

## 2018 NASUCA Annual Meeting – Orlando, Florida

### Speaker and Moderator Bios



**Paul Alvarez MM**  
**President, Wired Group**

Paul Alvarez is the president of the Wired Group, the leading consultancy on distribution investment plans and business performance for consumer and environmental advocates. He has been active in the electric and gas utility industry for 18 years, beginning as an employee of Xcel Energy (where he developed demand-side management and renewable energy programs). Paul led comprehensive, objective evaluations of smart meter/smart grid deployments in Colorado and Ohio -- 2 of only 3 such evaluations ever completed -- in 2010 and 2011. He has since testified in dozens of distribution business proceedings before regulators in 10 states, from California to

Massachusetts. Paul is the author of *Smart Grid Hype and Reality* and the developer of the *Utility Evaluator* performance benchmarking application. His utility performance research has been published in the *Electricity Journal*, and his editorials published in *Public Utilities Fortnightly*. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado and a guest lecturer at Michigan State University's Institute for Public Utilities. Paul's education focused on corporate finance, and includes a master's degree in Management from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Indiana University.



**Aamina Amin**  
**Program Analyst, Universal Service Administrative Company**

Aamina serves as a Program Analyst for the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Lifeline State & Federal Partnerships team. She is responsible for overseeing data-sharing agreements with over 14 state agencies participating in the National Verifier, and managing USAC's partner relationships with NARUC, state regulatory agencies, and human service agencies. Aamina also coordinates with the technical, operational, and legal strategy for the Lifeline program's engagement with all of its key stakeholders.

Prior to this role, Aamina served in numerous capacities at USAC over the last 3 years, focusing on stakeholder engagement and consumer affairs for the Lifeline program.



**Keishaa Austin**  
**Policy and Program Analyst**  
**Office of the People's Counsel, District of Columbia.**

Keishaa Austin serves as a Policy and Program Analyst in the Office of the People's Counsel for the District of Columbia, the state governmental advocate for utility consumers in the nation's capital. Attorney Austin is Chairman of the NASUCA Distributed Energy Resources Committee. She also serves as the Project Manager for OPC's Value of Solar Study, an initiative that examines the potential for solar development in the District.

Prior to joining OPC, Austin held positions in media and education, including with Southern Methodist University, Viacom's BET Networks and Radio One, Inc. Austin earned her undergraduate degree in Legal Communications from Howard University in Washington, DC and her law degree from Texas Southern University in Houston, TX. She is a native of Los Angeles, CA.



**Christopher J Ayers**  
**Executive Director, North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff**

Mr. Ayers serves as Executive Director of the North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff. He graduated magna cum laude from Duke University in 1999 and received his Juris Doctor with Honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2002. Mr. Ayers served as a law clerk to the Honorable Linda McGee with the North Carolina Court of Appeals from August 2002 to August 2003. From August 2003 to June 2009, he practiced law in Raleigh, North Carolina with the law firm of Hunton & Williams LLP. Mr. Ayers joined the law firm of Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh as a partner in June 2009 where he practiced law until July 2013. His primary areas of practice were utilities regulation, environmental, and administrative law. He served a two-year term on the N.C. Environmental Management Commission from July 2011 through June 2013. Mr. Ayers currently serves on the Executive Committee for the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, the Critical Consumer Issues Forum Advisory Committee, the Consumer Advocates for the PJM States Board of Directors, the DOE Electricity Advisory Committee, and Board of Directors for the State Employees Credit Union.



**David Batz**  
**Senior Director, Cyber & Infrastructure Security, Edison Electric Institute**

With over 20 years of electric company experience, David Batz brings significant industry knowledge in understanding and applying appropriate security solutions to address emerging threats and issues. In addition, Mr. Batz leverages a decade of energy regulatory compliance as well as physical and cyber security policy experience and engagement with federal agencies including Department of Energy (DoE), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

He is a member of the SANS Institute Advisory Board and has served on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee and CIPC-Executive Committee. Batz has authored various articles and presented at numerous events on securing critical infrastructure, industrial systems and standardization topics for prominent industry associations including NIST, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the American Society Civil Engineers to name a few. Mr. Batz is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), and has multiple security certifications



**Dr. Janice Beecher,**  
**Director, Institute of Public Utilities, Michigan State University**

Dr. Janice Beecher ([beecher@msu.edu](mailto:beecher@msu.edu)) has served as IPU Director since 2002, bringing more than thirty years of applied research experience to the position. Her areas of interest include regulatory principles, institutions, governance, and pricing and she specializes in the water sector. She is a frequent author, lecturer, and participant in professional forums and Editor of the journal *Utilities Policy* (Elsevier). She co-authored the book *Risk Principles for Public Utility Regulators* (MSU Press). Dr.

Beecher is presently serving on the U.S. EPA's Environmental Finance Advisory Board and has served as an appointed advisor to the State of Michigan on infrastructure and water policy. She previously held positions at The Ohio State and Indiana Universities and the Illinois Commerce Commission. She is a faculty member in MSU's Department of Political Science and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University.



**Richard Berkley, Esq.**  
**Executive Director, New York's Utility Project**

Richard A. Berkley, Esq. is the Executive Director of New York's Utility Project. Previously Mr. Berkley was Chief of Staff and Counsel to Senator Kevin Parker of the New York State Senate, and before that he was Director of the Senate Committee on Energy and Telecommunications. He was Counsel to Assemblyman Richard Brodsky, Chair of the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, and served as Information Technology Attorney and Assistant Counsel for the State Office of Children and Family Services. He was also Telecommunications and Cable Franchise Counsel for the City of New York, and worked at the State of Wisconsin's Public Service Commission while in law school. He is a member of the bar of the State of New York and the State of New Jersey. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin, master's of arts from New York University, and bachelor's of arts from Fordham University-College at Lincoln Center.



**Tiffany Brady**  
**Senior Program Manager, Universal Service Administrative Company**

Tiffany serves as a Senior Program Manager for the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Lifeline State and Federal Partnerships team. She is responsible for overseeing data-sharing agreements with over 17 state and federal agencies participating in the National Verifier, and managing USAC's partner relationships with NARUC, state regulatory agencies, and human service agencies. Tiffany also coordinates the technical, operational and legal strategy for the Lifeline Program's engagement with all of its key stakeholders.

Prior to this role, Tiffany served in numerous capacities at USAC over the last four years, focusing on program integrity, operations and program execution for the Lifeline Program.



**Stefanie A. Brand**  
**Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel**

Stefanie A. Brand serves as the Director for the Division of Rate Counsel, a position she has held since October 1, 2007. The Division of Rate Counsel represents the interests of consumers of regulated electric, natural gas, water/sewer, telecommunications, cable TV service, and insurance (residential, small business, commercial and industrial customers).

Rate Counsel's mission is to make sure that all classes of utility consumers receive safe, adequate and proper utility service at affordable rates that are just and nondiscriminatory. Rate Counsel is a member of several state utility policy making groups and also represents consumers in setting energy and telecommunications policy that will affect the provision of services into the future. The New Jersey

Legislature charged Rate Counsel with being "devoted to the maximum extent possible to ensuring adequate representation of the interest of those consumers whose interest would otherwise be inadequately represented in matters within the jurisdiction of the Division of Rate Counsel." The Division's website is

<http://www.state.nj.us/rpa/>

Prior to joining Rate Counsel, Stefanie was the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of Litigation for the Division of Law within the Department of Law and Public Safety. In this position she oversaw all civil litigation for the state. Her tenure with the Division of Law included work on a variety of issues such as child welfare, environmental regulation, human services, employment and tort law.

Stefanie brings over 25 years of legal experience to the Division. She has spent over 20 years advocating on behalf of the people of New Jersey. After 5 years in private practice, she joined the Division of Law in 1992. She

worked as a Deputy Attorney General for 10 years, focusing on solid waste, environmental cases and federal litigation. In 2002, Stefanie was named Deputy Attorney General in Charge of Litigation and in 2003, she was named Assistant Attorney General. Stefanie graduated from Columbia University School of Law in 1986 and clerked for Associate Justice Gary Stein of the New Jersey State Supreme Court.



**Ed Burgess**  
**Director, Strategen Consulting**

Ed helps to lead Strategen's utility and government consulting practices. He specializes in evaluation and design of policies and programs to advance deployment distributed energy resources, demand-side management programs, energy storage and grid integration of renewable energy. Ed has served clients in the renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage industries, including consumer advocates, public interest organizations, Fortune 500 companies, energy project developers, trade associations, utilities, government agencies, universities and foundations. His analysis has given companies strategic insight into clean energy investment opportunities and has helped to guide regulations and policies in many states across the country.

Prior to joining Strategen, Ed worked as an independent consultant where he provided technical analysis to a law firm in Arizona, supporting the firm's clients in cases before the Arizona Corporation Commission. He also worked with Schlegel & Associates to provide technical analysis on demand-side management policies in Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and several other states that have led to significant new energy efficiency investments. Ed also played a lead role in two major initiatives at Arizona State University: The Utility of the Future Center and the Energy Policy Innovation Council where he conducted research and policy analysis for the Governor's Office of Energy Policy, the Department of Environmental Quality, and other major stakeholders in Arizona. At the Utility of the Future Center, he also worked with utilities and former public utility commissioners across the country to develop a strategic approach and model rules for transitioning to a distributed energy future.

Ed earned his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Princeton University and two degrees from Arizona State University - Master of Science (M.S.) in Sustainability and Professional Science Master (P.S.M.) of Solar Energy Engineering and Commercialization.



**Danielle Sass Byrnett**  
**Director, Center for Partnerships & Innovation (CPI), NARUC**

Danielle Sass Byrnett joined NARUC in December 2017. She is the Director of the Center for Partnerships & Innovation (formerly known as Domestic Grants or the Research Lab). She leads this grant-funded team focused on identifying emerging challenges and connecting State commissions with expertise and strategies to navigate complex decision-making. CPI builds relationships, develops resources, and delivers training in areas ranging from energy efficiency and distributed energy resources to natural gas infrastructure to cybersecurity and more. Danielle's subject

matter expertise includes energy efficiency policies and programs, clean energy workforce development, residential clean energy financing, combined heat and power, State energy planning, and related topics.

Prior to joining NARUC, Danielle served in the federal government and consulting roles at the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She holds a B.A. in biology and environmental studies from Swarthmore College, and an M.P.P. with an energy and environment concentration from Duke University.





## **Michael A. Caron**

### **Commissioner, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority**

Michael Caron is a Utility Commissioner of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). Governor Dannel P. Malloy nominated Caron to serve on the three member regulatory authority on July 12, 2012. His appointment was confirmed by both the House of Representatives and State Senate in the 2013 session of the Connecticut General Assembly.

Commissioner Caron is the Authority's former designee to the Connecticut Siting Council and is PURA's representative to the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC). He also serves as Treasurer of the New England Council of Public Utility Commissioners (NECPUC) and is a member of the Electricity Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and was appointed last year to the NARUC Telecommunications Task Force by past President Commissioner Lisa Edgar (FL).

He has also been appointed through DEEP as one of Connecticut's representatives on the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council (EISPC).

Prior to his appointment, Caron was the Director of Public Affairs – Global Sites for Pfizer, Inc. and an associate lobbyist for the lobbying and business development firm Camilliere, Cloud & Kennedy.

Caron previously served as a State Representative from the 44th District for nine terms (1991-2009) and Assistant Republican Leader for five terms (1999-2009). During his time as a member of the General Assembly, Caron served on the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee, as Ranking Member of a number of legislative committees including the Transportation Bonding Sub-Committee. He was a member of the Energy and Technology Committee and was an *ex officio* member of the Connecticut State Bond Commission.

Caron introduced and worked for passage of the Fuel Cell Energy Tax credit and the High Performance Building legislation for state bonding projects.

Caron also headed Caron Strategy and Consulting, a public policy firm and worked in the financial services industry as Registered Investment Advisor.

Caron has been active with several community organizations, including: the Southeastern CT Enterprise Region Board of Directors and the Community Health Charities of New England where he served as Chairman of the Board. Additionally, he has served as the Vice-Chair of the United Mental Health Services Board of Directors and the Chair of the Northeast Economic Alliance Board of Directors.

Caron received his B.A. in History and a B.S. in Finance from Central Connecticut State University. He lives in West Hartford with his wife Maureen.



## **Regina Costa**

### **Telecommunications Policy Director, The Utility Reform Network**

Regina Costa joined TURN in August 1991. She is responsible for developing TURN's policy on regulatory, economic and public policy aspects of telecommunications issues and participates heavily TURN's legal work in telecommunications as well. She chairs the Telecommunications Committee of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) and is involved in preparing NASUCA's comments on many national telecommunications issues including the IP transition, network reliability, high cost fund support and open networks.

Prior to joining TURN, Costa was a policy research specialist for the state of Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. She also worked for MCI as an analyst helping to prepare a major telecommunications anti-trust lawsuit and served as a consultant to the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Center in Vancouver, BC. Costa received an undergraduate degree and a master's degree, both in communication, from Simon Fraser University. Costa is a native of Salinas, CA.



**Lynn P. Costantini, D.Sc., CISSP**

**Deputy Director – Center for Partnerships and Innovation, National Association of Regulatory Commissioners**

Dr. Costantini is an information technology professional with more than 30 years of experience in the electric utility sector. She has held executive level positions including Vice President and Chief Information Officer of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, where she helped launch the Electricity Sector ISAC. As a subject matter expert on cyber security, Dr. Costantini has written federal and state regulations that are intended to protect critical infrastructure from cyberattacks and has testified before Congress regarding electric utilities' cyber disaster preparedness. While at NERC, she helped write the first two versions of the CIP standards. At the NJ Board of Public Utilities, she worked to foster cyber security information sharing; to identify and mitigate cross-sector cyber dependencies; and, to spur innovative solutions to persistent security problems. In her role as NARUC, Dr. Costantini works to raise awareness of emerging issues that may affect the security, reliability and resilience of critical infrastructure and to explore their regulatory implications.



**Joe Daniel**

**Senior Energy Analyst, Climate and Energy Program, Union of Concerned Scientists**

Joseph Daniel is a senior energy analyst with the Climate & Energy program at the Union of Concerned Scientists. In his role, he establishes policy positions, develops strategy, and produces analytics that spur innovation in energy markets to facilitate greater reliance on renewable energy, a low-carbon electricity system, and a more flexible, modern electricity grid. His work helps advance science-based public policy around renewable energy at the state and regional levels. He also leads UCS research and advocacy efforts to shape electricity markets and policies to develop a more flexible and modern electric grid that can accommodate high levels of renewable energy, demand-side resources, and electric vehicles, while reducing carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels.

Mr. Daniel began his career in 2005 modeling energy use and fugitive emissions at a petrochemical facility outside of Mobile, Alabama. He went on to work as an engineering consultant at more than 30 oil refineries, natural gas facilities, and power plants. Since 2011, his work has focused on the electric utility industry where he has worked on over 100 utility proceedings across the country and has authored technical comments in response to state, regional, and federal energy policy proposals. He also formerly served as an electric sector analyst with the Sierra Club, where he focused on federal policy, fossil fuel economics, and regional energy markets. Prior to that, he was an associate at Synapse Energy Economics analyzing utility planning and economics.

Mr. Daniel earned an MPA in environmental science and policy from Columbia University, and a BS in chemical engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology. He is a member of the International Association of Energy Economists, the US Association of Energy Economists, and serves on the alumni board of the Environmental Science and Policy program at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. Mr. Daniel has been published by *EM Magazine*, *Natural Gas and Electricity Journal*, and the US Association of Energy Economics.



**Joy Ditto**  
**Chief Executive Officer, Utilities Technology Council**

Joy Ditto is the President and CEO of the Utilities Technology Council. Ms. Ditto oversees the UTC senior management team and provides guidance, leadership, and direction for the Association. Prior to joining UTC in 2016, Ms. Ditto spent 15 years at the American Public Power Association (APPA), the national trade association representing not-for-profit, publicly owned electric utilities. She served APPA in several capacities, eventually becoming Senior Vice President for Legislative and Political Affairs. Prior to joining APPA, she spent eight years on Capitol Hill as legislative assistant to Reps. Joe McDade and Don Sherwood (both from Pennsylvania) and Sen. Chuck Hagel from Nebraska. She started her career as a staff assistant to Senator John McCain. Ms. Ditto advised her bosses on issues involving natural resources, agriculture, trade, tax, banking, the justice system, environment, and energy. Ms. Ditto is a Chairman Emeritus of the National Energy Resources Organization and is on the Board of the Women's Energy Resources Council. In 2015, she was nominated for the Professional Women in Advocacy's "Excellence by a Veteran Advocate" award. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University with a B.A. in History and Minor in Political Science and in 2012 received an executive certificate in nonprofit management from Georgetown University. Ms. Ditto is married with two young daughters. She and her husband participate in the worship team at their church, she is on the board of the Overlee Preschool, coaches youth soccer, and is a competitive horseback rider.



**Joe Eto**  
**Staff Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**

Joe Eto is a staff scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory where he is a senior advisor for the Electricity Markets and Policy Group and the Energy Storage and Demand Resources Division. Among other things, he has spent the past 15+ years conducting research on reliability metrics and trends, and on the economic value of reliability to electricity customers.

Joe's principal research activities involve leading a national laboratory-university-industry R&D consortium that conducts public interest research and technology development focused on electricity reliability. Joe has also supported the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability by serving on the US-Canada investigation of the Aug 14, 2003 blackout, and assisting in the preparation of DOE's National Electric Transmission Congestion Studies.

Joe has been a long-time contributor to state government-related activities. In 1988, he co-authored NARUC's Handbook on Least Cost Utility Planning and in the 1990's he organized yearly training seminars for state PUC staff on integrated resource planning.



**Brian Ford**  
**Senior Regulatory Counsel, NTCA -The Rural Broadband Association**

Brian Ford has been with NTCA since March 2013 and serves as their Senior Regulatory Counsel. He advocates on behalf of NTCA's RLEC members at the FCC, with a primary focus on a variety of issues such as universal service, the IP transition, E-rate, Lifeline, net neutrality, video, robocalls, and other rulemaking proceedings. Brian serves as the staff liaison to NTCA's Technical and Legal Committees and represents the association on the North American Numbering Council. He previously held a similar position for eight years at OPASTCO, a trade association also representing RLECs.



### **Kara Brighton Fornstrom**

#### **Deputy Chair, Wyoming Public Service Commission**

Governor Mead appointed Kara Brighton to the Public Service Commission on March 1, 2013. Kara received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wyoming in Small Business Management (1993) and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law (1996). Prior to joining the Commission, Kara practiced water and natural resource law. She is a member of the NARUC Board of Directors, the President of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners, Vice Chair of the NARUC Sub-Committee on Pipeline Safety, Co-Vice Chair of the NARUC Clean Coal & Carbon Management Sub-Committee, a member of the NARUC-

DOE Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership, serves on the NARUC Committee on Gas, a Class 5 Member of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council Member Advisory Committee, and a member on the GTI Public Interest Advisory Committee. In August 2015, she was a member of the NARUC delegation to China for the U.S. Department of Energy's Regulatory, Policy & Technology Mission.



### **Sue Gander**

#### **Director, Environment, Energy & Transportation, National Governors Association**

Ms. Gander directs the Environment, Energy and Transportation Division of the National Governors Association (NGA) where she leads a team of analysts in providing governors and their staff with state policy guidance and technical assistance. She has over twenty years' experience working on state, national and international energy, environment and infrastructure issues. At the NGA, Ms. Gander oversees projects

spanning a range of topics that currently include: power sector modernization including the integration of distributed energy resources and energy efficiency; connected, autonomous and electric vehicles; smart and connected states, energy assurance and cybersecurity; infrastructure planning, financing, resiliency and innovation; existing and future nuclear energy; and state water resource management.

Prior to joining NGA, Ms. Gander served as a Program Manager for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Energy-Environment State Partnership Program and as a Senior Policy Analyst and Manager for Government Relations and Public Affairs at the Center for Clean Air Policy. Ms. Gander graduated *cum laude* from Brown University with a BA in Public Policy, and from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a MA in Public Policy and a certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy. Ms. Gander is a LEED Accredited Professional and serves on the Keystone Energy Board and the State Energy Efficiency Action Network Advisory Committee and as a board liaison for the Institute for Building Technology and Safety. She volunteers with the C&O Canal Bike Patrol and the Warner Park Committee in Kensington, Maryland, a historic neighborhood where she resides with her family.



### **Marion Gold**

#### **Commissioner, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission**

Marion Gold was appointed to the Commission by Governor Gina Raimondo in June 2016. Commissioner Gold had previously served as Commissioner of the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER), the lead energy policy office for the state. Prior to joining the OER, she was the Director of the Outreach Center at the University of Rhode Island where she launched the URI Partnership for Energy and directed extension programs in energy and environmental horticulture. Commissioner Gold serves on the Board of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, GridLab and the National Regulatory Research Initiative (NRRI), the research arm of NARUC. She also

is a member of the NARUC Committee on Electricity. Commissioner Gold holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from the University of Rhode Island. She received a BS from the University of Michigan and an MS from Michigan State University.





**Bernard J. Grundusky Jr.**  
**Vice President Business Development -Mid Atlantic Region,**  
**American Water**

Bernie has over twenty-seven years of increasing responsibility in the business development and finance functions with the state's largest private water company. He has extensive experience in all aspects of business development including project development and relationship management, due diligence, financial modeling, project financing, business case presentation, contract negotiation, regulatory approvals and deal closure.

Bernie leads the division's business development efforts through growth opportunities and acquisitions of water and wastewater systems throughout Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Leading a team of 6, he identifies, develops, negotiates and closes acquisitions, bulk sales and extension projects. He has participated in over 80 acquisitions of private and public water and wastewater systems.

He has a Master of Business Administration from Lebanon Valley College and a Bachelor of Science, Accounting from The Pennsylvania State University. He is a Board Member – NAWC – PA Chapter, a resident of Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County Pa, husband and father of 2 daughters and a former member of Penn State wrestling team.



**Charlie Harak**  
**Senior Attorney, National Consumer Law Center (NCLC)**

Charlie Harak is senior attorney for energy and utilities issues. He represents consumers before regulatory agencies, testifies at legislative hearings, and provides legal and policy counsel to low-income advocates, legal services lawyers, and government officials. He also devotes much of his time to training lawyers, advocates, and front-line social services staff regarding the rights of utility customers, and contributes to **NCLC manuals and publications**. Much of his work also focuses on energy efficiency issues, including federal appliance efficiency standards and

advocating for larger and smarter energy efficiency investments in affordable multifamily housing, and climate change.



**Tom Hassenboehler**  
**Partner, Coefficient Group**

Tom is a partner at the Coefficient Group, a Washington, D.C. based energy and environment strategic consulting practice. Tom's career has positioned him at the center of many of the major energy and environmental laws and debates of the last decade. He most recently served as the Chief Counsel for Energy and Environment at the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce under Chairmen Fred Upton (R-

Michigan) and Greg Walden (R-Oregon). During his time in the House, he led and managed the issues and staff under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittees on Energy and Environment. He successfully oversaw bipartisan Committee passage of reauthorizations of several energy and environmental laws, and the launching of the Powering America hearing series, a comprehensive review of emerging issues affecting the nation's electricity markets. Before his roles in the U.S. House, he worked for America's Natural Gas Alliance, and in the Senate as Counsel for the Committee on Environment and Public Works under Ranking Member Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma).



**Jim Jenkins**  
**Vice President of Regulatory Services**

Jim Jenkins is Vice President, Regulatory Services for American Water, the largest investor-owned U.S. water and wastewater utility company. Mr. Jenkins is responsible for the coordination of rates and regulatory strategy across the company. He also currently serves as the Chair of the NAWC Regulatory Law and Rates Committee. Jim has over 30 years of experience in the utility sector.

Mr. Jenkins earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a MBA from the University of Illinois at Springfield. Jim is a

Certified Public Accountant.



**Elin Swanson Katz**  
**Consumer Counsel, State of Connecticut**  
**President, NASUCA**

Elin Swanson Katz has served as Consumer Counsel for the State of Connecticut by since 2011. She heads the Office of Consumer Counsel, an independent state agency established in 1975, which advocates on behalf of consumers in matters relating to electricity, water, natural gas, and telecommunications. Her agency also includes the Connecticut State Broadband Office.

As Connecticut's Consumer Counsel, Ms. Katz serves on the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board, the Commission for Education Technology, and the Water Planning Council Steering Committee, among other state boards. Ms. Katz is Vice-President of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates ("NASUCA"). She is also NASUCA's representative on the Federal Communication Commission's Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. Ms. Katz also serves as Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy's designee on the FCC's Intergovernmental Advisory Commission, for which she serves as Chair. Ms. Katz is on the Advisory Committee for the Critical Consumer Issues Forum, a joint initiative of NARUC, NASUCA and EEI. She was named the "2016 Local Internet Choice State Champion" by the Coalition for Local Internet Choice. She was also the recipient of the New England Women in Energy and Environment's (NEWIEE) 2014 Achievement Award.

Prior to becoming Consumer Counsel, Ms. Katz practiced at law firms in Washington, D.C.; Boston; and Hartford. She also served as Assistant Counsel at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, taught at Trinity College in Hartford, and served as a legal consultant. Ms. Katz served on the West Hartford, Connecticut Board of Education from 2009 to 2013. Ms. Katz holds degrees from Cornell University (B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations), Boston University School of Law (J.D. cum laude), and Trinity College (M.A. in English (Writing, Rhetoric, and Media Arts), with honors).



**Ronald Keen**  
**Senior Energy Advisor, National Risk Management Center, U.S.**  
**Department of Homeland Security**

Ronald Keen, a retired Air Force officer and previously a Division Director within the Indiana State government before retiring in 2017, currently serves as the Senior Energy Advisor to the Director of the National Risk Management Center (NRMC) in the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Washington, DC. In that capacity, Ron advises the Director and senior leadership at DHS on matters concerning the Energy critical infrastructure sector, including, but not limited to, cybersecurity, reliability and resilience, threats, and various regulatory issues. Additionally, he works closely with a

number of Federal agencies, including the Departments of Defense (DOD) and Energy (DOE) and the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as well as regional and state agencies and private industry stakeholders on broader issues such as cross-sector inter-dependency and vulnerability, supply chain dependence and national security.



**Robert Kelter**  
**Senior Attorney, Environmental Law and Policy Center**

Mr. Kelter is a Senior Attorney at the Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC) where he leads the organization's efforts energy efficiency legal and regulatory policy initiatives in the Midwest and before Congress. He has litigated energy efficiency, renewable energy, and rate design cases in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa. He is an experienced energy and public utilities regulatory attorney, who served as the Litigation Director at the Illinois Citizens Utility Board and was lead attorney on a wide array of electricity and natural gas rate and rulemaking cases and issues. His cases included not only rate and environmental issues, but a number of groundbreaking consumer fraud cases related to utility and competitor marketing abuse. Before then, he worked as a staff attorney on clean energy issues in

Washington, D.C. at Environmental Action and the D.C. Office of the Peoples Counsel. Rob is the former Chairman of the Board of the Illinois Environmental Council and has served on a number of boards and committees at the national and state level. He has spoken at numerous conferences and is a frequent media spokesperson.



**Robert S. Kenney**  
**Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

Robert S. Kenney is Vice President, Regulatory Affairs. In this role, he is responsible for executive management of all aspects of PG&E's interactions with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and the California Energy Commission (CEC), including all regulatory filings and proceedings.

Robert is responsible for providing overall strategic guidance for the company's interactions with the CPUC, the FERC, and the CEC, ensuring compliance with regulatory mandates, and facilitating positive regulatory outcomes. He leads a team of regulatory professionals responsible for developing and implementing regulatory strategy, supporting the implementation of PG&E's business objectives.

Robert has over twenty-five years of experience developing, analyzing and implementing public policy at the local and state levels and twenty years of experience litigating complex cases in federal and state courts and administrative tribunals.

Prior to joining PG&E, Robert was Chairman of the Missouri Public Service Commission, where he led a 190-person agency, presiding over numerous complex proceedings deciding rate increases, mergers and acquisitions, transmission siting, resource adequacy, and implementation of Missouri's Renewable Energy Standard and Energy Efficiency Investment Act. During his tenure, he emerged as a nationally recognized leader in public utility law and regulation and public policy development and implementation, serving on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and as President of the Organization of MISO States (OMS). While at the Missouri PSC, Robert led efforts to institute best practices in consumer education and outreach and to enhance legal education related to public utility law and regulation.

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 remains committed to public service and civic engagement, serving on the board of the Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD). Robert holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Hampton University and a law degree from Saint Louis University School of Law.



**Cheryl A LaFleur**  
**Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

Commissioner Cheryl A. LaFleur was first nominated by President Barack Obama to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2010 and was confirmed for a second term by the Senate in 2014. She served as Acting Chairman of the Commission from November 2013 to July 2014 and January to August 2017 and as Chairman from July 2014 until April 2015.

Commissioner LaFleur is honored to be a member of the Commission at a time when the nation is making substantial changes in its energy supply and infrastructure to meet environmental challenges and improve reliability and security. Since she joined the Commission, her priorities have included reliability and grid security, supporting the development and evolution of robust competitive markets, promoting regional transmission planning, and supporting a clean and diverse power supply. She is a member of the NARUC Committees on Electricity and Critical Infrastructure and was co-chair of the FERC/NARUC Forum on Reliability and the Environment. She is a frequent speaker on energy issues.

Prior to joining the Commission in 2010, Commissioner LaFleur had more than 20 years' experience as a leader in the electric and natural gas industry. She served as executive vice president and acting CEO of National Grid USA, responsible for the delivery of electricity to 3.4 million customers in the Northeast. Her previous positions at National Grid USA and its predecessor New England Electric System included chief operating officer, president of the New England distribution companies and general counsel. She led major efforts to improve reliability and employee safety. Earlier in her career, she was responsible for leading award-winning conservation and demand response programs for customers.

Commissioner LaFleur has been a nonprofit board member and leader and is also active in a number of women's energy organizations. She was named Woman of the Year by the Women's Council on Energy and the Environment in 2015. In 2014, the Northeast Energy and Commerce Association presented her with its Vanguard Award for her long-time leadership in the development of competitive power markets. She received a Bipartisan Congressional Award in 2013 for her work on grid reliability.

Commissioner LaFleur began her career as an attorney at Ropes and Gray in Boston. She has a J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she was an editor of the Harvard Law Review, and an A.B. from Princeton University. A native of Massachusetts, she is married to William Kuncik, a retired attorney, and they are the parents of two grown children.

**Karen Lusson**  
**Assistant Bureau Chief, Public Utilities Bureau, Illinois Attorney General's Office**

Karen Lusson is the Assistant Bureau Chief in the Public Utilities Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General's Office. Her duties include intervening on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois in proceedings before the Illinois Commerce Commission and Illinois courts involving natural gas and electric utility regulatory matters. Her work includes matters involving utility rate increase requests, rate design, ratepayer-funded energy efficiency programs, mergers, low income customer affordability issues and legislation. Prior to her employment at the Attorney General's Office, Karen was a Staff Attorney at the Illinois Citizens Utility Board and an Assistant Public Counsel at the Illinois Office of Public Counsel. She received her law degree from DePaul University College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Political Science from Indiana University.





**Robert G. Mork**

**Deputy Consumer Counselor for Federal Affairs, Indiana Office of  
Utility Consumer Counselor**

Robert G. Mork has served the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) since 2000 as Deputy Consumer Counselor for Federal Affairs. As Federal Deputy, Mork has represented Indiana ratepayer interests before both the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Federal Communications Commission, and now spends much of his time working for the effective development of electric wholesale markets under regional transmission organizations.

Mork currently serves as president of the Consumer Advocates of PJM States, Inc. and chair of the Electric Committee of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), as well as a representative of the Public Consumer Sector on the MISO Advisory Committee. Mork has previously chaired both the Energy Bar Association's Midwest Chapter and the Utility Law Section of the Indiana State Bar Association, and he has served on the board of the Energy Bar Association. Mork is also a recipient of the Irwin Popowsky NASUCA Outstanding Service Award. Before joining the OUCC, Mork had a national private practice in environmental insurance coverage issues. Mork received his J.D. with honors from Indiana University (1992) and a B.A. in history from Yale (1988).



**Kristin Munsch**

**Director of Policy and Senior Attorney, Illinois Citizens' Utility  
Board**

Kristin is the Deputy Director for the Illinois Citizens Utility Board, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group that represents the interests of residential and small-business utility customers through outreach, education, litigation and policy advocacy. She has appeared before the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding utility rate issues; electricity supply and distributed energy resource planning, procurement and regulation; and competitive market issues, with a particular focus on the use of new technologies to benefit utility customers. Ms. Munsch is currently a member of the Illinois Smart Grid Advisory Council, a member of the Board of Directors for the Energy Foundry and Treasurer of the Board for the Consumer Advocates of PJM States. She has spoken before the

Chicago Bar Association, the Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, American Gas Association Rates School, Women's Energy Summit and the Critical Consumer Issues Forum on customer education, rate design, data access and challenges in designing a "utility of the future" for customer benefit.

Prior to joining CUB, she was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois in the Public Utilities Bureau. Before entering law school, Ms. Munsch primarily focused on program design and implementation of federal workforce development and public assistance programs, serving as Associate Director of the Chicago Workforce Board and a policy analyst for the City of Chicago. Ms. Munsch is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Chicago-Kent College of Law.



### **Ron Nelson**

#### **Senior Consultant, Strategen Consulting, LLC**

Ron Nelson is a Senior Consultant in Strategen's Government and Utility Practice. Prior to Joining Strategen, Ron worked as an Economist for the Minnesota Attorney General's Office where he represented consumers on topics including community solar gardens, the costs and benefits of grid modernization, cost modeling, rate design, and utility business models. He has also worked as an economic researcher for two universities and the United States Geological Survey where he researched the quantification of environmental externalities. He earned two undergraduate degrees from Western Washington University in Environmental Economics and Mathematics, and a Master's of Science in

Resource Economics from Colorado State University.



### **David Ober**

#### **Commissioner, Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission**

David Ober was appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on April 2, 2018. He is a member of the NARUC Committee on Water and the Mid-America Regulatory Conference. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI).

Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Ober served House District 82 in the Indiana House of Representatives representing Allen, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble and Whitley counties (2012-2018).

Commissioner Ober has held a variety of leadership positions throughout his career in state government, including service as a member of the House Ways and Means

Committee, as Assistant Majority Whip for the House Republican Caucus (2014-2016), and as Chairman of the House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications from 2016 to 2018.

Commissioner Ober is a 2009 graduate of Purdue University Northwest. He and his wife Maggie reside in Indianapolis, Indiana and attend Traders Point Christian Church.



### **Anjali Patel**

#### **Senior Assistant People's Counsel, Office of the People's Counsel for the District of Columbia.**

Ms. Patel represents District of Columbia consumers in federal and state proceedings involving the District's regulated utilities. Prior to joining OPC, Anjali was in private practice at a boutique law firm where she counseled and advocated for governmental and public power clients on energy, transportation, telecommunication, and general administrative and constitutional law matters. She has experience with, among other things, distribution and wholesale rates, RTO market rules, transportation planning, utility mergers and acquisitions, and power supply contracts. Anjali has practiced before state and federal courts, the D.C. Public Service Commission, and a variety of

federal agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Anjali serves as the Secretary of the Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association (CFEBA) Board, and previously served as Chair of the Energy Bar Association's FERC Practice Committee. She has a B.A. in Biology and Environmental Studies from Case Western Reserve University, an M.S. in Environmental Policy from Drexel University, and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.



**Jacqueline Patterson**  
**Senior Director, NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program**

Jacqueline Patterson is the Senior Director of the NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program. Since 2007 Patterson has served as coordinator & co-founder of Women of Color United. Jacqui Patterson has worked as a researcher, program manager, coordinator, advocate and activist working on women's rights, violence against women, HIV&AIDS, racial justice, economic justice, and environmental and climate justice. Patterson served as a Senior Women's Rights Policy Analyst for

ActionAid where she integrated a women's rights lens for the issues of food rights, macroeconomics, and climate change as well as the intersection of violence against women and HIV&AIDS. Previously, she served as Assistant Vice-President of HIV/AIDS Programs for IMA World Health providing management and technical assistance to medical facilities and programs in 23 countries in Africa and the Caribbean. Patterson served as the Outreach Project Associate for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Research Coordinator for Johns Hopkins University. She also served as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Jamaica, West Indies.

Patterson's publications/articles include: "Jobs vs Health: An Unnecessary Dilemma", "Climate Change is a Civil Rights Issue", "Gulf Oil Drilling Disaster: Gendered Layers of Impact", "Disasters, Climate Change Uproot Women of Color"; "Coal Blooded; Putting Profits Before People"; "Just Energy Policies: Reducing Pollution, Creating Jobs": "And the People Shall Lead: Centralizing Frontline Community Leadership in the Movement Towards a Sustainable Planet"; and book chapter, "Equity in Disasters: Civil and Human Rights Challenges in the Context of Emergency Events" in the book Building Community Resilience Post-Disaster.

Patterson holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University. She currently serves on the International Committee of the US Social Forum, the Steering Committee for Interfaith Moral Action on Climate, Advisory Board for Center for Earth Ethics as well as on the Boards of Directors for the Institute of the Black World, Center for Story Based Strategy, the River Network, the American Society of Adaptation Professionals, Greenprint Partners, and the National Black Workers Center.



**Carla J. Peterman**  
**Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)**

Commissioner Peterman was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in December 2012 and is the assigned Commissioner to a number of energy, communications, and water proceedings including energy efficiency, alternative transportation, energy storage, and PCIA reform.

The commissioner's key interest areas include decarbonization policy, energy markets, and technology adoption. She has led several CPUC clean-energy initiatives including the adoption of the nation's first utility energy storage mandate, the first framework for energy storage multi-use applications, approval of \$965 million of utility investments in

electric vehicle charging infrastructure, adoption of utility energy efficiency goals and business plans, and the implementation of California's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Commissioner Peterman has also been the assigned commissioner for rate cases for Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, California-American Water Company, and San Jose Water Company.

She has also led several telecommunications proceedings, including a competition analysis of the telecommunications sector, and reform of the California Teleconnect Fund.

Commissioner Peterman was previously appointed by Governor Brown, in 2011, to the California Energy Commission (CEC) where she was lead Commissioner for renewables, transportation, natural gas, and the 2012

Integrated Energy Policy Report. At the CEC, Commissioner Peterman oversaw the implementation of California's RPS regulations for publicly owned utilities, the New Solar Home Partnership Program, and the \$100 million annual Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. She is the first African-American female to be appointed to both Commissions.

Commissioner Peterman serves on various policy boards including the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), NARUC's Investment Committee, NARUC's Energy Resources and Environment Committee (Vice-Chair), and Veloz. She was previously chair of the California Plug-in Electric Vehicle Collaborative, and a board member of The Utility Reform Network (TURN).

She has also received several recognitions for her public service, including KJLH Proven Achievers Award (2018), C3E Government Award (2015), Clean Energy Storage Alliance's 2015 Policy Champion award; Coalition for Clean Air's 2014 Clean Air Champion award, and the California Legislative Black Caucus' Horizon Award (2013).

Earlier in her career, from 2006 to 2011, Commissioner Peterman conducted energy policy research at the University of California Energy Institute and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. She also served as an environmental business analyst at the community redevelopment non-profit Isles Inc., and an associate focused on energy financing in the investment banking division at Lehman Brothers.

Born and raised in Newark and South Orange, New Jersey, Commissioner Peterman holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Energy and Resources from The University of California Berkeley.

She also earned a Master of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. Commissioner Peterman holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Howard University, where she graduated summa cum laude. Commissioner Peterman resides in the Bay area and enjoys reading and family time with her husband and son.



**Paul Roberti**  
**Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety**  
**Administration (PHMSA)**

Paul Roberti was sworn in as PHMSA's Chief Counsel on March 27, 2018 by U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao. Previously, he was an Executive Director at Ernst & Young (EY) where he was a member of the firm's Advisory practice specializing in power and utilities. In addition to serving clients across North America, he was a member of a select team that provided strategic advice to clients navigating Mexico's historic energy reform measures in the power and natural gas sectors.

Prior to EY, he served seven years as a Commissioner on the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, after being appointed by the Governor and unanimously confirmed by the Senate. As Commissioner, he was responsible for regulating the rates, charges and practices of the State's electric, gas, water and telecom utilities. During that period, he served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where he also served as Chairman of the Pipeline Safety Task Force and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Gas. He was a member of the Board of Directors at NARUC and the National Regulatory Research Institute. In 2016, he received NARUC's "Terry Barnich" Award for recognition of his international service for advising the nations of Moldova, Georgia, Nigeria, India, Jamaica and Mexico on energy policy.

Mr. Roberti served two terms on the U.S. Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee after being appointed by Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz. He was also a member of the Public Interest Advisory Committee at the Gas Technology Institute, and Chairman of the Advisory Committee at New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities.



Before his role as Commissioner, he served as Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Regulatory Division at the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, having served four consecutive administrations over the course of seventeen years, where he was responsible for energy and public utility matters at both the State and Federal level. Before the Attorney General's Office, he was engaged in the private practice of law. He was a Law Clerk to Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice Donald F. Shea, after graduating from Suffolk University School of Law. He received a Chemistry degree from the College of the Holy Cross.

Mr. Roberti was admitted as a member to the Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Florida, U.S. District Court and U.S. Court of Appeals (1<sup>st</sup> and D.C. Circuits). He resides in Rhode Island with his wife and three children.



**Joseph W. Rogers**  
**Assistant Attorney General, Massachusetts Office of Ratepayer Advocacy**

Joseph Rogers is an Assistant Attorney General in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office of Ratepayer Advocacy. The Office discharges the Attorney General's responsibilities as the statutory representative of Massachusetts consumers of gas, electric and telephone utility service. In performing this work, the Attorney General's office appears on behalf of consumers in proceedings before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

Mr. Rogers is the Chair of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) Natural Gas Committee. He has been employed by the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General since 1992. He was Mr. Rogers received his J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law in 1981 and his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Iona College in 1978. Division Chief from October 2001 to March 2007. He was the Assistant Consumer Advocate of the State of New Hampshire from 1985 to 1992. Prior to that, he was in private practice in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.



**Gregg C. Sayre**  
**Commissioner - New York State Public Service Commission**

Gregg C. Sayre was appointed Commissioner of the New York State Public Service Commission on June 21, 2012, his term began on July 9, 2012 and runs through February 1, 2018. On March 9, 2017, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo designated Mr. Sayre as Interim Chairman of the Public Service Commission and Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Public Service, he served in this capacity until June 21, 2017.

Prior to starting with the Commission, Mr. Sayre was Associate General Counsel of Frontier Communications Corporation. While at Frontier, Mr. Sayre was responsible for all regulatory legal issues and proceedings in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and

Indiana.

Mr. Sayre began his career with a law firm in Portland, Oregon. Later, he became an attorney in the Rates Division of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Law Bureau, primarily litigating rate-of-return rate cases filed by electric utilities. After leaving the Pennsylvania Commission, Mr. Sayre worked as a regulatory attorney for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Cos. Subsequently, he joined Frontier's predecessor company, Rochester Telephone Corporation.

In addition to his employment at Frontier, Mr. Sayre has done extensive work with the New York Bar Association's Public Utility Law Committee.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) appointed Mr. Sayre to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services, a forum among the FCC, state regulators, and local and regional entities regarding the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities.

Mr. Sayre obtained his B.A. degree from Grinnell College, his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School, and a Master of Science in Information Technology degree from Rochester Institute of Technology. Mr. Sayre was admitted to the bar in 1975. Mr. Sayre and his wife, Susan, reside in Fairport, NY. They have three grown children.



**Timothy R. Schneider**  
**General Counsel, Tilson Technology, Inc.**

Tim Schneider is General Counsel and Principal Consultant with Tilson Technology Management, a national IT services, network deployment and consulting firm based in Portland, Maine. Prior to joining Tilson, Tim led the Maine Office of the Public Advocate, the independent state agency that represents Maine utility customers and was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). As Public Advocate, Tim played a central role in setting Maine's energy and telecommunications policy, with particular focus on expanding access to affordable, reliable broadband service, and developing forward-looking distributed generation policy. He is a graduate of Harvard University and New York University School of Law.



**Andrew C "Drew" Slater**  
**Public Advocate, Delaware**

Drew Slater was appointed by Governor Carney and confirmed by the Senate as the Public Advocate on January 25, 2017. The Public Advocate's role is to advocate for the lowest reasonable rates for consumers consistent with the maintenance of adequate utility service and principally on behalf of residential and small commercial consumers. He also can, at times, advocate for commercial and industrial consumers. He appears before the Public Service Commission, State of Delaware courts, Federal courts, and Federal administrative and regulatory agencies on behalf of the interests of consumers regarding rates, service, and practices of public utilities.

Before joining the Division of the Public Advocate, he served the public as Kent and Sussex County Coordinator for Congressman Carney. In that role, his major responsibilities included representing the Congressman at meetings and events and being the liaison with the public on a multitude of issue areas.

He began his career in public service in 2003 as an intern for U.S. Senator Joe Biden on the Foreign Relations Committee. From 2004-2013, he worked in the Delaware State Senate. During his time in the Senate, he worked for six legislators and assisted them with legislation, committees, and constituent service.

Drew graduated from Washington College in 2005 and received a Master's degree from Wilmington University in 2011. He lives in Dover with his wife Laura, daughter Genevieve, and son Kellan.



**Karen Stachowski**  
**Assistant Attorney General, Tennessee Office of the Attorney General**

Karen is an Assistant Attorney General with the Tennessee Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Protection and Advocate. In this role, she focuses on proceedings before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC), which is responsible for regulating Tennessee's investor-owned utility companies. The Consumer Advocate seeks to enforce laws applicable to public utilities, to remove barriers to competition in public utilities markets, and to seek a healthy balance between regulation, competition, and the public interest. It participates in regulatory proceedings before TPUC and monitors complaints filed against various utilities in the state.

Karen began her legal career with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation where she held various titles and job responsibilities including Deputy Commissioner of Environment, Assistant Commissioner, Managing Legal Counsel and Deputy General Counsel. She also previously worked in the Attorney General's Office in the Law Enforcement and Prosecution Division.

Karen is a graduate of Mississippi University for Women, where she majored in Biology. She attended law school at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis. Karen is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Water Works Association, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), the Middle Tennessee Chapter of ACFE, and the Nashville ACL User Group.



**Scott Thomasson**  
**Southeast Director**

Scott focuses on opening solar markets in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. He also manages Vote Solar's national work on community solar and other new and innovative solar policy models. He brings over a decade of energy policy and legal experience to the role.

In 2013, he was lead counsel for a Georgia solar developer in its successful campaign to encourage the Georgia Public Service Commission to authorize over 500 MW of new solar projects. During his years in the United States Senate, Scott served as legislative counsel to the late Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) and as professional staff for the Senate Appropriations Committee. A native of Atlanta, he now resides in Washington, D.C.



**Mark W. Toney, Ph.D.**  
**Executive Director, The Utility Reform Network (TURN)**

Mark Toney has served as executive director of TURN—The Utility Reform Network since 2008, promoting affordable green energy and phone service through legal advocacy, grassroots organizing, and policy campaigns. His leadership defeated an anti-consumer statewide initiative despite being outspent \$46 million to \$120,000, expanded LifeLine discounts to wireless phones, and included diverse communities in policy making.

Mark has organized for social justice for 35 years, earned his B.A. in political science from Brown University, his Ph.D. in sociology from UC Berkeley, and he has been recognized as a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow, National Science Foundation Fellow, and Echoing Green Fellow.



**Tim Woolf**  
**Vice President, Synapse Energy Economics**

Tim has more than 35 years of experience conducting technical and economic analyses of energy and environmental issues, on behalf of a variety of consumer advocates, environmental advocates, regulators, and government agencies. Most of his career has been dedicated to utility regulation and planning, including the review and development of policies and practices regarding energy efficiency and other distributed resources. He served as a commissioner at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities from

2007-2011.