



**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 19

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, Chairman, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
- 10:00 a.m. ***Break***  
Sponsored by Pullman & Comley, LLC 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. Gerwatowski, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
  
Panelists:
- **Jamie Dickerson**, Senior Director, Clean Energy and Climate Programs, Acadia Center
  - **Dan Dolan**, President, New England Power Generators Association
  - **Doug Horton**, Vice President, Distribution Rates & Regulatory Requirements, Eversource Energy
  - **Maggie Molina**, Executive Director, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships
- 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***
- 1:15 p.m. ***Concurrent Sessions***  
  
***The RPS in New England After 25 Years: Just Getting Started, or Time for Something Different?***  
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
- **Rebecca Ullman**, Head of Stakeholders, Ocean Winds North America

***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
- **Jolette Westbrook**, Director and Senior Attorney, Energy Markets & Regulation, Environmental Defense Fund

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 20

- 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 Berkeley National Laboratory
  - **Josh Castonguay**, Vice President, Chief Innovation Officer, Green Mountain Power
  - **Amber Dorner**, EV Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Energy Policy Lead, General Motors
  - **Amanda Janaskie**, Senior Manager, Baltimore Gas & Electric

***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
- **Alan Trotta**, Senior Director, Transmission Regulatory, Avangrid
- **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:

- **Abad Cabassa**, Cybersecurity Advisor – Connecticut, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- **Rob Powelson**, President & CEO, National Association of Water Companies
- **Hon. Robert R. Scott**, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
- **Mark Vannoy**, President, Maine Water

***Signal Support: Dependable Connections when it Matters***

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

Panelists:

- **Andrew Bagdonas**, Communications and IT Manager, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
- **Michael Chowaniec**, Vice President, State Government Affairs, Charter Communications
- **Michael Gibeley**, Director, Emergency Management, National Grid
- Additional 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
- **Elisabeth Kalomeris**, Innovation & Growth Manager, Piclo
- **Matthew McDonnell**, Managing Partner, Current Energy

***New Ideas on Siting and Permitting Clean Energy***

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

Panelists:

- **Rachel Goldwasser**, General Counsel and Executive Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Key Capture Energy
- **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**, Undersecretary of Energy, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

4:00 p.m. ***Symposium program concludes***

Wednesday, May 21

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