

67th NECPUC ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

June 15-18, 2014

STOWE MOUNTAIN LODGE IN STOWE, VT



Mingle with the stars of utility regulation, geek out, learn and enjoy!

Agenda

(speakers are confirmed unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, June 15, 2014

- 1:00 to 5:00 Tour of Green Mountain Power's Kingdom Community Wind Farm on top of Lowell Mountain, Lowell, VT. This project has 21 wind turbines (3 MW VESTAS V112s). Vans will depart at 1:00 p.m. from Stowe Mountain Lodge. This tour is limited to 20 people so contact shofmannNECPUC@gmail.com if you are interested.
- 6:00 p.m. Pre-dinner Reception sponsored by Brown Rudnick LLP
- 7:00 p.m. Buffet dinner at the hotel
- 8:30 p.m. Dessert reception sponsored by the Northeast Energy and Commerce Association, Inc., Connecticut Power and Energy Society, and the New England Power Generators Association

Monday, June 16, 2014

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast Buffet begins

8:30 a.m. Plenary Session

- NECPUC President and Chair of the VT PSB - Jim Volz
- Governor Peter Shumlin
- Acting FERC Chairwoman Cheryl LaFleur

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Plenary Session – New Business Models in an Age of Distributed Energy Resources – Panelists will discuss market rules, business models, and issues relevant to the advancement of distributed energy resources, such as net metering, interconnection, and microgrids. Panelists will be asked to comment on their own areas of expertise and then nudged out of their comfort zones.

- Moderator: Chair Ann Berwick of MA DPU
- Gordon van Welie – CEO of ISO-NE
- Janet Gail Besser – VP of Policy and Governmental Affairs, New England Clean Energy Council
- David Littell, Commissioner ME PUC
- Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur, Acting Chair of the FERC
- Marcy Reed, President, National Grid – Massachusetts

Noon Luncheon

- James Volz, NECPUC President and Chair of VT PSB
- Congressman Peter Welch
- John Betkoski, III, Commissioner CT PURA with a water message, “A Thirst for Home”

1:45 p.m. Plenary Session

- Introduction by Commissioner John Burke, VT PSB
- FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn – A View From the FCC

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Concurrent Session

- A. Panel on the NE Governor’s Infrastructure Initiative (This panel is slightly longer than others and is scheduled to end at 5:00 pm.)

- Moderator: Commissioner Chris Recchia, VT Department of Public Service
- Stephen Rourke, Vice President, System Planning for ISO-NE
- Thomas Welch, Chairman, Maine PUC
- Peter Fuller, Director, Market & Regulatory Affairs
NRG Energy, Inc.
- James Daly, Vice President Energy Supply, Northeast Utilities
- Abigail Anthony, Director of Grid Modernization and Utility Reform, ENE

B. The Tenth Circuit Rules - The appeal, next steps and its effect on the net neutrality debate.

- Moderator, Amy Ignatius, Chair, NH PUC
- John Burke, Commissioner, VT PSB
- J. Bradford Ramsey, General Counsel, NARUC
- Hank Hultquist, Vice President, Federal Regulatory, AT&T
- Russell P. Hanser, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

5:30 p.m. Pre-dinner Reception by the Retail Energy Supply Association, Itron, and Robinson & Cole LLP

6:30 p.m. Dinner followed by entertainment by Yoram Bauman, PhD. The first and only Stand-Up Economist is here to entertain and elucidate. He has appeared on Comedy Central and the PBS News Hour.



8:00 p.m. Dessert Reception Sponsored by the Northeast Gas Association

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Buffet begins

7:15 a.m. Tea, Crumpets and 111(d): The EPA has recently released the long awaited proposed 111(d) guidelines under the Clean Air Act. Grab some breakfast and join a discussion of what is in the framework, what it means for the states and the

region and generally to consumers. This informal-session is intended to be more discussion based, but we do have a team willing to kick the discussion off.

- Moderator: David Littell, Commissioner, ME PUC
- Robert Scott, Commissioner, NH PUC
- Mary Jo Krolewski, VT PSB
- David Farnsworth, Regulatory Assistance Project

8:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

A. Rapid Deployment of Natural Gas LDC Infrastructure and Replacement Facilities? Recently, there has been a lot of discussion regarding the possibility of increasing the availability of natural gas in New England. In discussing whether natural gas pipeline expansion should take place, economic, environmental, reliability and safety considerations necessarily become part of the conversation. In this session the panelists will offer perspectives regarding the range of issues that may be associated with the possibility of bringing more gas into the region and to more homes and businesses.

- Moderator: Commissioner Jolette Westbrook, MA DPU
- Susan Fleck, Vice President – Gas Pipeline Safety and Compliance, National Grid
- Paul J. Zohorsky, Vice President, Gas Engineering and Sales, Northeast Utilities
- Jesse Reyes, Chief, Energy and Telecommunications Division, Massachusetts Attorney General
- Judith Dillon, Senior Counsel, VT Agency of Natural Resources

B. Utilities' and Public Utilities Commissions' Role in Driving Building Energy Performance Benchmarking: As an important step toward increasing the understanding of a building's energy performance, building energy benchmarking motivates building owners to pursue energy efficiency upgrades and reduce energy consumption. Commercial buildings account for 20 percent of the nation's energy use and have sophisticated owners ready to take action. However, many building owners, especially those with separately-metered tenants, cannot access utility consumption data and do not have the information they need to benchmark and manage energy usage. Utilities have enabled benchmarking by providing whole-building data to building owners in a format suitable for benchmarking, spurring energy savings and engaging customers. This session will provide a national perspective on benchmarking and current utility and state solutions for providing commercial and multifamily buildings with utility data, as well as the effectiveness of these

programs and policies, challenges, and federally developed standards. The panel will also highlight case studies.

- Moderator, David Farnsworth, Regulatory Assistance Project
- Andrea Krukowski, Senior Associate, Institute for Market Transformation
- Mark de Yoanna, Manager – Market Strategy, National Grid
- Debra Hale, MA Department of Housing and Community Development

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

A. The Broadband Build-out – Is It Working? This panel will explore efforts to build out broadband in the New England states, including build-outs required by governmental mandates and those built with government subsidies or through public/private partnerships. Topics for discussion include: Is there progress? How is the progress measured? What is the state of broadband mapping efforts? Is the build-out accomplishing its educational, health and other economic objectives? Was the stimulus money spent appropriately and well, or was it pork barrel politics destined to result in acrimony and litigation?

- Moderator, Paul Abbott, General Counsel of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable
- Rick Cimerman, Vice President, External and State Affairs National Cable and Telecommunications Association
- Paul Vasington, Director-State Public Policy, Verizon
- Michele Thomas, Managing Corporate Counsel, T-Mobile
- Elin Swanson Katz, Consumer Counsel, Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel
- Roger Nishi, Vice President of Industry Relations, Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom
- Brian Lippold, Advisor, Massachusetts Broadband Institute

B. Getting to 3% - A recent meta-analysis of energy efficiency potential studies developed by the NGA Center for Best Practices estimates that between 13 percent and 30 percent of the nation's energy use could be avoided cost-effectively, with median savings of 20 percent. Over 30 states have adopted energy efficiency resource standards that establish specific long-term targets for the efficiency program administrators to meet. Massachusetts and Vermont

have two or the highest standards, with annual energy savings targets of 2.5 percent, with Rhode Island close behind. While the northeast has been a leader across the nation, what would the New England States need to do in order to reach even greater energy savings goals. This panel will explore what it might take states to get even further, including the policies and level of investment necessary to reach 3 percent per year.

- Moderator: Chair Meg Curran, RI PUC and Vice President of NECPUC
- Richard Sedano – Director, Regulatory Assistance Project
- Carol White, Director of Program Strategy for National Grid
- Chris Neme – Co-Founder and Principal, Energy Futures Group

Noon: Luncheon

- Chairman Meg Curran, RI PUC and Vice President of NECPUC
- Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar, FL PSC and First Vice President of NARUC
- Joel Gordon, Chair of the NEPOOL Participant’s Committee
- EISPC Information Update
- Presentation of George Dunn Award to Staff by Jim Volz, President of NECPUC and Chairman of the VT PSB

1:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

A. The Value of the Integrated Grid: The integrated grid enables the optimal combination of local generation, energy storage, energy efficiency and new uses of electricity -- integrated with central generation -- to provide reliable, affordable and sustainable electricity. The approach allows optimal resource deployment to realize all potential benefits and requires a modern grid characterized by connectivity, enabling interconnection rules, and rate structures that enhance the value of the power system to all consumers. This session will not only talk about the value of the integrated grid but how to get the integration needed.

- Moderator, Barbara Tyran, EPRI
- Robert Chapman, EPRI
- Dr. Marion Gold, Commissioner of the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
- Robert C. Yardley, Senior Vice President, Concentric Energy Advisors
- John Keene, Senior Counsel and Director of ISO Advocacy, First Wind

B. Weather or not . . . how will the water taps keep flowing? Climate change, drought, tropical storms and blizzards. Water companies face the significant challenge of how to keep the taps flowing during these weather events.

Panelists will discuss how we prepare.

- Moderator: Commissioner Jack Betkoski, III, CT PURA
- W. David LeVasseur, Undersecretary, CT Office of Policy and Management
- Robert Scott, Commissioner, NH PUC
- Eric Thornburg, President, Connecticut Water Company
- Dr. Emmanouil Anagnostou, Director of Environmental Engineering Program, Civil & Environmental Engineering University of Connecticut

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

A. Whiz Bang New Stuff – Come hear and ask questions about cutting edge new products, technology, services and concepts in the energy world.

- Moderator: Commissioner Margaret Cheney, VT PSB
- Phil Powell, Director, DVI Grid Innovations, Alternative Energy Solutions, Dominion Resources, Inc.
- Mary Powell, CEO of Green Mountain Power
- David O’Brien, Vice President, Regulatory Solutions BRIDGE Energy Group Inc.
- Alden Woodrow, Business Team Lead of the Makani project at Google

B. ISO-NE Budget Discussion – ISO-NE will present administrative and capital budget information to the state public utility commissions, the public advocates, Attorneys General and any other members of the public who wish to attend.

- Robert Ludlow, VP, Chief Financial and Compliance Officer, ISO-NE

6:30 p.m. Pre-dinner Reception Sponsored by ISO-NE

7:30 p.m. Dinner

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Non-public session for Commissioners, Staff, NESCOE and invited guests

