



New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners
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Agenda for NECPUC 66th Symposium

Mystic Marriott, Groton, CT

June 9-11, 2013

Final

Sunday, June 9, 2013

3:00	Registration desk opens	<u>Marriott Foyer</u>
6:00	Welcome Reception (Sponsored by Brown Rudnick LLP)	<u>Marriott Salon ABC</u>
7:00	Buffet Dinner	<u>Mystic Ballroom</u>
8:30	Dessert Reception (Sponsored by the Northeast Energy and Commerce Association, Connecticut Power and Energy Society, and New England Power Generators Association)	<u>Marriott Salon ABC</u>

Monday, June 10, 2013

7:30	On-site registration opens	<u>Marriott Foyer</u>
7:30	Light continental breakfast bar	<u>Marriott Foyer</u>
8:30	Opening of 66 th Annual NECPUC Symposium Welcome and Opening Remarks by Honorable John Betkoski , Vice Chairman of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, and President of NECPUC Welcome by Ed Haberek, Jr. , First Selectman of Stonington, CT Welcome Address: Honorable Nancy Wyman , Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut	<u>Marriott Salons DEF</u>

Honorable Daniel C. Esty, Commissioner of the CT
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection re CT Energy Strategy and
Regulation

10:00 Break

10:30 **Plenary Session re Winter Operations/Market** Marriott Salons DEF
Issues 2013/14 in New England

This past winter, New England came precariously close to there not being enough electricity available on the grid to meet load. This issue has been a top priority for ISO-NE, the states and NEPOOL as everyone works toward a solution through a joint effort of the NEPOOL Markets and Reliability committees. A vote is to happen in late June at the NEPOOL summer meeting on what the near term fixes will be for winter 2013/14. But what are the best solutions? Come hear the debate, ask your questions and add your two cents.

- Moderator **Chairman Tom Welch**, Maine Public Utilities Commission
- **Vamsi Chadalavada**, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, ISO New England
- Commissioner **Michael Harrington**, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.
- **Vincent Morrisette**, Repsol Energy North America, Vice President of Origination
- **Bill Fowler**, President and co-founder of Sigma Consulting

Noon: Lunch Mystic Ballroom

Commissioner John Betkoski, Vice Chairman of the Connecticut Public Utilities
Regulatory Authority, and President of NECPUC

Keynote Address by **Bob Woodward**, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and
author

1:45 Plenary Session Marriott Salons DEF
Keynote Address by and conversation with **Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel**,
FCC Commissioner. Moderated by Commissioner **John Burke**, VT

3:00 Break

3:15 Concurrent sessions

Session A: EISPC Energy Zoning Map Tool Marriott Salons AB

The Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council has released its web-based Energy Zone Mapping Tool to identify areas within the Eastern Interconnection conducive to clean energy resource development. Specifically, the EZ Mapping Tool supports twenty nine (29) clean power generation and storage technologies technologies capable of grid-level power production. There

are over two hundred and sixty (260) data layers in the mapping library that can be processed using various user specified screening factors and criteria to identify areas most suitable for clean energy resource development. This session will not only show you how to use the tool but talk about practical applications and the benefits to a region. There will be a demonstration on a big screen as well as the opportunity to test-drive the program on individual computers.

- Moderator, Commissioner **David Littell**, ME Public Utilities Commission
- **Donna Brunner**, Argonne National Laboratory
- **Andy Orr**, Argonne National Laboratory

Session B: Net Metering Peer-to-Peer Engagement - Open to all Conference Room 5
*Working practitioners gather to discuss what has been happening in the New England states on net-metering, what works, what hasn't and any unanticipated benefits or consequences. **Rebecca Tepper** from the MA DPU will moderate.*

Session C: Telecom Topic Peer-to-Peer Engagement – This session Conference Rm 7
is only for Commissioners and staff.
*Commissioners and staff gather to discuss relevant telecom issues starting with how states have been handling IP transition issues. **Karlen Reed** from the MA DTC will moderate.*

5:00 First bus leaves for Mystic Seaport. Additional buses leave at 5:15 and 5:30

5:30 Reception at the beautiful historic Mystic Seaport (Sponsored by the Retail Energy Supply Association, ITRON, and Robinson & Cole LLP) (Exhibits and entertainment sponsored by the American Natural Gas Alliance.)

7:00 Dinner at the beautiful historic Mystic Seaport

8:30 Dessert Reception at the Mystic Marriott Mystic Ballroom Foyer
(Sponsored by the Northeast Gas Association)

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

7:30 On-site registration opens Marriott Foyer

7:30 Light continental breakfast bar Marriott Foyer

8:30 Concurrent Sessions:
Session A: Natural Gas Service Preservation and Expansion: Marriott Salons ABC

Time, Money and Innovation?"

Throughout New England, customers are clamoring for natural gas service. And why not, it is competitively advantageous and a fairly clean energy source. But how do we ensure supply, replace aging infrastructure and increase the gas footprint. State and industry experts will talk about the key elements of ensuring supply, preserving what we have and expanding the natural gas footprint. The panel will include:

- Moderator and Speaker, Commissioner **Paul Roberti** from the Rhode Island PUC and Vice Chair of NARUC Gas Committee will serve as the Moderator and Speaker
- **Richard Kruse**, SVP Spectra Energy
- **Rod Powell**, President Yankee and Nstar Gas System
- **Pedro Santos**, CEO/Founder of OsComp Services

Session B: Water Utility Coordinating Council's: Past, Present Mystic Salons AD and Future

This panel will address the importance of Water Planning and the coordination of water supply systems. It will address the many challenges state agencies, water service providers and stakeholders have in developing, implementing & sustaining a comprehensive water planning strategy.

- Moderator, **W. David LeVasseur**, Acting Undersecretary, Intergovernmental Policy Division, CT Office of Policy and Management
- **Lori Mathieu**, Chief, Public Health Section, CT Department of Public Health
- **Richard E. Sobolewski**, Supervisor of Utility Financial Analysis, CT Consumer Counsel
- **David Radka**, Director of Water Service, CT Water Company
- **Robert Cogdon**, First Selectman of Preston, CT

10:00 Break

10:30 Concurrent Sessions:

Session A: Public Safety in the 21st Century Telecommunications Market

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This panel will explore recent developments in public safety, the FCC's 911 NPRM, FirstNet, cybersecurity, 911 databases, and more - description to be updated soon.

- Moderator: **Geoffrey Why**, Commissioner, MA Department of Telecommunications and Cable.
- **Amy Ignatius**, Chairperson of the NH Public Utilities Commission
- **Paul Cianelli**, President, New England Cable and Telecommunications Association (NECTA)
- **Matt Gerst**, CTIA-The Wireless Association, Director, External and State Affairs (CTIA)
- **Curt Wood**, Undersecretary, MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS)

- **Chris Nurse**, Executive Director-External Affairs, AT&T

Session B: Electric Storage - A Path for the Future

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The conventional wisdom is that broad commercialization of storage will be a game changer for energy systems, solving load imbalance and intermittency problems, opening the door to large-scale renewables, increasing reliability and reducing costs for customers, and creating an opportunity for innovation of technologies just around the corner (e.g., electric vehicles and microgrids) and those yet unimagined. Many see storage as the key to the clean energy future. Leaning on a broad range of development, finance and regulatory expertise from the private and public sectors, this panel will broadly focus on how we can create a regulatory and market pathway now, that will be able to encourage and accommodate existing and emergent storage technologies in a fast-moving and dynamic energy landscape.

- Co-Moderators:
 - Commissioner **David Cash**, MA Department of Public Utilities
 - Commissioner **Daniel Esty**, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- Panelists:
 - **Phil Giudice**, CEO and President of Ambri, Inc.
 - **Judith Judson McQueeney**, Director, Emerging Technologies, Custom Energy Solutions
 - **Jon Norman**, Vice President, Business Development, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group
 - **Arnold Quinn**, Director, Division of Economic and Technical Analysis, Office of Energy Policy and Information, FERC

Noon: Lunch

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Honorable James Volz, Chairman of the VT PSB and Vice-Chair of NECPUC
Honorable Phil Jones, Commissioner on the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and President of NARUC
 Presentation of the George Dunn Award

1:30 Concurrent Sessions:

Session A: Smart Meters, Pilots & the Customer Experience Marriott Salons AB

Smart Meters are being planned or deployed in many different jurisdictions throughout the nation and New England. This panel will focus on what has been learned about how customers are responding to these installations. The panel will discuss Central Maine Power's (CMP) recently filed plans for the 615,000 Smart Meters and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) that have been installed; the National Grid pilot of 15,000 Smart Meters that has commenced in Worcester, Massachusetts; and studies the DOE is conducting of how best to engage customers in the new information and services that Smart Grid installations provide.

- Moderator: **Marc Collins**, Senior Principal Energy Consultant, Itron Consulting & Analysis
- **Laney Brown**, Director, Smart Grid Planning and Programs, Iberdrola USA & Central Maine Power
- **Ed White**, Vice President of Customer and Business Strategy, NationalGrid
- **Eric Lightner**, Director, Federal Smart Grid Task Force, U.S. Department of Energy

Session B: Federalism and Telecommunications

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The NARUC Task Force on Federalism and Communications will release its draft whitepaper on Federalism and Telecommunications the first week in June. This is a golden opportunity for an overview of the whitepaper, hear feedback from various stakeholders, and begin the discussion on what the final paper should contain.

- Moderator and Speaker, Commissioner **John Burke**, VT Public Service Board
- **Paul Vasington**, Director, State Public Policy, Verizon
- **Susan Baldwin**, Susan Baldwin Consulting
- Former CT Representative **Vickie Nardello**

3:00 Break

3:15 **ISO-NE Budget Discussion**

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ISO-NE will present administrative and capital budget information to the NE state's public utility commissioners, the Connecticut Consumer Counsel, the New Hampshire Consumer Advocate, the Maine Public Advocate, and the Attorneys General of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island and any other Symposium attendees who wish to be present.

- **Robert Ludlow**, VP, Chief Financial & Compliance Officer, ISO New England

6:30 Reception (Sponsored by ISO-NE)

Octagon Patio

7:30 Dinner

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Wednesday, June 12, 2012

Non-public sessions for commissioners, staff, NESCOE and invited guests