously a partner at Booz Allen Hamilton and worked as a trader and general manager at Metallgesellschaft, a German mining, metals, and engineering firm.

Jeff Riles

Director, Energy Markets, Cloud Operations + Innovation, *Microsoft*

Bio: Jeff is a Director of Energy Markets at Microsoft.

As part of the Cloud Operations + Innovations organization, Jeff leads a team that supports datacenter interconnection and energy supply contracts with utilities and third-party suppliers. Additionally, in this role, Jeff leads regulatory and policy strategy development with utilities, regulators, and stakeholders important to datacenter and clean energy infrastructure delivery in the Americas. All of this is done in support of Microsoft's long-term 100/100/0 vision – that on all the world's grids, 100 percent of electrons, 100 percent of the time are generated from zero carbon sources.

Prior to joining Microsoft, Jeff served on the energy team at Google, as part of the business unit that managed energy supply and carbon free energy procurement for their Data Centers. Jeff has also previously worked in Washington D.C., at Enel North America for the renewable energies division and practiced energy regulatory law.

Jeff is based in the Microsoft San Francisco office and holds degrees from the University of Oklahoma College of Law and Oklahoma City University.



Joshua Ryor

Managing Director, Technical Staff, *Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority*

Bio: Josh is the managing director of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, PURA. In this role, Josh leads PURA's technical staff division responsible for the financial, accounting, economic, and engineering aspects of all adjudicated matters before the agency.

Prior to his current role, Josh led the teams responsible for implementing PURA's strategic initiatives and overseeing the utility-administered programs vital to delivering a safe, clean, reliable, and affordable grid. *PURA's strategic initiatives include its Framework for an Equitable Modern Grid and investigation into the establishment of performance-based regulation for Connecticut's investor-owned electric utilities.*

Before joining PURA, Josh spent the better part of a decade in various roles focused on sustainable energy technologies, utility regulation, public policy, energy economics, and corporate sustainability, most notably at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the World Resources Institute.

Josh holds a Bachelors degree in Physics and Economics from the College of the Holy Cross, *receiving the Nugent Gold Medal as the top Physics graduate*, and a Masters of Science with distinction in Sustainable Energy Systems from the University of Edinburgh. *Josh also holds a Certificate in Financing and Deploying Clean Energy from Yale University.*



Lisa Schwartz

Program Manager and Strategic Advisor, Electricity Markets and Policy Department, *Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory*

Bio: Lisa Schwartz is a manager and strategic advisor in Berkeley Lab's [Electricity Markets and Policy Department](#). She leads research, training, and technical assistance for states on integrated distribution system planning, energy efficiency and other distributed energy resources. She also manages and edits the [Future Electric Utility Regulation report series](#), tapping leading thinkers to provide multiple perspectives on complex regulatory issues for the electricity sector to inform ongoing discussion and debate. Before joining the lab, Lisa was Director of the Oregon Department of Energy and served as a Senior Associate at the Regulatory Assistance Project. Earlier, she led the Oregon Public Utility Commission's work on resource planning and procurement, distributed and renewable energy resources, and climate change. Lisa received the 2018 Mary Kilmarx Award from the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, which recognizes individuals "who have gone above and beyond in the name of good governance, clean energy, and the environment."



Catherine Tomasi

Director and Chief Privacy Officer, *Consolidated Edison*

Bio: Catherine Tomasi, CIPP/US, CIPM, is Director and Chief Privacy Officer for Con Edison, one of the world's largest energy delivery systems providing electric, gas, and steam service to the 10 million people who live and work in New York City and Westchester County. Catherine has more than 15 years of experience in the areas of privacy and compliance. Most recently, Catherine was Executive Director, Privacy, Fraud, & Data Governance, at Morgan Stanley's US Banks where she was directly responsible for implementing and managing the first line privacy, fraud, and data governance risk management programs. Prior to that role, she worked for eight years in the roles of Assistant Vice President, Vice President, and Senior Vice President, Enterprise Privacy Compliance at Bank of America. In these roles, she was responsible for serving as privacy advisor to the Business Banking, Commercial Banking, Corporate & Investment Banking, Global Markets, and Merrill Lynch Wealth Management divisions. She led the design, development and execution of privacy compliance technology projects and initiatives, including the enterprise consumer preference intake and management platform, and the enterprise technology solution used for the tracking and resolution of privacy events and incidents. Earlier in her career, Catherine was the Assistant Vice President, Electronic Communications Compliance at Merrill Lynch where she was responsible for advice and guidance related to compliance with domestic and international rules and regulations for use of electronic communications, as well as information security and privacy. Catherine graduated summa cum laude from Saint Leo University with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and is certified by the International Association of Privacy Professionals as a Certified Information Privacy Professional – US (CIPP/US) and a Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM). Catherine has served on the Rutgers University Advisory Board for Cyber Security, instructing the privacy module for the certification program, and volunteers and speaks regularly to advocate for personal data privacy and protection, online safety for children, and fraud prevention.



Ted Trabue**Managing Director, *District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility*****Bio:**

Mr. Trabue is a fourth generation Washingtonian.

From 2011 until July of 2022 he was the Managing Director of the DC Sustainable Energy Utility. The organization had an annual budget of over \$55 million and designed and implemented energy efficiency and renewable energy programs for all classes of customers in the District of Columbia.

Prior to his tenure at the Sustainable Energy Utility, Ted served as the Vice President for the DC Region at Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO).

Ted was elected to the DC State Board of Education and served as its President for two years. Ted also worked in a variety of capacities in the DC Government for 12 years.

Finally, Ted holds a degree in Economics from Dartmouth College and earned his law degree from Howard University School of Law.