



## Grid Modernization, Distributed Energy Resources, & Affordability (#183)

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Bios of Speakers/Moderator



**Christine Guhl-Sadovy** is President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. She was appointed president by Governor Phil Murphy in 2023. Prior to her nomination, she served as Cabinet Secretary in the Governor's senior staff. Christine previously worked at NJBPU, where she rose to the position of Chief of Staff under President Joe Fiordaliso, helping to spearhead Governor Murphy's clean energy agenda. During her time as NJBPU Chief of Staff, Christine worked on several key initiatives, including the 2019 Energy Master Plan, implementation of the 2018 Clean Energy Act, and development of the State's electric vehicle incentive program. Prior to serving in the Murphy Administration, Christine worked as the Legislative and Political Director for Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey.

A lifelong New Jersey resident, Christine received her bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and serves on the board of Anchor House, Inc., a Trenton-based youth homelessness organization.



**Ron Gerwatowski** was appointed Chairman of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission in June 2020 by then Governor Gina Raimondo. Ron has worked in the utility and energy industry for over thirty years. Prior to his appointment, he served as a Senior Regulatory Advisor to the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. He has been a guest lecturer and instructor in the Energy Fellows Program at the University of Rhode Island. Before moving to Rhode Island, Ron served as Assistant Secretary of Energy in Massachusetts. He has served in utility legal and executive capacities in various jurisdictions, including Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York.

Ron graduated *magna cum laude* from Boston College Law School, where he served as Managing Editor of the *Boston College Law Review*. He has been a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association for over thirty years.



**Staci Rubin** was appointed Commissioner at Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities in 2023, marking her return to the agency. She previously served as Vice President for Environmental Justice at Conservation Law Foundation, where she partnered with residents of historically marginalized communities to address challenges regarding transportation, climate justice, zero waste, and lead poisoning prevention in the six New England states. Prior to joining CLF, Staci served as Senior Counsel and Hearing Officer at the Department of Public Utilities, where she specialized in distributed generation and public records matters. Before joining the DPU, Staci was Senior Attorney and Director of the Environmental Justice Legal Services program at Alternatives for Community & Environment, Inc. where she

provided legal representation to resident groups and nonprofit organizations in low-income communities regarding energy efficiency, transit fare programs, energy facility siting, community gardening, and other community-led initiatives.

Staci earned her law degree from Northeastern, a Master of Public Health from Tufts, a Master of Environmental Law and Policy degree from Vermont Law School, and an undergraduate degree from NYU. She has taught Energy Law and Policy at Northeastern University School of Law.



**Carolyn C. Gilbert** was appointed to the Maine Public Utilities Commission in May 2023 by Governor Janet Mills. Prior to her appointment, she was a Managing Consultant at Daymark Energy Advisors, where she worked with utility commissions across the country on renewable energy policy and economics. Carrie began her career as a consulting environmental engineer for municipal water and wastewater utilities. She has served on the Energy Working Group of the Maine Climate Council and is the Maine Chapter Chair of New England Women in Energy and Environment (NEWIEE).

Carrie holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan. She completed her undergraduate work at Dartmouth College and holds bachelor's degrees in engineering and environmental Earth Sciences.



**Claire Coleman** was nominated by Governor Ned Lamont to serve as Consumer Counsel for the State of Connecticut and confirmed by the Connecticut Senate in 2022. She formerly served as the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs for the Office of Policy and Management. Previously, Claire worked as an 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 both private business practices and government programs and regulations. In this role she also prepared members of Congress for hearings on many areas of government policy and practice, including energy and environmental regulation. Claire worked as a litigation associate at Wiggin and Dana LLP in New Haven and Sullivan and Cromwell LLP in New York. She served as law clerk to the Honorable Ellen Bree Burns, United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. She served as a Team Leader for the Americorps National Civilian Community Corps. Claire was recognized by The Connecticut Law Tribute with a New Leaders in the Law award and has received several additional awards for pro bono legal work. 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.

Claire is a graduate of Cornell and earned her law degree at Northwestern.



**Lisa Wieland** is president of National Grid New England, where she is responsible for safe, reliable and affordable energy delivery to the company's customers in the region, overseeing gas and electric operations in Massachusetts and transmission in New England. Prior to joining National Grid in 2023, Lisa served as CEO of the Massachusetts Port Authority, a complex quasi-public sector organization operating vital transportation assets including Boston Logan International Airport, Hanscom Field and Worcester Airport, Maritime facilities in the Port of Boston, and a large commercial real estate portfolio. During her tenure, Massport completed significant capital projects including the expansion of Terminal E for international flights, a new post-security connection linking Logan's busiest terminals, the dredging of Boston Harbor, and the modernization of the Port's container facilities. Lisa also launched an ambitious NetZero Plan and expanded the Massport Model, a diversity and inclusion initiative in commercial real estate that has become a model for development in the region. Before joining Massport, Lisa worked as a Consultant for Bain & Company. She began her career in broadcast journalism covering various news and political assignments for CNN.

Lisa graduated from UCLA and received an MBA from Harvard Business School.



**Dan Berwick** is CEO of New Leaf Energy, formerly known as Borrego Energy. Prior to becoming CEO, Dan served as President of the Development business at Borrego. He previously held the positions of Director of Policy and Business Development, Executive Vice President of Strategy and Business Development, and General Manager of Energy Storage. In these roles, he managed policy and government affairs for the company, led several of Borrego's major expansion efforts, including launching its energy storage business, and then led its independent Development business.

Dan earned his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Sloan School of Management and his Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



**Bradley M. Campbell** is president and CEO of Conservation Law Foundation. A former White House senior appointee during the Clinton administration, Brad was the Regional Administrator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Mid-Atlantic Region and served as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. As NJ DEP Commissioner, Brad set the toughest stormwater pollution standards in the nation; initiated and negotiated the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to control greenhouse gas emissions from power plants; and secured permanent protection for more than 800,000 acres of watershed lands under threat of development in New Jersey's Highlands region.

As an attorney in private practice, he successfully litigated on behalf of a low-income community to remedy drinking water contamination; negotiated agreements supporting the development of solar energy projects; and led litigation arising from catastrophic oil and chemical spills. During this time, Brad also founded Swan Creek Energy, LLC, a renewable energy development firm responsible for several of the largest commercial-scale solar projects in New Jersey. Since he became president of CLF, the firm has taken on Exxon, Shell, and Gulf Oil for their failure to protect communities and prepare their facilities for climate impacts. CLF has also succeeded in passing enforceable new climate laws in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Maine.

Brad earned his undergraduate degree from Amherst College and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review.



**Janet Gail Besser** is a nationally recognized energy policy and regulatory strategy expert, with experience as a regulator, clean energy business association leader, utility executive, developer, consultant, and consumer advocate. She has been moderating the New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable since the beginning of 2023. Prior to 2023, she led the Smart Electric Power Alliance's Regulatory and Business Innovation work as vice president. Previously, she was executive vice president of the Northeast Clean Energy Council; VP, Regulatory Strategy and Policy at National Grid; Chair and Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; and an executive and expert at Analysis Group and Lexecon. She also held senior staff roles at the Massachusetts Energy Office and New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, was policy director for a national IPP association, and worked for a small hydro developer and low-income consumer advocate. Janet is the recipient of the 2019 Northeast Energy and Commerce Association (NECA) Vanguard Award and the 2014 New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE) Achievement Award. She recently chaired the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) Committee on the role of net metering in the evolving electricity system. She is the chair of the Power Options Board and serves on the VEIC Board, where she chairs the Impact and Evaluation Committee.

Janet has an MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Williams College.



**Carol Holahan** is a partner in Foley Hoag's Energy & Cleantech practice. She advises large, competitive regional generators and other participants in the wholesale and retail competitive electricity markets on regional policy initiatives, changing environmental regulations, decommissioning and sale of plants, and matters pending before the FERC. In addition to concentrating on traditional fossil fuel generation, Carol's practice includes renewable energy resources such as large solar, storage, and biomass. She has significant experience in the NEPOOL stakeholder process, and with legal challenges to new or existing laws and regulations, environmental permitting, facility siting, and assessment or limitations of liability due to the sale or retirement of generating facilities. Prior to joining Foley Hoag, Carol was the Senior Director of Government Affairs at Dynegy, Inc. Before that, she served as Director of Government Affairs for the NEPGA, representing competitive power producers before state policy makers, regulators, and infrastructure siting boards. She also served as the Director of the Office of Legislative Services in New Hampshire.

Carol earned her JD, *magna cum laude*, from Suffolk Law School, and her BS from Georgetown.