



NECPUC 77th Symposium Agenda – PLELIMINARY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa, Groton, CT
May 18-20, 2025

Panel abstracts and additional panelists forthcoming.

Panelists listed in alphabetical order.

Sunday, May 18

3:00-6:00 p.m. ***Registration Desk Open***

5:45 p.m. ***Pre-Dinner Reception***
Sponsored by Pierce Atwood LLP, Womble Bond Dickinson LLP, and Day Pitney LLP

7:00 p.m. ***Dinner***

8:00 p.m. ***Dessert Reception***
Sponsored by Hewitt & Hewitt, National Association of Water Companies, and Nuclear Energy Institute

Monday, May 20

7:00 a.m. ***Breakfast***

7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ***Registration Desk Open***

- 9:00 a.m. ***Symposium Opens***
Hon. Marissa Paslick Gillett, Chairman, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, NECPUC President
- 9:15 a.m. ***Remarks: Hon. Judy Chang, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission***
Moderator: Hon. Marissa Paslick Gillett, Chair, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
- 10:00 a.m. ***Break***
Sponsored by Pullman & Comley, PLC and Connecticut Power & Energy Society
- 10:30 a.m. ***Plenary Session***
- Electric Rates and Affordability: Breaking it Down and Adding it Up***
Moderator: Hon. Ronald T. Gerwadowski, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
- Panelists:
- **Dan Dolan**, President New England Power Generators Association
 - **Doug Horton**, Vice President, Distribution Rates & Regulatory Requirements, Eversource Energy
 - Additional panelists TBA
- 11:45 a.m. ***Remarks from Charles Dickerson, President and CEO, Northeast Power Coordinating Council***
- 12:00 p.m. ***Lunch***
- 12:00 p.m. ***Concurrent lunch for NECPUC Retail Demand Response and Load Flexibility [Working Group](#)***
- 1:00-4:00 p.m. ***Registration Desk Open***
- 1:30 p.m. ***Concurrent Sessions***
- The RPS in New England After 25 Years***
Moderator: Hon. Patrick Scully, Commissioner, Maine Public Utilities Commission
- Panelists:
- **Ben Griffiths**, Vice President, Wholesale Market Policy, LS Power
 - **Arne Olson**, Senior Partner, Energy + Environmental Economics (E3)
 - **Hon. Ann Rendahl**, Commissioner, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- **Kathleen Spees**, Principal, Brattle Group

Natural Gas Future Pathways

Moderator: Hon. Michael A. Caron, Commissioner, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Panelists:

- **Zeyneb Magavi**, Executive Director, Home Energy Efficiency Team (HEET)
- **Matt Nelson**, Principal, Apex Analytics
- **Cynthia Niemeyer**, Policy Advisor, Natural Gas Markets, American Petroleum Institute
- **Scott Reed**, Vice President, Regulatory & Business Affairs, Stone Mountain Technologies, Inc.

2:30 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Offshore Wind: Where are We Headed and How Quickly?

Moderator: Hon. Carrie Gilbert, Commissioner, Maine Public Utilities Commission

Panelists:

- **Carrie Hitt**, Senior Director, Grid and Transmission Policy, Vineyard Offshore
- **Hon. Elizabeth Mahony**, Commissioner Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
- **Al McBride**, Vice President of System Planning, ISO-New England
- Additional panelists TBA

Intervenor Funding: Valuing Participation and Addressing Concerns

Moderator: Hon. James M. (Jamie) Van Nostrand, Chair, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

Panelists:

- **Hon. Philip L. Bartlett II**, Chair, Maine Public Utilities Commission
- **Mireille Bejjani**, Co-Executive Director, Fix the Grid/Slingshot
- **Seth Berry**, Executive Director, Our Power
- Additional panelists TBA

4:30 p.m.

Ethics CLE session (optional)

Claire Coleman, JD, Connecticut Consumer Counsel

5:45 p.m.

Pre-dinner Reception

Sponsored by Retail Energy Supply Association, Robinson+Cole, LLP, and Americans for a Clean Energy Grid

7:00 p.m. ***Dinner***

8:00 p.m. ***Dessert Reception***
Sponsored by Edison Electric Institute

9:00 p.m. ***Evening Reception***
Sponsored by New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 a.m. ***Breakfast***

7:00 a.m. ***Concurrent Telecom Breakfast***
Join Commissioners, staff, and telecommunications professionals in discussing telecommunications issues and developments.

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ***Registration Desk Open***

9:00 a.m. ***Concurrent Sessions***

Innovations and Trends in Electric Vehicle Rate Design

Moderator: Hon. Riley Allen, Commissioner, Vermont Public Utility Commission

Panelists:

- **Peter Cappers**, Strategic Advisor: Energy Markets & Policy Department, Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory
- **Josh Castonguay**, Vice President, Chief Innovation Officer, Green Mountain Power
- **Amanda Janaskie**, Senior Manager, Baltimore Gas & Electric
- Additional panelists TBA

Asset Condition and Right-Sizing Policies

Moderator: Hon. Philip L. Bartlett II, Chair, Maine Public Utilities Commission

Panelists:

- **Hon. Kerrick Johnson**, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Public Service

- **Claire Wayner**, Senior Associate, Rocky Mountain Institute
- Additional panelists TBA

10:15 a.m.

Break

Sponsored by American Petroleum Institute

10:45 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Water Utilities and Cybersecurity Issues

Moderator: Hon. Abigail Anthony, Commissioner, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Panelists:

- **Hon. Robert R. Scott**, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
- **Mark Vannoy**, Vice President, Maine Water
- Additional panelists TBA

Signal Support: Dependable Connections when it Matters

Moderator: Hon. Karen Charles, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable

Panelists TBA

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m.

Plenary Session

Announcement of the George Dunn Award for regulatory staff excellence
Announcement of the 2026 NECPUC Symposium

1:30 p.m.

Remarks: Hon. Ned Lamont, Governor, State of Connecticut (invited)

2:15 p.m.

Break

Sponsored by Advanced Energy United

2:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

You'll Never Know if You Don't Try: Considering Innovative Technologies for Broader Use

Moderator: Hon. David A. Arconti, Jr., Commissioner, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Panelists:

- **Brett Feldman**, Energy Efficiency Manager, Rhode Island Energy
- **Sarah Jackson**, Senior Policy Manager, Eastern Region, Form Energy
- **Matthew McDonnell**, Managing Partner, Current Energy
- Additional panelists TBA

New Ideas on Siting and Permitting Clean Energy

Moderator: Hon. Staci Rubin, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

Panelists:

- **Zeryai Hagos**, Executive Director, New York Department of Public Service Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission
- **Theresa Hopkins-Staten**, President, Eversource Foundation and Vice President, Corporate Citizenship and Equity, Eversource Energy
- **Mike Judge**, Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs
- Additional panelists TBA

4:00 p.m.

Symposium program concludes

Wednesday, May 22

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast