



## 2018 ANNUAL MEETING PANELISTS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

### **Daniel Hall, Commissioner, Missouri Public Service Commission**

Commissioner Daniel Yves Hall was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission on September 27, 2013 by Governor Jay Nixon, and unanimously confirmed by the Missouri State Senate in January, 2014. He was appointed Chairman by Governor Nixon on August 10, 2015 and served as Chairman until September, 2018. He is the 101st PSC Commissioner in the 100-year history of the PSC – Missouri's oldest state agency. Commissioner Hall is an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), serving as Co-Vice Chair of the NARUC Committee on Water, Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Education and Research, and member of the Washington Action Committee. He serves as Vice-President of the Organization of MISO States Board of Directors and Executive Committee and is a member of the MISO Advisory Committee. He is Chair of the Financial Research Institute's Advisory Board and a board member on the Public Council for the Water Research Foundation. From 1998 to 2001, Hall served as Chief of Staff to Missouri House Speaker Steve Gaw. His responsibilities included coordinating the formulation and passage of the legislative agenda of the Speaker and House majority caucus, supervision of the Speaker's office staff and liaison with the Chief Clerk regarding House legal and personnel matters. Prior to his state government service, between 1995 and 1998, Hall worked in private practice as an associate with Bryan Cave, LLP in Kansas City. His litigation practice included labor and employment, class action defense and commercial disputes. From 1993 to 1995, Hall served as a Law Clerk to United States District Court Judge Dean Whipple. In this capacity, Hall conducted research and drafted opinions and orders in a broad range of civil and criminal cases, and provided counsel to the Judge concerning the court's management of state and local entities under its supervision. Hall was awarded a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri School of Law in 1993. His law school honors include the Order of the Coif, Order of the Barristers and Board of Advocates. He was a member of the Law Review, serving as Note and Comment Editor. In 1988, Hall graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, with a major in history and a minor in political economy.

### **Matt Schuerger, Commissioner, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**

Matthew Schuerger was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission by Governor Mark Dayton, effective February 1, 2016. Commissioner Schuerger is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and serves on its Committee on Electricity. He also serves on the Organization of MISO States Board of Directors and Executive Committee, on the MISO Advisory Committee, on the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council, and on the Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council. Schuerger has over thirty years of experience in the energy industry as a senior manager and professional engineer, including work with power system planning and reliability, energy markets, grid modernization, distributed energy resources, grid integration of renewable energy, strategic planning, and business development. From 2001 until he was named to the Commission, Schuerger was the President of an engineering and management consulting firm. Prior to that, he was the Executive Vice President of

District Energy St. Paul Inc., a privately held provider of district heating, district cooling, and cogenerated electricity. Commissioner Schuerger earned a Master's of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Minnesota, a Master's of Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas, and a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University.

### **Sally Talberg, Chairman, Michigan Public Service Commission**

Sally A. Talberg was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the Michigan Public Service Commission on July 3, 2013, and was appointed chairman on January 4, 2016. The Governor appointed her to a new term on March 17, 2017, which ends July 2, 2021. Prior to her appointment, Chairman Talberg worked in the public and private sectors with a focus on energy policy and utility regulation. Most recently, she served as a senior consultant at Public Sector Consultants focusing on energy policy issues. During her tenure at Public Sector Consultants, she also helped establish Michigan Saves, a financing organization to support energy waste reduction. Chairman Talberg previously served as an analyst at the Michigan Public Service Commission, managed enforcement and contested cases at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and advised commissioners at the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Chairman Talberg serves on the OMS Board of Directors for the Organization of MISO States. Also, through her involvement with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, she serves on the Committee on Critical Infrastructure and the Committee on Telecommunications, which includes the Federal-State Joint Boards on Jurisdictional Separations, and on Universal Service. In 2018, she became a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB), which is a federal advisory committee that provides input primarily on the activities of the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Ms. Talberg holds a bachelor's of science degree in Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Studies from Michigan State University and a master's degree in Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas-Austin.

### **Ted Thomas, Chairman, Arkansas Public Service Commission**

Ted Thomas of Conway was appointed chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission by Governor Asa Hutchinson in January 2015. Ted Thomas has served as Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the 20th Judicial District, Administrative Law Judge at the Public Service Commission, Budget Director for Governor Mike Huckabee and in the Arkansas House of Representatives, where he served as Chairman of the State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee during his final term. Ted Thomas received a Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in Political Science from the University of Arkansas in 1986 and a Juris Doctorate from the University Of Arkansas School Of Law in 1988. He is licensed to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, the Arkansas Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeal for the District of Columbia Circuit and the Eight Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas.

### **Mike Huebsch, Commissioner, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

Mike Huebsch was appointed to a six-year term at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin by Governor Scott Walker on March 1, 2015, and confirmed by the state Senate in April 2015. Commissioner Huebsch began state service in 1995 representing western Wisconsin's 94th Assembly District for sixteen years as a Republican in the state Legislature. He served two terms on the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee, including one as vice-chair. In the following years, he was elected by his colleagues to serve first as Assembly Majority Leader and then as Assembly Speaker. As Speaker, he led the negotiations on

Wisconsin's \$60 billion budget and set the policy agenda for the state Assembly. He was also responsible for managing the budget and personnel policies of the 99 member body and more than 200 staff. Upon his inauguration in 2011, Governor Walker appointed Commissioner Huebsch to the top cabinet position as Secretary of the Department of Administration. In addition to advising Governor Walker on state policy and operations, he managed the Governor's cabinet agencies as well as nearly 1000 staff and \$1 billion annual budget in 13 different divisions, overseeing everything from state budget and finance to the Capitol Police. Commissioner Huebsch has always approached policymaking with the knowledge that when Wisconsin leads, much of the nation follows. As he brings over 20 years of state government experience to the PSC today, he continues to believe that answers to many of the challenges facing Wisconsin and other states around the country will be found here at home.

### **Lorenzo Kristov, Ph.D., Electric System Policy, Structure, Market Design**

Lorenzo Kristov is an independent consultant focusing on power system evolution toward high levels of renewable generation and distribution-connected energy resources (DER), and a more decentralized structure. Areas of expertise include: wholesale market design; DER participation in wholesale markets; coordination of transmission-distribution operations, markets and planning; distribution system operator (DSO) platforms and distribution-level markets; micro-grids and energy resilience strategies; whole-system grid architecture. From 1999 to 2017 Lorenzo worked at California ISO as a principal in market design and infrastructure policy. In that position he was a lead designer of the locational marginal pricing (LMP) market system the ISO implemented in 2009. He later led initiatives to redesign the transmission planning and new generator interconnection processes to accommodate rapid growth of renewable energy projects triggered by California's renewable portfolio standards. Over the past several years he worked on initiatives to integrate DERs into markets, operations and planning, to advance transmission-distribution coordination between the distribution utilities and the ISO, and has written papers and participated in national and international forums on power system evolution and architecture. Prior to joining the California ISO Lorenzo was Energy Economist at the California Energy Commission (1995-9) and Fulbright Scholar in Indonesia (1993-4). He has a BS in mathematics from Manhattan College, MS in Statistics from North Carolina State University, and PhD in Economics from University of California Davis.

### **Richard Doying, Executive Vice President, Markets, MISO**

Mr. Doying leads MISO's market development and strategy group, responsible for developing and executing enhancements to existing markets and leading a market design evolution that enables continued reliable and efficient market operations as the electric system transforms. Doying joined MISO in 2002 and was responsible for design and implementation of MISO's energy markets in 2005. Since that time, he oversaw the launch of MISO's ancillary services market in 2009 and has held several positions, including Chief Operating Officer where he was responsible for market operations, reliability operations, finance and human resources. Prior to joining MISO in 2002, Mr. Doying worked at PG&E National Energy Group, where he served as director of strategy and new initiatives, responsible for corporate strategy, market analysis and project finance. His prior career includes service at ICF Kaiser as a project manager in the power sector practice, responsible for market analysis and modeling. Doying is a member and past chairman of the NERC Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) board of directors. As a member of the MRO Board, he has served as vice chairman of the board, chairman of the finance & audit committee and member of the governance & personnel committee. Doying earned a bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a master's degree in Energy and Environmental Policy from the University of Minnesota.

## **Jette Gebhart, Deputy Director, Office of Energy Market Regulation, FERC**

Jette Gebhart is the Deputy Director of the Office of Energy Market Regulation. Prior to assuming that role, Ms. Gebhart served as the Acting Deputy Director and as the Senior Legal Advisor in OEMR beginning in April 2015. She was co-chief of staff for Chairman Cheryl LaFleur in 2014-2015 and a legal and policy advisor in the LaFleur office from 2013-2014. She joined FERC in 2011 as an attorney in the Office of Enforcement, previously practiced energy law in Washington, D.C., and was a legislative assistant in the U.S. House of Representatives. Ms. Gebhart is a graduate of Wellesley College, *summa cum laude*, and the Georgetown University Law Center, *cum laude*.

## **Joel L. Mickey, Senior Director, Wholesale Market Design & Operations**

Joel Mickey is the Senior Director of Wholesale Market Design and Operations for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). His team is tasked with operating the real-time energy, day-head energy and ancillary service market and CRR auctions. His team also provides technical and business expertise in support of stakeholder, IMM, and PUCT activities related to strategic market design initiatives. Currently this includes, redesign of ancillary services market, Multi-interval SCED, Real-time co-optimizations, and Distributed Energy Resources. Mr. Mickey's previous roles at ERCOT include: Director, Market Design and Development 2012-2015, Director of Grid Operations 2009-2012, Director, Wholesale Market Operation Systems 2006-2009, and Manager, Market Operations Support 2000 to 2006. Prior to joining ERCOT, Mr. Mickey worked as a staff consultant at a software development firm specializing in energy Trading and Risk Management systems for restructured electric and gas markets. He started his career in the power industry as a graduate of a power line installer program at Northwest Iowa Technical College in Sheldon, Iowa, in 1981. In 1981, he joined Houston Lighting and Power (now CenterPoint Energy, and Reliant) where he worked for 15 years in various positions including underground network tester, system controller and staff consultant. Mr. Mickey received a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Political Science from Houston Baptist University in Houston, Texas, in 1996. He served on various committees for the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) including Definition of Bulk Electric System, the Standards Development team for Interchange, and the Electronic Scheduling Committee. He currently is a board member on the North American Energy Standards (NAESB). He is a board member of OUs College of computer and electrical engineering steering committee. At ERCOT, Mr. Mickey served as the co-chair of the Texas Nodal Team's market operations concept group and chaired the Nodal Transition Plan Task Force.

## **Ari Peskoe, Harvard Law School, Environmental & Energy Law Program**

Ari Peskoe is Director of the Electricity Law Initiative at Harvard Law School's Environmental & Energy Law Program. He has written extensively about electricity regulation, on issues ranging from rooftop solar to Constitutional challenges to states' energy laws. Prior to the Electricity Law Initiative, Ari was an associate at a law firm in Washington, D.C. where he litigated before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission about the Western Energy Crisis. Before that, Ari was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana and spent two years trying to bring the 2012 Olympics to New York. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with degrees in electrical engineering and business.

## **John McCaffrey, Regulatory Counsel at American Public Power Association**

John McCaffrey is Regulatory Counsel at the American Public Power Association. He assists in formulating the APPA's policy positions and serves as an advocate on behalf of the Association before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), other regulatory agencies, federal courts, and other industry and policy forums. John has a broad range of experience representing clients on electricity and natural gas matters before FERC, state public utility commissions, and federal and state courts. He has worked on a wide variety of FERC and state regulatory matters, including electric and gas industry restructuring and market design issues, RTO-related cases, FERC rulemaking and policy-setting proceedings, utility ratemaking, new project certifications, oil pipeline rate regulation under the Interstate Commerce Act, and energy-related merger issues.

## **Jeff Dennis, General Counsel, Regulatory Affairs, Advanced Energy Economy (AEE)**

Jeffery S. Dennis is General Counsel, Regulatory Affairs at Advanced Energy Economy ([www.aee.net](http://www.aee.net)), a national organization of businesses making the energy we use secure, clean, and affordable. In that role, he provides advice and counsel and manages regulatory and judicial litigation across the organization's programs. He also spends a significant portion of his time developing strategies to increase wholesale electricity market access for advanced energy technologies (including wind, solar, distributed generation, demand response, and energy efficiency technologies). Jeff has particular expertise in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") law and policy - for more than 10 years, he held numerous positions there. Most recently, he was the Director of the Division of Policy Development from 2013 to 2015, where he led the agency's policy research efforts and the development of new and revised regulations. Before that he was an advisor to Commissioner John R. Norris, providing legal and policy advice on all aspects of FERC's regulation of the electricity and natural gas industries. Earlier in his career, Jeff was a lawyer in FERC's Solicitor's Office, defending FERC's orders and actions in the United States District Courts and Courts of Appeal. Jeff has also been a lawyer in private practice in both Washington, D.C. and New Mexico, where he represented numerous energy clients in proceedings before FERC, state public utility commissions, and in the courts. Jeff serves on the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, and is a member of the Editorial Board of the Energy Law Journal. He has written extensively on a wide variety of topics in energy and environmental law and policy, and is frequent speaker and lecturer at industry events and academic institutions. Jeff graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law with a Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law (*summa cum laude*), and received his BA from Marymount University (Arlington, VA) (*summa cum laude*).