Northwestern University Electricity Dialogue

Weather, Markets, and Reliability: Harmonizing the Gas and Electric Industries

Thursday, October 5 — Friday, October 6, 2023

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law—Wieboldt Hall
339 E. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

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11:00-12:30 Registration, Informal Lunch, and Convening
12:30-1:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Opening Keynote Address: “Harmonizing the Gas and Electric Industries: Why It Matters”
- Introduction: Joseph K. Sullivan, Vice Chair, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
- Keynote Speaker: Susan F. Tierney, Senior Advisor, Analysis Group

1:15-2:45 Session One — Harmonizing the Gas and Electric Industries I
Handling the bad situations like wind droughts, extreme weather, and coincident gas & electric peaks. How to make sure the gas gets there when the electric system needs it?

- Moderator: Julie Fedorchak, Commissioner, North Dakota Public Service Commission
- Renuka Chatterjee, Vice President, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)
- Robert W. Gee, President, Gee Strategies Group, LLC
- Sandy Jenkins, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy
- Melissa Lavinson, Head of Corporate Affairs, New England, National Grid

2:45-3:15 Break
3:15-4:45  
**Session Two — Harmonizing the Gas and Electric Industries II**

- **Moderator:** Lori Cobos, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Texas
- **Naomi Boness,** Managing Director, Natural Gas Initiative (NGI) at Stanford University
- **John Haynes,** Chief Commercial Officer, Boardwalk Pipeline Partner, LP
- **Paul McGlynn,** Executive Director of System Ops, PJM Interconnection
- **Chris Moser,** Executive Vice President, Head of Competitive Markets and Policy, NRG
- **Benjamin J. Schoene,** Director, Regulatory Affairs, Commercial Gas and Power, ConocoPhillips Company

4:45-5:45  
**Networking Reception**

5:45  
**Dinner**

6:30-7:15  
**Dinner Keynote Address: Power Markets and Regulation: Keys to Extending the Dialogue**

- **Introduction:** Rebecca Cameron Valcq, Chair, Wisconsin Public Service Commission
- **Steve Piper,** Director of Energy Research, S&P Global Market Intelligence

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**Friday, October 6, 2023**

7:15-8:30  
**Breakfast**

8:30-8:45  
**Perspectives from the Illinois Commerce Commission**

- **Doug Scott,** Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission

8:45-10:15  
**Session Three — Reliability, Electrification, and Natural Gas: How Much Gas Would be Needed to Electrify Everything?**

- **Moderator:** Philip Bartlett, II, Chairman, Maine Public Utilities Commission
- **Philip D. Moeller,** Executive Vice President, Business Operations Group and Regulatory Affairs, Edison Electric Institute (EEI)
• **John Moura**, Director, Reliability Assessment and Performance Analysis, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)
• **Bruce Rew**, Senior Vice President, Operations, Southwest Power Pool
• **Samuel T. Walsh**, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy

10:15-10:30

Break

10:30-12:00

Session Four — State Regulators’ Role: How Can (and should) State Regulators Help Harmonize the Gas and Electric Industries?

• **Moderator: Kevin Gunn**, Executive Director for Regulatory and Political Affairs, Central Region, NextEra Energy Resources
• **Diane Burman**, Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission
• **Ann McCabe**, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
• **Sarah Steinberg**, Director, Advanced Energy United
• **Rebecca Cameron Valcq**, Chair, Wisconsin Public Service Commission

12:00

Conclusion, Close & Lunch

**Confirmed Utility Commissioners (as of 8/23/2023):**

1. **Philip Bartlett, II**, Chairman, Maine Public Utilities Commission *(Panel Moderator)*
2. **Diane Burman**, Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission *(Panelist)*
3. **Lori Cobos**, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Texas *(Panel Moderator)*
4. **Art Graham**, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission
5. **John Howard**, Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission
6. **Julie Fedorchak**, Commissioner, North Dakota Public Service Commission *(Panel Moderator)*
7. **Karen M. Kemerait**, Commissioner, North Carolina Utilities Commission
9. **Floyd B. McKissick, Jr.**, Commissioner, North Carolina Utilities Commission
10. **Conrad Reddick**, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
11. **Doug Scott**, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission
12. **Carleton B. Simpson**, Commissioner, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
13. **Joseph K. Sullivan**, Vice Chair, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission *(Keynote)*
Introduction

15. **Rebecca Cameron Valcq**, Chair, Wisconsin Public Service Commission *(Keynote Introduction)*

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**Confirmed Registrants** (as of 8/23/2023):

33. **Stephen Bennett**, Manager, Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, PJM Interconnection, LLC
34. **Colin Byers**, Senior Campaign Coordinator, Union of Concerned Scientists
35. **Nathan Carrier**, Legal & Policy Advisor to Commissioner Conrad Reddick, Illinois Commerce Commission
36. **Mason Emnett**, SVP, Public Policy, Constellation
37. **Edward Garvey**, Regulatory Strategist, AESL Consulting
38. **James Gignac**, Midwest Senior Policy Manager, Union of Concerned Scientists
39. **Ross Hemphill**, President, RCHemphill Solutions LLC
40. **Robert Kelter**, Managing Attorney, ELPC
41. **Christopher Kennedy**, Partner, Whitt Sturtevant LLP
42. **Christopher J. Kim**, Deputy Chief, Public Utilities Bureau, Office of the Illinois Attorney General
43. **Amber Lee**, Consultant, AESL Consulting
44. **Scott Metzger**, Assistant Attorney General, Public Utilities Bureau, Office of the Illinois Attorney General
45. **Agnes Mrozowski**, Regulatory Affairs, Ameren Illinois
46. **Erin O'Connell-Diaz**, President, Bull Valley Association
47. **Ryan Retzlaff**, Manager, Power Services, Otter Tail Power Company
48. **Preston Riewer**, Senior Resource Planner, Otter Tail Power
49. **Kristol Simms**, Vice President, Clean Energy Transition, Ameren Illinois
50. **Leonard Singh**, Chairman and President, Ameren Illinois
51. **Brian Tulloh**, Executive Director, External Affairs, MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator)
52. **Julie Ward**, Policy Advisor to Commissioner Conrad Reddick, Illinois Commerce Commission
53. **Sophia Wennstedt**, Co-Founder & CEO, Blip Energy
54. **Mary Wierzbicki**, Director, Division of Energy Market Assessments, U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
55. **Scott Wright**, Executive Director, Resource Planning, MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator)
56. **Carrie Zalewski**, VP, Transmission and Markets, American Clean Power Association

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