Northwestern University Electricity Dialogue

*Weather, Markets & 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”

- **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
- **Gilbert Bindewald III,** Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Grid Control & Communications, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Renuka Chatterjee,** Vice President, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)
- **Robert W. Gee,** President, Gee Strategies Group, LLC
- **Melissa Lavinson,** Head of Corporate Affairs, New England, National Grid

2:45-3:15  Break
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

Networking Reception

Dinner

TBD Dinner Keynote Address: Seeing Both Sides: View from Gas-Electric Utilities

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Breakfast

Perspectives from the Illinois Commerce Commission
- **Doug Scott**, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission

Session Three — How Much Gas is Needed to Electrify Everything?

- **Moderator:** Philip Bartlett, II, Chairman, Maine Public Utilities Commission
- **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

Break

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

- **Moderator:** TBD
• **Diane Burman**, Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission
• **Kevin Gunn**, Executive Director for Regulatory and Political Affairs, Central Region, NextEra Energy Resources
• **Darcie Houck**, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission
• **Ann McCabe**, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
• **Sarah Steinberg**, Director, Advanced Energy United

12:15-1:00  Conclusion, Close & Lunch

**Confirmed Utility Commissioners** (as of 7/26/2023):

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. Darcie Houck, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission *(Panelist)*
6. John Howard, Commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission
7. Julie Fedorchak, Commissioner, North Dakota Public Service Commission *(Panel Moderator)*
9. Doug Scott, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission
10. Emile C. Thompson, Chairman, Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia
11. Rebecca Cameron Valcq, Chair, Wisconsin Public Service Commission

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25. Mason Emnett, SVP, Public Policy, Constellation
26. Edward Garvey, Regulatory Strategist, AESL Consulting
27. Ross Hemphill, President, RCHemphill Solutions LLC
28. Kristol Simms, Vice President, Clean Energy Transition, Ameren Illinois

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