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### Participant Biographies



**CASEY CATHEY**, P.E., Vice President, Engineering, Southwest Power Pool. Casey is a 22-year veteran of the power industry and a subject matter expert for energy markets, grid operations, and transmission planning. He was a leader in two energy market implementations, the SPP Energy Imbalance Services market and the Integrated Marketplace. He has also operated and supported the Balancing Authority, Reliability Coordination, Tariff and Scheduling, and Transmission Operations functions. Casey

and his team handle Transmission Planning, Generation Interconnection, Transmission Service, Modeling, Planning Compliance, Research & Development, and Resource Adequacy. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the Louisiana State University, has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and has held a Professional Engineering license for seventeen years.



**JENNIFER CURRAN** is Senior Vice President, Planning & Operations for MISO. In that role she oversees a broad array of functions including the company's transmission and resource planning efforts, market operations and system operations.

Ms. Curran has spent the last twenty years focused on delivering reliability and economic value to customers through wholesale electricity markets, operations and infrastructure planning. Since joining MISO in 2004, she has served in various strategic, business planning and operational oversight roles. Notably, Ms. Curran was a leader in the development of the industry-leading Multi-Value Project transmission planning approach. She currently serves on the Energy Systems Integration Group (ESIG) Board of Directors.

Prior to joining MISO, Ms. Curran was Manager of Power Generation & Supply Strategy for MISO and PJM at Reliant Resources. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rice University and a Master of Business Administration from Duke University.



**JOSE ESPARZA** is APS's senior vice president, Public Policy. In his role, Esparza leads APS's Federal and State Regulatory and Legislative teams, its Rates and Rate Strategy teams, as well as the Sustainability team.

An Arizona native, Esparza joined APS after a 25-year career at Southwest Gas, where he served as senior vice president, customer engagement and information technology.

Gained through years of practice in regulatory and public policy affairs at both state and federal levels, Esparza possesses deep insights into Arizona's regulatory and political landscapes. Previously, he held positions of increasing responsibility for customer service, corporate strategy, regulatory affairs and public affairs – after beginning his career as a meter reader.

Esparza earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Political Science and an executive MBA from Arizona State University.



**SARAH FREEMAN** was appointed by Governor Mike Pence as Commissioner on September 19, 2016, and was most recently reappointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on December 20, 2021. Commissioner Freeman sits on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and is a member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company, chairs the Midcontinent Independent System Operator Advisory Committee, and is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council. Freeman is also President of the Mid-American Regulatory Conference, Vice Chair of the Financial Research Institute Advisory Council at the University of Missouri, and serves on the

Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Freeman served as a senior staff attorney with the nonpartisan Indiana Legislative Services Agency, where she drafted utility and transportation legislation and served as counsel to numerous legislative committees.

A native Hoosier, Commissioner Freeman earned her undergraduate degrees in psychology, French, and political science from Indiana University – Bloomington and her juris doctor degree from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Commissioner Freeman lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Ian Stewart. Their daughter, Nia, attends Indiana University-Bloomington. They are members of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.



**ASIM HAQUE**, SVP, Governmental and Member Services, oversees the Governmental and Member Services Division at PJM. In that role he oversees PJM's interactions with state government as well as US Congress and also oversees PJM's member interactions which include the PJM stakeholder process.

Prior to joining PJM, Haque was the chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

Haque began his career at a large general practice firm and went on to work as in-house counsel at a global auto manufacturer prior to his appointment to the PUCO. He also serves on the board of the Philadelphia Education

Fund, which works to create equitable opportunities for all students to succeed in college and career.

Haque holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and political science from Case Western Reserve University and a Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.



**ANGIE HATTON** was appointed to the Public Service Commission and designated as Vice Chair by Governor Andy Beshear in March 2023. She was then appointed as Chair on August 6, 2024. Her term expires July 1, 2025.

Prior to her appointment, in addition to her private law practice, Chair Hatton served three terms representing Letcher, Pike and Harlan Counties in the House of Representatives, and served the General Assembly as House Minority Whip. Much of her legislative work centered around energy and utility issues. She served on the House Standing Committee on Natural Resources and was appointed by the Speaker of the House to the Southern Legislators Conference Committee on Energy

and Environment.

Chair Hatton was named to the Kentucky Gazette's 50 Most Notable Women in 2019, named a KACO Outstanding County Advocate, awarded the Legislative Champion Award at the 2022 Senior Hunger Summit, given a Warrior for Working Families Award from the Working Families PAC, the Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative Henry Clay Award, the Cumberland Valley ADD Outstanding Advocate Award, the KCTC Outstanding Higher Education Advocate and numerous other awards. She serves on the Board of Directors for Kentucky Youth Advocates, Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, Eastern Kentucky Red Cross, Kentucky Community Farm Alliance, and EKY Heritage Foundation among other nonprofit boards. Currently she serves on the Board of Directors for both OPSI (Organization of PJM States) and OMS (Organization of MISO States). For NARUC, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions, she serves on the Energy Resources and Environment Committee, the International Relations Committee and the Clean Coal Committee. Also, she serves on the Advisory Board for the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities.

After graduating from Eastern Kentucky University in 1994 with a degree in journalism, she worked as a newspaper reporter before earning her law degree at the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1999. Chair Hatton and her family reside in Whitesburg.



**TYLER HUEBNER** leads Google's Energy Market Development efforts in the Upper Midwest, helping the company grow data center and AI operations while pursuing Google's ambitious 24x7 carbon-free energy goals. Previously, Tyler spent four years as a Governor-appointed Commissioner at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin where he regulated the state's electricity, natural gas, and water utilities, and supported an ambitious broadband expansion initiative. Tyler has also worked at ICF International, the U.S. Department of Energy, and spent seven years as Executive Director at RENEW Wisconsin.



**TRAVIS KAVULLA** Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, NRG. Travis works to ensure that energy markets continue to deliver value for electricity consumers. Travis Kavulla joined NRG after a decade of work as a government regulator and energy policy expert. During his work in public life, Travis has written dozens of articles and speeches on energy and telecommunications policy and regulation.

Travis has a Master of Arts in history from the University of Cambridge, where he was a Gates Scholar, and a bachelor's degree in history from Harvard Univ



**LYNNE KIESLING** is an economist focusing on regulation, market design, and the economics of digitization in the electricity industry. She is Director of the Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics in the Center on Law, Business, and Economics, and is an Adjunct Professor in the Master of Science in Energy and Sustainability program, both at Northwestern University. She is also a Research Professor at University of Colorado Denver. Her academic background includes a B.S. in Economics from Miami University (Ohio) and a Ph.D. in Economics from Northwestern University.

Lynne's academic interests have long been focused on technology, the economic history of technological change, and how regulation and other institutions shape incentives to innovate. Her academic publications include *Deregulation, Innovation, and Market Liberalization: Electricity Restructuring in a Constantly Evolving Environment* (Routledge, 2008) and journal articles and book chapters on competition, market design, and the important role that market prices play as communication mechanisms in complex, decentralized networks. More recently, she and co-authors analyzed incomplete markets in risk in ERCOT in light of the 2021 Winter Storm Uri outages in "Private Risk and Social Resilience in Liberalized Electricity Markets," *Joule* (2022), and she and Stephen Littlechild used a decentralized market process framework to analyze policy responses to Winter Storm Uri and recommend alternatives in "Hayek and the Texas Blackout," *Electricity Journal* (2021).

Lynne has also contributed to the development of transactive energy systems since collaborating on the GridWise Olympic Peninsula Testbed Demonstration Project in 2006-2007. She is currently working in collaboration with David Chassin (SLAC National Laboratory, Stanford University) and Post Road Foundation on a U.S. Department of Energy Connected Communities research grant to test transactive energy in rural communities.

In addition to her academic research, Lynne is currently a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee, which provides advice to DOE on modernizing electricity infrastructure. She has also served as a member of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology's Smart Grid Advisory Committee, and was a member of the GridWise Architecture Council 2005-2010, where she remains an emerita member.



**SARAH MOSKOWITZ** is Executive Director at the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), an Illinois nonprofit consumer advocacy group that represents the interests of residential and small business utility customers through outreach, education, litigation, and policy advocacy. She started at CUB in the summer of 2000 and has served there in a variety of roles including providing direct consumer services, managing the organization's statewide education and advocacy efforts, and overseeing the development of CUB's clean energy strategy in a way that uses policy research and community engagement to identify equitable and consumer friendly climate solutions. She became CUB's Deputy Director in 2019 and held that role until 2023, when she stepped in as Executive Director. Sarah earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Chicago.



**NICK MYERS** ran a campaign on wanting to bring back regulatory stability, keeping rates low, and keeping our utilities resilient and reliable. This can be accomplished by removing unnecessary mandates and subsidies, modifying rules before forcing policy on utilities (in other words, stop changing the rules in the middle of the game), and putting statewide policy making back into the legislature where it belongs.

Nick spent almost 20 years in the software engineering industry. He then branched out into small business where he and his family started and sold several businesses. Nick's involvement with the commission started when he had a major dispute with a utility. This led to Nick being a community advocate in a multi-year process that was very successful. Following that, he became a Policy Advisor for Commissioner Justin Olson until being elected as a Commissioner himself.

Nick's engineering mindset, technical background, utility and policy work, and business experience bring a rare combination of skills to the commission. Nick understands what it takes to make businesses successful. He understands the dangers of ideology driven decisions and has the ability to see all sides of an issue to make the best decisions.

Nick, his wife and three children live in Pinal County. Nick appreciates the faith the residents of Arizona have placed in him in electing the first ever Commissioner from Pinal County, and looks forward to serving all Arizonans.



**ANGELA NAVARRO** is the President of ALN Policy and Law, where she counsels energy companies, tech companies, non-profits, and foundations on complex regulatory and policy issues in markets across the country. Previously, she served as the Head of Regulatory Affairs at Arcadia, where she led the energy technology company's state-level policy and regulatory program.

Before these roles, Angela spent eight years in state government, including as a Commissioner on the Virginia State Corporation Commission, which is the body that regulates the investor-owned utilities in Virginia. Issues that arose during her time on the Commission included implementing grid modernization, renewable portfolio standard compliance, energy efficiency portfolio investments, rate cases, and a variety of other subject matters. Prior to her time as a Commissioner, Angela served as a senior advisor across two Governor's offices in Virginia. First, she served as Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources under Governor Terry McAuliffe, where she advised on

energy and environmental policies. She then served as Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade under Governor Ralph Northam, where she was the Governor's lead energy policy advisor and supported the Administration on housing, small business, and other economic development priorities.

Before entering government service, Angela practiced law with the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC). While at SELC, she led the organization's energy efficiency practice across a six-state southeastern region, and she was the organization's lead attorney on energy matters in Virginia. Angela holds degrees in business and English from the University of Florida and a law degree from Georgetown Law.



**CHRISTOPHER NEKOLNY** has over twenty years of experience at Exelon focused on the transmission space. Dating back to the launch of Open Access, Mr. Nekolny has spent portions of his career in ComEd Transmission Planning, PowerTeam Transmission focused on the Financial Transmission Rights (FTR) market, and Transmission Development. He is currently the Senior Manager of Exelon Market Analysis in which he leads a team in analyzing and reinforcing the transmission system from the perspective of market constraints while accounting for the continually changing landscape. Mr. Nekolny has his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana and his MBA from the University of Notre Dame.



**KRISTY NIETO** was appointed by Governor Tony Evers to serve as a Commissioner on February 3, 2024. Kristy served in a variety of roles at the PSC for more than a decade before being appointed to the Commission. She previously served as Administrator of the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis (DERA), Administrator of the Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs (DACEA), Deputy Administrator of the Commission's business operations division, and Director of the Consumer Affairs Bureau. Prior to her work at the Commission, Kristy managed the bilingual consumer protection program for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Kristy is a member of the National Association of

Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) where she serves on the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest and the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and represents Wisconsin on the Task Force on Natural Gas Resource Planning. She previously served as a Wisconsin representative on the NARUC Advanced Nuclear States Collaborative.

Kristy holds a bachelor's degree from Hamline University in St. Paul in Spanish and Writing, and a master's degree from UW–Madison in Spanish Literature and Linguistics. Kristy lives in Monona with her husband, Sergio, and their son.



**PATRICK O'CONNELL**, PE, was appointed to a six-year term by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and is one of the three commissioners appointed to replace the five elected commissioners on January 1, 2023. In addition to serving as the chair of the Commission, Pat is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners, New Mexico's voting member of the Southwest Power Pool's Regional State Committee and sits on the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation and the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners Energy Resources and the Environment Committee.

Pat brings to the Commission experience developing and implementing strategies to maintain reliable and reasonably priced water, natural gas, and electricity to utility customers throughout New Mexico. This work has included the engineering disciplines of planning and design and the regulatory experience gained through providing expert witness testimony. He has worked as a consulting engineer, an employee of Sangre de Cristo Water, and the Public Service Company of New Mexico in both the gas (now New Mexico Gas Company) and electric utilities. After a career working in utilities and prior to joining the NMPRC, Pat led the Clean Energy program at Western Resource Advocates.

A native and current resident of Albuquerque, Pat has lived most of his life in New Mexico. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of New Mexico in 1990 with a degree in Civil Engineering and is a registered professional engineer in the state of New Mexico.



**KATHERINE L PERETICK** was appointed to the Michigan Public Service Commission by Governor Gretchen Whitmer on January 4, 2021, and reappointed on July 3, 2021. Her term ends July 2, 2027.

Commissioner Peretick is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). She serves on its Board of Directors and the Committee on Electricity. In August 2024, she was nominated to serve on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's new Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative. She also serves on the DOE-NARUC Nuclear Energy Partnership and as Chair of the NARUC Electric Vehicles State Working Group, leading the conversation on regulatory topics for electric vehicles and EV charging. She was also appointed to lead as Vice Chair of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council, which advises the organization on trends in political, economic, and social issues that affect electric utilities and prioritizes research to serve the public interest.

Commissioner Peretick serves on the board of directors of the Organization of PJM States and represents the Commission on the Michigan Council on Future Mobility and Electrification.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Peretick worked in the public and private sectors with a focus on energy storage and technology development. She served as Director of Engineering at NRStor Inc., an international energy storage project developer, where she was recognized by the Energy News Network as a national leader and innovator in the energy transition on the "40 under 40" award list. Her past experience also includes leading project engineering for long-duration energy storage technology company General Compression, international rotations in India and Denmark as a mechanical engineer as part of wind turbine manufacturer Vestas global Leadership Development Program, and a fellowship with the U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. She also worked on the Juno and Curiosity spacecraft missions with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Ms. Peretick also served as Vice President of Advancing Women in Energy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging and empowering women in the energy industry and energy-related fields for 3 years.

Ms. Peretick holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters in Energy Systems Engineering from the University of Michigan.



**GIL QUINIONES** leads ComEd, an Exelon company, which powers the lives of more than 4 million residential and business customers in Chicago and across most of northern Illinois. He is responsible for the management of an electric grid that delivers safe, reliable electricity to those customers and for empowering them to manage their energy use.

Under Quiniones' leadership, ComEd was named the most reliable utility in America by PA Consulting, based on analysis of system reliability statistics, including the frequency and duration of customer outages. With over 6,300 employees, ComEd is one of the largest employers in the region, maintaining numerous workforce and education partnerships with the diverse communities it serves.

Before joining ComEd, Quiniones served more than a decade as president and CEO of the New York Power Authority (NYPA), the nation's largest state-owned electric utility. Under his leadership, NYPA played a key role in New York State's Reforming the Energy Vision initiative to use market forces and new technology to empower customers and encourage the growth of clean renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Before joining NYPA in 2007, Quiniones held several positions in the administration of New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, including more than four years as senior vice president of energy and telecommunications. He started his career at Consolidated Edison (Con Edison), one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies and an electric and gas utility serving parts of southeastern New York and northern New Jersey, including New York City. He worked for 16 years at Con Edison, where he cofounded Con Edison Solutions, the utility's unregulated energy services company.

In June 2024, Quiniones was named to the Board of Directors for Intersect Illinois, a leading economic development organization, promoting the state as a location for investment by businesses. In July 2024 he was named to the board of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which is working to address food insecurity in the metropolitan region. He is the Co-Chair of the Corporate Coalition of Chicago, dedicated to addressing racial and economic inequities in the city.

Quiniones also serves on Civic Federation Board of Trustees, the board of World Business Chicago and the board of the Illinois Utilities Business Diversity Council (IUBDC). He is a member of the Commercial Club of Chicago and the Economic Club of Chicago.

In August 2022, President Joseph Biden named Quiniones to the President's National Infrastructure Advisory Board, which advises the White House on how to reduce physical and cyber risks and improve the security and resilience of the nation's critical infrastructure sectors.

In past years, Quiniones has served as a board member for a number of leading energy industry organizations including the Alliance to Save Energy, GridWise Alliance and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

Quiniones attended De La Salle University in the Philippines, where he received a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. He has performed graduate coursework in engineering at the Stevens Institute of Technology. He has completed the Executive Education Program at Columbia Business School and the CEO Academy at The Wharton School. Quiniones earned the Corporate Director Certificate at Harvard Business School's Executive Education program.



**LAURA RAUCH** is the executive director of transmission planning at MISO. In this role, she leads all aspects of transmission planning, including regional and interregional reliability and economic planning, cost allocation, and competitive transmission assessment.

Laura has more than 19 years in the energy industry, with experience spanning planning and market functions. This included leadership roles in market and transmission settlements, resource adequacy, and reliability planning. Laura has helped shape MISO's response to multiple technical and policy initiatives, including leading MISO's initial Multi-Value Project portfolio and recent Long Range Transmission Planning (LRTP) initiative to demonstrate the economic, reliability, and other benefits of transmission in supporting state policy mandates. She has also been an integral part of managing the market workstream for MISO's response to FERC Order 2222 on Distributed Energy Resources, developing market and operational solutions for resource adequacy, and defining MISO's developer selection process in response to FERC Order 1000. Laura currently serves as Vice Chair of the SERC Engineering Committee.

While at MISO, Laura has championed our diversity, equity, and inclusion program and other cultural work. She is a former chair of the MISO Women's Resource Group, is currently cosponsoring MISO's Leadership Development Initiatives, and is the 2024 Women IN Energy Making an Impact award winner.

Laura holds a Master of Business Administration from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Michigan Technological University. She is a registered engineer in the state of Indiana.



**DOUG SCOTT** was appointed Chair of the Illinois Commerce Commission by Governor J.B. Pritzker on June 17, 2023. This is Scott's second stint as Chair, having served in that position from 2011-2015. Between engagements with the ICC, Scott was Vice President of the Great Plains Institute, where he worked on decarbonization efforts with States, utilities and other interested parties. His team at GPI focused on utility business models, transmission and clean energy/climate plans. As part of that work, Scott served as an advisor to the Illinois Governor's Office on energy and environmental issues, including development of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act.

Before his first session with the ICC, Scott served in a variety of public sector positions for over twenty-five years, including Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Mayor of the City of Rockford, State Representative and City Attorney for Rockford. A native of Rockford, Scott received his Bachelor of Arts with honors from the University of Tulsa, and a Juris Doctorate with honors from Marquette University.

Doug and his wife Tammy have been married since 1985 and reside in South Beloit, Illinois.



**ARUSHI SHARMA FRANK**, Esq., is an expert in energy market economics, law, regulation, and technology. Her work spans the intersection of policy, markets, and infrastructure, shaping how complex energy systems evolve under changing regulatory, economic, and technological conditions. She has served in strategy execution and policy leadership roles at the American Gas Association, Electric Power Supply Association, Exelon Constellation, and Tesla. She now runs Luminary Strategies, a consulting practice focused on high-impact work at the frontiers of power system transformation. She advises private equity teams and portfolio companies engaged in utility grid technology, retail energy, battery storage, hyperscale development, and load flexibility

solutions. The firm also supports emerging nonprofit and advocacy organizations advancing American energy dominance, competitive energy markets, and industrial policy objectives. Her areas of expertise span all facets of her work driving energy policy reform and business innovation. They include behind-the-meter grid integration, commercial energy project execution and operations, energy and capacity market design, large-load interconnection with co-located generation and storage, and transmission and distribution interconnection and utility grid planning. She has also led work on complex electric infrastructure development, natural gas commercial regulation,

energy metering and telemetry requirements, and the formation, launch, and compliance of both wholesale and retail energy companies.



**JOSEPH K. SULLIVAN** was appointed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission by Governor Tim Walz, effective April 6, 2020, and appointed Vice Chair on May 21, 2020. Vice Chair Sullivan currently serves as Chair of the MISO Regional Expansion Criteria and Benefits Working Group (RECBWG) and is President of the Board of Directors for the Organization of MISO States (OMS). He is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council and Executive Committee. He also serves as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

Sullivan previously served as Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Energy Resources at the Minnesota Department of Commerce. In this role, Joe led the Division and supervised the Minnesota State Energy Office and the Energy Planning and Advocacy unit.

Prior to coming to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Joe was the Manager of Legislative and External Affairs for the Center for Energy and Environment where he worked with policy makers, regulators, utilities, energy advocates, and other key stakeholders to advance energy efficiency and clean energy policy in Minnesota.

Joe has also worked as the Regional Policy Manager for Wind on the Wires where he worked in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa to advance policies for wind power and transmission access. Joe started his career by spending six and a half years representing a municipal power agency and Greater Minnesota cities as a senior attorney at Flaherty & Hood P.A. in St. Paul, Minn. At Flaherty & Hood, Joe worked on renewable energy, transmission issues, state conservation goals, greenhouse gas reduction initiatives, net metering, nuclear waste, and utility taxation issues. Prior to joining Flaherty & Hood, Joe worked in Washington, DC at the U.S. House Committee on Science and at the Internal Revenue Service.

Joe holds degrees from Marquette University and University of Wisconsin Law School.



**EMILE C. THOMPSON** was appointed to the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia by Mayor Muriel Bowser in 2021 and re-appointed as Interim Chairman on December 1, 2021. He was confirmed as Chairman on June 7, 2022.

Before the Commission, Chairman Thompson was an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, serving as a Deputy Chief. He also served as a Principal Member of the D.C. Water Board of Directors from 2016 to 2021. Chairman Thompson began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable (Ret.) Herbert B. Dixon, Jr. of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He also served as a senior advisor to the Mayoral Administrations of Vincent Gray and Muriel Bowser.

Chairman Thompson is a [member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Board of Directors](#) (NARUC), representing public service commissions that regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. He serves as Co-Chair of the Commission Chairs Council, which provides a forum for Commission Chairs to discuss pertinent issues that affect Commission's nationwide. In addition, he serves as Vice Chair of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure and is a member of the NARUC Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Financial Research Institute, the Critical Consumer Issues Forum, and the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Board of Directors. Chairman Thompson currently serves as President of the Organization of PJM States, OPSI.

Chairman Thompson graduated from Morehouse College with a degree in Computer Science and minors in Math and Biology. He obtained his law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law.

Born in Washington, D.C., Chairman Thompson resides with his wife and children. He is active in the D.C. community, serving as a board member of the Abramson Scholarship Foundation and a former board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington. He also serves as an adjunct professor at American University Washington College of Law.



**AARON TINJUM** is Vice President, Energy for the Data Center Coalition (DCC). DCC is the membership association for the data center industry, representing leading data center owners and operators with infrastructure across the country and globe as well as companies that lease large amounts of data center capacity.

Before joining DCC, Aaron spent a decade in the utility industry where he helped advance key state policy and regulatory initiatives related to demand side management, resource planning, grid security, and utility-scale clean energy.

Aaron received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Carthage College, a Master of Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin, and a Certificate in Financing and Deploying Clean Energy from Yale University.



**MICHAEL E. WEBBER** is the Sid Richardson Chair in the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the John J. McKetta Centennial Energy Chair in the department of mechanical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. From September 2018 to August 2021, Webber was based in Paris, France where he served as the Chief Science and Technology Officer at ENGIE, one of the world's largest energy companies.

Webber's expertise spans research and education at the convergence of engineering, policy, and commercialization on topics related to innovation, energy, and the environment. His book *Power Trip: the Story of Energy* was published in 2019 by Basic Books with an award-winning 12-part companion series spread out over two seasons that aired on PBS, Amazon Prime, AppleTV, and in-flight entertainment on American Airlines. The series had more than 10,000 broadcasts in the United States and has been distributed in dozens of countries, ultimately reaching millions of viewers. He was selected as a Fellow of ASME (the American Society of Mechanical Engineers) and as a member of the 4th class of the Presidential Leadership Scholars, which is a leadership training program organized by Presidents George W. Bush and William J. Clinton. Webber has written five full-length general interest books, created two interactive textbooks, authored or co-authored more than 500 publications, and been awarded 6 patents. He serves on the advisory board for *Scientific American* and GTI Energy (an industry consortium formerly known as the Gas Technology Institute).

A successful entrepreneur, Webber was one of three founders in 2015 for an educational technology startup, DISCO Learning Media, which was acquired in 2018.

Webber holds a B.S. and B.A. from UT Austin, and M.S. and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Stanford University. He was honored as an American Fellow of the German Marshall Fund and on four separate occasions by the University of Texas for exceptional teaching.