

## Northwestern Electricity Dialogue on “Reliability, Planning, and Emerging Markets in the Western U.S.”

### Biographies



**GABRIEL AGUILERA** was appointed to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission in December 2022. He previously worked at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where he held multiple positions, including senior policy advisor, supervisory energy industry analyst, economist, and energy industry analyst. A graduate of New Mexico State University, he grew up in southern New Mexico.



**MICHELE BECK** is the Director of the Utah Office of Consumer Services. Serving as Utah’s utility consumer advocate since 2007, she represents and advocates on behalf of Utah’s residential and small commercial consumers of public utilities. In this position, she oversees all staff and analytical work of the office. Ms. Beck’s also serves on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, represents Utah on the Markets+ States Committee, represents consumer advocates on the Launch Committee of the West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative and the Member Advisory Committee of WECC, and is a member of Smart Energy Power Alliance’s Research Advisory Council. Prior to her work in Utah, Ms. Beck worked in various positions in the electric industry in the Midwest.



**ADAM BENSHOFF** is currently the Head of Government and Regulatory Policy – Commodities Markets at Citadel. Citadel is one of the largest alternative investment managers in the commodities space expressing its views through financial derivatives, physical supply and offtake, and financing. Adam leads Citadel’s global strategy and engagement with policy makers on a full suite of issues across the commodities space focusing on market fundamentals and appropriate regulatory regimes to open up the full value of markets.

Prior to joining Citadel, Adam was the Global Director of EV Policy for Ford Motor Company, where he focused his efforts on policies to enable and advance vehicle to grid integration, promote electric charging infrastructure, and that unlock the full value of electrifying the transportation sector around the world. Adam also spent time as the Vice President, Regulatory Affairs for the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), where he led EEI’s economic regulatory issues at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), state public utility commissions, as well as at state and federal legislatures. Adam also spent time as EEI’s Deputy General Counsel.

Early in his career, Adam worked for National Grid, where he provided general regulatory and compliance counsel on matters before FERC, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, and other federal and state agencies for all of National Grid’s US subsidiaries. Adam also spent time in private practice with the law firm of McNees Wallace and Nurick representing the interests of commercial and industrial end users in electric, natural gas, and water proceedings before a number of state utility commissions as well as at FERC.

Adam holds dual Bachelor’s Degrees in English and Speech Communications from The Pennsylvania State University and a Juris Doctorate from the Boston University School of Law. Adam currently resides in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife Andreana, daughter Michela, and dog Bruin.



**BRIG DANIELS** is an expert in environmental and property law. At the College of Law, he is a professor of law, affiliated with the Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources & the Environment, and is director of the Great Salt Lake Project.

His current scholarship focuses on the creation and administration of environmental law, climate change, and the Great Salt Lake. His work frequently relies on empirical methods ranging from field experiments to archival research and often is rooted in helping identify the ways in which the law can be used to alleviate public challenges.

Daniels has received research grants from the U.S. National Science Foundation and the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.

He has won several teaching awards. He teaches courses relating to environmental law, natural resources, administrative law, energy law, and property law. He has also taught seminars on environmental topics and runs the College of Law's Environmental Policy Accelerator.

Outside of the classroom, Daniels has served on the boards of several environmental nonprofits and has represented and consulted for a wide range of public, nonprofit, and commercial entities.

Daniels graduated from Stanford Law School. He also earned a PhD from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. He received a MPA and undergraduate degree from the University of Utah, where he also was awarded a Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

Prior to returning to the University of Utah, he taught at BYU Law, the University of Houston Law Center, and was a lecturing fellow at Duke Law School.



**MEGAN DECKER** was appointed to the Oregon Public Utility Commission by Governor Kate Brown in April 2017 and was promoted to Commission Chair in May 2018.

Chair Decker has led the PUC through a period of major change. From a strengthened financial and organizational position, the agency has both shaped and responded to the evolving policy and industry environment facing its regulated utilities. Beginning with the PUC's landmark SB 978 process, Chair Decker has presided over evolution of the PUC's role in climate change policy, equity and energy burden, load flexibility and distributed resources, and wildfire risk mitigation.

In her regional and national leadership, Chair Decker focuses on increasing regional cooperation within the Western electricity grid to benefit Oregon utility customers. In 2019, Chair Decker was elected Co-Chair of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC), where she promotes impactful conversations among Western leaders. Chair Decker has also represented Oregon as a member of the Committee of State Representatives (COSR) for the Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP), the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB), and the Enrolled Parties and States Committee (EPSC) of NorthernGrid, a regional transmission planning organization.

Prior to her appointment, Chair Decker was an Assistant General Counsel with the Port of Portland. She developed expertise in energy policy and regulation as Chief Counsel for Renewable Northwest, where she managed utility commission advocacy in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana and served as Board Chair of the NW Energy Coalition. Chair Decker's legal experience also includes private practice in land use and a clerkship with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Chair Decker earned her law degree from the University of Washington, where she graduated with high honors. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Stanford University, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa, earned honors in Latin American Studies, and received the Firestone Medal for Excellence in Research. First Term: April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2021. Second Term: April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2025



**SARAH E. EDMONDS**, President and CEO, Northwest Power Pool Corporation, doing business as the Western Power Pool (WPP), was selected in 2022 to be President and CEO of WPP. WPP is a nonprofit corporation that helps coordinate electric grid operations and grid planning for the western United States and Canada. The WPP supports the activities of the Northwest Power Pool, which includes major utilities, generators, and energy managers who together work for increased grid efficiency and reliability, including WPP's administration of the regional resource adequacy program (WRAP), which seeks to enhance and increase reliability for entities across the footprint, and facilitation of the Western Transmission Expansion Coalition (WestTEC), a west-wide transmission planning initiative.

Prior to joining WPP, Ms. Edmonds spent nearly 11 years with PacifiCorp, starting as legal counsel, moving to director of transmission, before being named VP and general counsel. She moved to PGE in 2018 where she served as director of transmission and reliability. In these roles, she was responsible for development of strategy and policy recommendations relating to market expansion, regional resource adequacy development, emerging regional and national wholesale policy initiatives, and transmission planning, expansion and cost recovery.



**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.

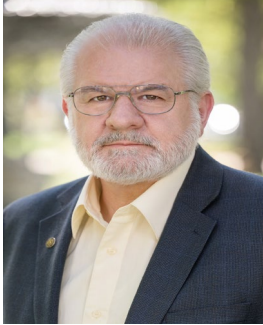


**RAYMOND L. GIFFORD** is a former state PUC chairman, think tank president, and First Assistant Attorney General. Through all these “formers,” he has learned a great deal about closely regulated industries from electricity to broadband to natural gas to railroads. His practice takes him to multiple places: state PUCs, state and federal courts, the FCC, and FERC.

As a recovering pedant, he insists that every regulatory issue confronted in the 21st Century has its precursor in 19th Century railroad regulation. The comforting part of that history is network industries – be it railroads, broadband networks, electric or gas systems – present the same regulatory dilemmas and admit the same regulatory solutions. He has never seen a joint and common cost problem solved to his satisfaction, but figures that does wonders for job security.

While President of The Progress & Freedom Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, he studied the digital revolution and the regulatory challenges presented by newly emerging network industries. He also co-founded the Institute for Regulatory Law and Economics, an annual seminar for state regulators and staff. He serves as an Executive Fellow at the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law and Entrepreneurship at the University of Colorado Law School, and regularly teaches a seminar on the law and economics of regulation.

His latest policy focus has been on the energy transition, and the regulatory institutions that are both driving and impeding that transition.



**JOHN S. HARVEY** was appointed to the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) by Governor Spencer Cox on May 11, 2023. At the time of his appointment, he had been a member of the PSC's technical staff since 1998.

In addition to his duties at the PSC, John serves as the PSC's member/representative on the following committees/collaboratives: Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC); CREPC's Transmission Collaborative; Southern Power Pool's Regional State Committee; Body of State Regulators for the Western Energy Imbalance Market; National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Commission Committee; Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

John's education and vocational practice are in the field of Public Economics. He takes special interest in applying economic theory to the issues of regulation, searching for the outcomes which best serve the broad public interest.

Prior to working for the PSC, John was employed by the Utah Department of Commerce with both the Division of Public Utilities (telecommunications) and the Committee of Consumer Services (electricity), preparing testimony and modeling resources addressing competition and depreciation. Prior to accepting employment with the Department of Commerce, John worked as a Quantitative Economist for Xenergy, Inc., a Boston-based energy consulting firm. There, John performed cost-benefit analysis of demand-side energy programs for utility clients and contract research regarding electric utility industry restructuring for the U.S. Department of Energy. John has taught economics courses as a teaching assistant for Utah State University (USU) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison), and as an adjunct professor for the USU Extension Service, Salt Lake Community College, and the University of Phoenix.

John received a B.S. (Economics) and M.S. (Economics/History) from USU, and an M.S. and Ph.D. (Economics) from the UW-Madison.



**ROBERT S. KENNEY** is president of Xcel Energy's Colorado Operating Company.

In this role, he is responsible for the utility's overall operations. He is responsible for executive leadership and strategic guidance of state and local governmental and regulatory affairs, as well as customer and community relations, and charitable giving for the many Colorado communities Xcel Energy serves. In partnership with enterprise-wide teams, Robert is accountable for the strategic, commercial, financial, regulatory, and operational leadership of Xcel's Colorado Operating Company.

Robert leverages more than 30 years of regulatory, legal, governmental, and public affairs experience to deliver outstanding energy service to the people of Colorado, while maintaining Xcel Energy's unwavering commitment to keeping customer bills low. At the same time, he leads his Colorado team in working with public policy makers, regulators, and community stakeholders to deliver strategic plans and customer programs, which will drive the state's and Xcel Energy's continued leadership in the clean energy transition, including transportation electrification.

Prior to joining Xcel Energy, Robert served as senior vice president of regulatory and external affairs for Pacific Gas & Electric where he led state and federal regulatory affairs, local government affairs, and community relations and charitable giving. He has had an extensive career in the legal and regulatory sectors, including serving as Chairman of the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC). He is a nationally recognized leader in public utility law and regulation and public policy development and implementation. Among other significant past experiences, he served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and as President of the Organization of MISO States (OMS).

Prior to his appointment to the Missouri PSC, Robert served as Chief of Staff to the Missouri Attorney General. Previously, Robert was a shareholder at the Polsinelli law firm, where he practiced in the commercial and business litigation practice group.

Robert holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Hampton University and a law degree from Saint Louis University School of Law.



**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.



**BRIANA KOBOR**, Head of Energy Market Innovation, Google. A driving force in the transition to a decarbonized energy future, Briana Kobor is the Head of Energy Market Innovation at Google, where she spearheads the development of cutting-edge products and frameworks designed to accelerate the decarbonization of electricity systems to support Google's global operations.

Based in Salt Lake City, Briana Kobor is a seasoned energy industry veteran with a career spanning over 17 years. Her extensive experience includes eight years in private regulatory consulting practice and five years in the non-profit sector, where she honed her expertise in tackling complex energy policy challenges.

With a deep understanding of the intricacies of energy policy and regulation, Briana Kobor brings a wealth of knowledge to her role at Google. She skillfully navigates the ever-evolving energy landscape, crafting strategic solutions that not only meet Google's energy needs but also contribute to a more sustainable and resilient energy future for all.



**CAITLIN LIOTIRIS** leads many of Energy Strategies' efforts in electricity market development and advocacy, regional transmission planning and policy, and energy procurement arenas. Caitlin provides clients with a unique combination of technical capabilities and wide-ranging energy policy perspective. Her primary work efforts include advocacy at regional energy forums, supporting

resource developers in market participation, performing market and regulatory evaluations, and facilitating the incorporation of new policies and market structures into the firm's modeling tools. She applies her leadership, management, and broad industry perspective in directing and enhancing Energy Strategies' strategic thinking, research, and analytical capabilities.

For 15 years, Caitlin has been actively involved in transmission development and wholesale electricity market discussions throughout the West. Caitlin co-led the "State-Led Market Study" which helped Western States jointly evaluate potential wholesale energy market options in a neutral forum. She also co-authored several studies on the benefits of new transmission and has supported Order 1000 regional transmission planning efforts. Caitlin also brings a broad and deep knowledge of state and utility clean energy requirements, utilities' plans to comply with these requirements, and market fundamentals related to renewable energy, especially in the West. Caitlin has been active in the development of an Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) in the Western Interconnection since it was conceptualized in 2010 and remains deeply involved in the many policy discussions aimed at expanding organized markets in the West, including efforts at the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP).

Caitlin joined Energy Strategies in 2006. She has held various positions in regional venues, including previously on the WECC's Standards Committee and the Peak Reliability Member Advisory Committee. She also participates in SPP Markets+ working groups, including as a member of the Markets+ Transmission Working Group.



**ANNA MCKENNA** is the Vice President of Market Design and Analysis for the California Independent System Operator (ISO). She oversees the development of market and infrastructure policy, market performance analysis and validation, short-term forecasting and California regulatory affairs.

Ms. McKenna joined the ISO in 2005. Prior to her current role she served as regulatory assistant general counsel and successfully led and advised the ISO through numerous market and infrastructure policy changes, compliance matters, market performance and monitoring matters.

Prior to joining the ISO, Ms. McKenna was an attorney for a Washington, D.C. law firm, with a practice focused on energy market development and transmission congestion management policies. She holds a Bachelor's degree in economics and industrial relations, and a Master's degree in economics, both from McGill University in Montreal, Canada; and a Juris Doctor degree from the Washington College of Law, American University in Washington, D.C.



**DANIELLE OSBORN MILLS** has over fifteen years of experience on complex energy and environmental challenges in California and the West. As Principal for Infrastructure Policy Development for the California ISO, Danielle leads policy initiatives regarding interconnection and transmission and works to ensure alignment with state, regional, and federal policies and processes.

Prior to her work with the California ISO, Danielle managed political and regulatory affairs for the west for Pattern Energy Group, and served as the California Director of American Clean Power. In both roles, she worked with global leaders in renewable energy to develop clean energy infrastructure and generation. Danielle also served as Senior Policy Advisor to the Large-scale Solar Association and the Senior Nuclear Policy Advisor at the California Energy Commission. Danielle has a B.S. in Natural Resources from the University of Michigan and her M.P.A. from the University of Washington.



**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.



**KRIS RAPER**, Vice President of Strategic Engagement & External Affairs at WECC, leads the coordination and oversight of engagement with strategic partners and stakeholders. Kris works regionally and nationally to drive efforts, facilitate conversations, and educate on critical reliability and security matters for the Western Interconnection.

Before joining WECC, Kris served as a commissioner for the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for seven years, where she adjudicated public interest matters related to regulated utilities and participated in regional energy market governance. In 2021, she chaired the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB) and represented the West on the FERC and NARUC Joint Task Force on Electric Transmission.

Previously, Kris was a deputy attorney general for the Idaho Commission. She holds a bachelor's in criminal justice from Boise State University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Idaho College of Law.



**CARRIE SIMPSON** is Senior Director, Seams & Western Services for Southwest Power Pool. Carrie is responsible for directing the ongoing development and implementation of wholesale electricity markets and seams arrangements with SPP's stakeholders.

Simpson's background in the electric utility industry is diverse. In a career spanning 20 years, she has worked in operations, power marketing, regulatory and market design. Previously, at Xcel Energy-Colorado she led a cross-departmental team responsible for analyzing and evaluating participation in organized wholesale markets. In prior roles at Xcel, she did work related to wholesale customer power supply agreements, market design policy and market development in the Western Interconnection.

Previously, Simpson spent six years at SPP, working closely with members and stakeholders to develop and implement energy and ancillary services markets. As SPP's Manager of Real-Time Markets during the launch of SPP's Integrated Marketplace, Carrie was a key contributor to the project's successful implementation. She also spent time on the market design team facilitating the drafting and development of the market rules.

Carrie has her undergraduate degree from Harvard, a J.D. from the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, and is licensed to practice law in Colorado.



**KATHLEEN STAKS** is the Executive Director at Western Freedom, an organization that is working to enable the delivery of low-cost electricity and energy freedom to the West through an efficient and integrated grid system. Kathleen has extensive experience in policy and strategic engagement on a broad spectrum of bipartisan energy issues in the public and private sectors. She has

worked in house and as a consultant on government and public affairs for a variety of energy and natural resources companies. Kathleen served as the Executive Director of the Colorado Energy Office under Governor Hickenlooper where she worked to broaden the influence and impact of the office by developing and securing bipartisan support for long-term funding while expanding wide-reaching relationships across the energy spectrum. Kathleen also serves as the Chair of the Colorado Electric Transmission Authority, an independent special purpose authority that will prioritize and enable the development of transmission lines that will deliver clean energy to Coloradans and the region.



**PAUL SUSKIE** serves SPP as executive vice president of regulatory policy and general counsel. He is responsible for managing the organization’s legal and regulatory policy groups and serves as corporate secretary.

Prior to joining SPP, Suskie was appointed by Gov. Mike Beebe as chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission and a member of the Governor’s cabinet — positions in which he served from 2007-2010. At the time of his appointment to the Commission, he was in his third elected term as North Little Rock’s city attorney. Prior to joining the city attorney’s office, Suskie worked for former United States Sen. David Pryor and for Arkansas Attorney

General Winston Bryant. Suskie is a retired colonel in the U.S. Army where he served in the JAG Corps. He has served as a military judge for the Arkansas Army National Guard and is a veteran of both wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



**LETHA TAWNEY** was appointed to the Oregon Public Utility Commission by Governor Kate Brown in June 2018. Commissioner Tawney represents Oregon on the [Electricity](#) and the [Critical Infrastructure](#) committees for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). She also serves on the Energy Trust of Oregon Board of Directors, as well as the Energy Imbalance Market Board of State Regulators (EIM-BOSR), engaging closely on Western electricity market development in several forums.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Tawney was an expert on electric utility business models, state regulation, clean energy development, and large customer buying strategies for World Resources Institute (WRI). As the WRI Polsky Chair for Renewable Energy, she propelled innovation in business and regulatory models in the power sector. Commissioner Tawney has a deep understanding of the constraints and interests driving both utilities and their customers as technology creates large-scale change in the sector.

Commissioner Tawney holds a Master’s of Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School.



**MARY THRONE** Governor Gordon appointed Mary Throne to the Wyoming Public Service Commission, effective March 1, 2019. He reappointed her in 2021 for a full 6-year term. She began her term as Chairman of the Commission in March 2023. Mary serves as the Chair of the Western Interconnect Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB), is a member of the Western Interstate Energy Board's Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation, serves as chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Clean Coal and Carbon Management Subcommittee, serves on NARUC's Board of Directors, is a member of NARUC's National Council on Electricity Policy. Mary has served as a Co-Vice Chair of NARUC's Energy Resources and Environment Committee and as a member of its FERC/NARUC Transmission Task Force, and is a current member of New Mexico State

University's Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council.

Mary received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Princeton University in 1982 and her Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School in 1988. A Campbell County, Wyoming native, Mary returned to the state in 1992. Prior to joining the Commission, Mary represented the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division in the Office of the Attorney General and in private practice, she assisted a variety of energy, mineral and business clients with environmental compliance and permitting, industrial siting, and other regulatory issues. For ten years, Mary represented Cheyenne's House District 11 in the Wyoming House of Representatives, serving as Minority Floor Leader for four years. Working in a bipartisan fashion, she played a key role in developing Wyoming's landmark carbon capture and sequestration laws. Mary and her husband, Kevin Boyce, live in Cheyenne and have 3 sons, Michael, Tarver, and Patrick. Term Expires March 1, 2027.



**MEGAN E. VETULA** is Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs with Berkshire Hathaway Energy in Washington, D.C. Ms. Vetula focuses primarily on federal energy regulatory issues and advocacy at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Prior to joining Berkshire Hathaway Energy, Ms. Vetula served as Director, FERC Compliance for Algonquin Power/Liberty Utilities. Her experience also includes time in the legal department of the Edison Electric Institute and the Office of General Counsel at the FERC, as well as Entergy Services, Inc.'s, D.C. office and private practice with the D.C. office of K&L Gates, LLP. Ms. Vetula received her J.D. from Georgetown Law and a bachelor's degree in

linguistics at Georgetown University. She recently completed a certificate in financing and deploying clean energy with Yale University.

Ms. Vetula is a member of the State Bar of Virginia and the District of Columbia Bar, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. She has served as an Adjunct Professor of Legal Writing at Georgetown Law. Additionally, Ms. Vetula is a past national and chapter board member of the Women's Energy Network, and the chair of the Energy Bar Association's In House Counsel Coalition.



**JORDAN WHITE** joined NextEra Energy Transmission in 2021 as Executive Director, Development, where he focuses on electric transmission development in the West. Prior to joining NextEra, Jordan served as a Vice President of Strategic Engagement and Deputy General Counsel for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC). Before his time at WECC, Jordan worked as legal counsel to the Utah Public Service Commission until his appointment as a commissioner in 2015.

Jordan began his legal career at the law firm Fabian VanCott in Salt Lake City where he represented clients on energy and natural resource matters. Jordan later worked as in-house counsel for energy companies including PacifiCorp and NextEra Energy, Inc., where his work focused on electric utility operations, competitive transmission development, and regulatory matters.

He received his undergraduate, master of social work, and law degree from the University of Utah.



**JOEL YU**, Vice President of Policy, Enchanted Rock, joined Enchanted Rock, a leader in resiliency microgrids, in 2020 and leads the company's energy policy efforts. Joel is engaged in advocacy at the state and federal levels promoting policies that improve air emissions, enhance grid reliability and resilience, and level the playing field for distributed energy resources and microgrids. Prior to Enchanted Rock, Joel spent over ten years with ConEdison—first in Electric Operations, overseeing underground network construction, operations, and maintenance, and then in Energy Policy & Regulatory Affairs, engaging on a range of issues including wholesale market design, transmission planning and interconnection, cybersecurity policy, and natural gas pipelines.

Joel holds a Master of Business Administration from the Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University and a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Columbia University.



**JESSICA ZAHNOW** State and Regional Policy at Puget Sound Energy - Creating the nexus between clean energy policy and regional electricity markets. Jessica is an experienced utility professional in renewable and clean energy policies across single and multi-state utility systems and how those policies are achieved through regional electricity markets. She has worked in utility energy supply operations, compliance, and state and federal policy at the Bonneville Power Administration, PacifiCorp, and Puget Sound Energy, and has covered ISO and bilateral electricity markets across the country since 2009.