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 #347
339 E. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

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11:00-12:30   Registration, Informal Lunch, and Convening (Wieboldt Hall #323)
12:30-1:15    Welcome and Opening Remarks (Wieboldt Hall #347)

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 (Wieboldt Hall #347)

- Moderator: Julie Fedorchak, Commissioner, North Dakota Public Service Commission
- Jonathan Booe, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, North American Energy Standards Board
- Renuka Chatterjee, Vice President, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)
- Robert W. Gee, President, Gee Strategies Group, LLC

2:45-3:15     Break (Wieboldt Hall #323)
3:15-4:45  **Session Two — Harmonizing the Gas and Electric Industries II**  (Wieboldt Hall #347)

- **Moderator:** Lori Cobos, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Texas
- **John L. 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** (Wieboldt Hall #440)

5:45  **Dinner** (Wieboldt Hall #540)

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

- **Introduction:** Stacey Paradis, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
- **Steve Piper**, Director of Energy Research, S&P Global Market Intelligence

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**Friday, October 6, 2023**

7:15-8:30  **Continental Breakfast** (Wieboldt Hall #323)

8:30-8:45  **Perspectives from the Illinois Commerce Commission**  (Wieboldt Hall #347)

- **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?**  (Wieboldt Hall #347)

- **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** (Wieboldt Hall #347)

10:30-12:00  **Session Four — State Regulators’ Role: How Can (and should) State Regulators Help Harmonize the Gas and Electric Industries?** (Wieboldt Hall #150)

- **Moderator: Doug Scott**, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission
- **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** (Wieboldt Hall #323)

**Confirmed Utility Commissioners** (as of 10/5/2023):

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. **Julie Fedorchak**, Commissioner, North Dakota Public Service Commission (*Panel Moderator*)
8. **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
15. **Rebecca Cameron Valcq**, Chair, Wisconsin Public Service Commission *(Panelist)*

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**Confirmed Registrants (as of 10/5/2023):**

30. **Tom Aridas**, Director - Gas Regulatory, Planning & Policy, WEC Energy Group
31. **Stephen Bennett**, Manager, Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, PJM Interconnection, LLC
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34. **Tricia DeBleecere**, External Affairs, MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator)
35. **Ted Eidukas**, Vice President - State & Federal Regulatory, WEC Energy Group
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. **Mike Guerra**, VP External Affairs, Nicor Gas
40. **John Gunnells**, Senior Manager, State Affairs, American Gas Association
41. **Cassandra Hadwen**, Legal Advisor, Illinois Commerce Commission
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47. Christopher J. Kim, Deputy Chief, Public Utilities Bureau, Office of the Illinois Attorney General
48. Brad Klein, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law & Policy Center
49. Amber Lee, Consultant, AESL Consulting
50. Conor McKenzie, Energy Systems Policy Associate, Great Plains Institute
51. Scott Metzger, Assistant Attorney General, Public Utilities Bureau, Office of the Illinois Attorney General
52. Kevin Miller, Vice President, Asset Management, Operations, and Construction, J-Power USA Development Co
53. John Moore, Director, Sustainable FERC Project, NRDC
54. Agnes Mrozowski, Regulatory Affairs, Ameren Illinois
55. Erin O'Connell-Diaz, President, Bull Valley Association
56. Jane Park, SVP, Federal Gov & Reg Affairs, Exelon
57. Ryan Retzlaff, Manager, Power Services, Otter Tail Power Company
58. Preston Riewer, Senior Resource Planner, Otter Tail Power
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66. Rachelle Whitacre, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Nicor Gas
68. Scott Wright, Executive Director, Resource Planning, MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator)
69. Carrie Zalewski, VP, Transmission and Markets, American Clean Power Association
70. Ralph Zarumba, President, Nexus Economics LLC

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