Speaker Bios for 2.17.12 Roundtable

Commissioner Kenneth Kimmell

Kenneth Kimmell was appointed in January 2011 as Commissioner of the MassDEP by Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Richard Sullivan. Since that time MassDEP has launched a clean energy results program to focus on the permitting and siting of clean energy facilities; completed a top-to-bottom review of all of MassDEP's permit programs and identified over twenty regulatory changes to streamline permitting. Mass DEP has also begun an overhaul of its IT systems to make the agency more efficient, transparent, and accessible. Ken joined the Patrick Administration in 2007 as general counsel of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Prior to that, he was in private practice focusing on environmental and land use law. Ken also serves as an officer and member of the Board of Directors of RGGI. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University and UCLA School of Law.

Dan Monzani

Dan Monzani is Deputy Director, Green Deal Legislation and Finance, at the United Kingdom’s Department of Energy and Climate Change.  In this role he leads on advising Ministers and working with stakeholders to deliver the new financing mechanism at the heart of the flagship Green Deal policy, which will enable consumers to fund energy efficiency at no upfront cost and repay through energy companies.  Dan has previously worked in Government policy roles such as pensions reform and welfare-to-work, corporate strategy for the Department for Work and Pensions, and led the team which delivered NEST Corporation, a new, not-for-profit financial services organization which will oversee one of the largest global pension schemes for moderate earners.  Dan holds an MBA from London Business School and degrees from Magdalen College, Oxford and University College London.

Commissioner David Littell

David Littell was appointed to the Maine Public Utilities Commission by Governor Baldacci and confirmed by the Maine Senate in August 2010. He previously served as the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. David was the Chair of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) for two years, stepping down to Vice Chair in January, 2012. He has also chaired the New England Governors’ Committee on the Environment and the Environmental Council of the States Cross-Media Committee. He currently represents Maine on the Eastern Interconnect States Planning Committee (“EISPC”). Earlier in his career, David was an attorney and partner at Pierce, Atwood. He also served as an intelligence officer and lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves. David received his JD from Harvard Law School,and his A.B. from Princeton. His current Commission term expires in March 2015.

Paul Hibbard

Paul Hibbard is a Vice President at Analysis Group, a Boston-based economic and financial consulting firm.  A former Chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Paul has held positions at both the DPU and DEP and has also served on the New England States' Committee on Electricity, the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board, and the Executive Committee of the Eastern Interconnect States' Planning Council.  In private practice, he provides technical, economic and policy analysis and strategic advice to public and private sector participants in the natural gas and electric industries on energy and environmental matters.  Paul holds a B.S. in Physics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and an M.S. in Energy and Resources from the University of California at Berkeley.

Derek Murrow

Derek directs ENE’s energy and climate policy development and manages regional and federal programs.  Derek has played a leading advocacy role in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and ENE’s energy and climate policy initiatives in the Northeast and in Washington DC. He holds an appointment as a Research Affiliate at Yale University in Energy Systems Analysis and serves on the University Council’s Committee on a Sustainable Yale. Derek’s previous experience includes business strategy development for hydrogen technology at Proton Energy Systems in Connecticut, and six years as an environmental consultant and business manager for Stone Environmental in Vermont. Derek holds a Master of Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and a BA in geology from Carleton College.

Steve Corneli

Steve Corneli is NRG Energy’s Senior Vice President for Sustainability, Strategy and Policy. He oversees NRG’s strategic sustainability and policy initiatives. Steve has previously served as NRG’s Senior Vice President of Market and Climate Policy, Vice President of Regulatory and Government Affairs, and as Director of Regulatory Policy. Prior to joining NRG, Steve served in the Minnesota Attorney General’s office as an energy policy analyst and then as the manager of the office’s utility consumer advocacy division. He has also worked at the law firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard on behalf of utility and independent power producer clients. Steve holds a Master’s degree in public affairs from the University of Minnesota and a BA from St. John’s College.