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Michael Bloomberg
Executive Director
Future of Heat Initiative

Mike Bloomberg is the Executive Director of the Future of Heat Initiative. He is the co-founder and former Managing Partner of Groundwork Data, an energy advisory and technology firm that helped utilities, regulators, and cities use data to make smarter infrastructure and policy decisions.

His career bridges urban governance, technology, and energy regulation. Mike has served in city government, advised public leaders on infrastructure and policy decisions, and conducted research as Cornell Tech's urban technology researcher, where he explored how digital tools can improve public sector decision-making.

Grounded in data-driven policy analysis and a practical understanding of infrastructure operations, Mike brings a hands-on approach to the complexities of energy and utility regulation. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and an M.B.A. from Cornell Tech.



Peter Cappers
Strategic Advisor, Energy Markets and Planning Department
Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Peter Cappers is a Staff Scientist and Strategic Advisor to the Energy Markets and Planning Department at Berkeley Lab. For the past 25 years, Peter has conducted research and provided technical assistance to territorial, state, federal, and international regulators and policymakers on electric utility regulatory and business models, pricing and rate design, demand response, and energy efficiency market and policy issues. His research has been showcased in the Economist, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, New York Times, and Associated Press. Mr. Cappers received a B.A. from Syracuse University in Mathematics and Economics, and a M.S. from Cornell University in Applied Economics.



Hon. Judy Chang
Commissioner
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Judy Chang joined the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as a Commissioner in July 2024.

Commissioner Chang is an energy economics and policy expert with more than 20 years of experience working with energy companies, trade associations and governments on regulatory and financial issues, particularly as they relate to investment decisions in electric transmission, clean energy and energy storage.

She is the former Undersecretary of Energy and Climate Solutions for Massachusetts, a role in which she led efforts to set policies across the Commonwealth's energy sector and align strategies and plans to meet legal requirements for climate change mitigation. Commissioner Chang has presented and testified before U.S. federal and state agencies and regulatory authorities in Canada on topics related to energy resource deployment; energy contracts; transmission planning, access and pricing; and electricity market design. She has presented her work at industry conferences and academic seminars on energy and environmental policies.

Commissioner Chang has taught as an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School and served as a Senior Fellow at the Kennedy School's Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government. She also served as an ambassador for the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Energy Education & Empowerment Initiative and was a founding board member of New England Women in Energy and the Environment.

Commissioner Chang holds a Master of Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from the University of California, Davis.



Brent J. Christensen
President/CEO
Minnesota Telecom Alliance

Brent is responsible for administration and operation of a state trade association that represents 41 independent telecommunications companies, over 15 affiliate telecommunications companies, and over 150 associate members. Christensen advocates on behalf of MTA members at the state and federal levels. He has testified before numerous state legislative committees, before Congress and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Prior to this position, Christensen served 6 years on the MTA Board of Directors, including

2 years on the Executive Committee. He also served as Chair of the Legislative committee and as a member of several other MTA policy committees.

Prior to his position with the MTA Christensen was the Vice President/General Manager of Christensen Communications Company, a family owned ILEC located in Madelia, MN. Christensen began his employment with Christensen Communications in 1979, as a summer intern. He returned in 1996 as a telephone technician. Prior to returning to the company, Christensen lived in Austin, Texas and was employed by the Travis County Sheriff's Office. Personally, he is married to wife Anne. Together they have four children and five grandchildren.



Burt Cohen
Staff Attorney & Broadband Policy Coordinator
State of Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel

Burt Cohen serves the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel as a staff attorney and OCC's Broadband Policy Coordinator. Prior to joining the OCC six years ago, he was in private practice representing cable and telecommunications providers over four decades. In his current role, Burt also serves as the OCC's representative on the Connecticut Pole Attachment Policy Working Group and Commission for Educational Technology. Burt was named AARP's High Speed Internet Champion in 2022 and Connecticut Law Tribune's 2017 Distinguished Leader. He is the current appointee as the State

Consumer Advocate on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and has been recognized for his work on NASUCA's Telecom Committee with a Service Award in 2023.



Tom Content
Executive Director
Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin

The Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin is the nonprofit consumer advocate for Wisconsin utility customers -- homeowners, renters and small businesses across the state. Tom joined the Citizens Utility Board in 2017 after working for 30 years as a journalist, including 20 years tracking the Wisconsin energy and utilities sector while reporting in Milwaukee and Green Bay. In 2007, he won the National Press Foundation Stokes Award for top energy writing in the country for a series of articles in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Since coming to CUB Tom has led the CUB team's work to make sure that the Citizens Utility Board, now in its 45th year, is actively working on customers' behalf for decades to come. Tom is currently serving as vice president of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and also is serving on the advisory committee of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum and the boards of the Wisconsin Public Utility Institute and Customers First Coalition in Wisconsin.



Joe Daniel
Manager, Carbon-Free Electricity
RMI

Joe is a manager in RMI's Carbon-Free Electricity Practice, leading research and conducting cutting-edge analysis that will facilitate a rapid transition to a carbon-free electricity system. Joe's work focuses on exposing market and policy barriers to the energy transition and finding innovative solutions that will reduce emissions.

Joe 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. Prior to joining RMI, he was the electricity markets manager at the Union of Concerned Scientists, an analyst for the Beyond Coal Campaign at the Sierra Club, and an associate at Synapse Energy Economics. Joe is an active member of the US Association of Energy Economists and served as a technical advisor to the NARUC-NASEO Joint Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity Planning.

Joe lives in Washington D.C. with his wife and retired greyhound, Nyla. He received his MPA, Environmental Science and Policy, Columbia University and BS, Chemical Engineering, Florida Institute of Technology.



Tricia DeBleeckere
Executive Director
Organization of MISO States

Tricia DeBleeckere began working with the Organization of MISO States in May 2024 following her role with MISO as the Director of State Policy and Strategy. Prior to MISO, Tricia worked for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for 15-years as a Commission advisor and analyst on integrated resource, transmission and distribution system planning, facility siting and need, cost recovery, and competitive procurements. Prior to government work, Tricia spent 7-years consulting on FERC and state regulatory filings for natural gas, ethanol, and manufacturing clients. Tricia has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Minnesota and is pursuing a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas Permian Basin.



Jeff Dennis
Executive Director
Electricity Customer Alliance

The Electricity Customer Alliance is a coalition of electricity customers ranging from the largest to new loads to residential consumer advocates that is dedicated to advancing customer-centric solutions to modernize the grid, support digital infrastructure and manufacturing, and grow the economy while keeping energy affordable. He is also Senior Counsel CO2EFFICIENT. There, he guides companies and not-for-profit organizations through the intersection of federal and state regulation of the electricity sector and the complexities of wholesale electricity market rules and governance processes, and develops strategies to accelerate the planning, permitting, and development of electric transmission infrastructure. Jeff was most recently the first Deputy Director for Transmission in the U.S. Department of Energy's Grid Deployment Office, where he spearheaded all of DOE's transmission deployment initiatives and led the implementation of bipartisan, first-of-their kind, public-private partnerships that facilitated over \$8 billion in private sector transmission investment. Earlier in his career, Jeff served at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in a variety of roles for over a decade, including Director of Policy Development and Senior Legal Advisor to a Commissioner. He was also General Counsel and Managing Director at Advanced Energy United, and a lawyer in private practice.



David Dittmore
Utility Regulatory Consultant
Blue River Consulting

David Dittmore has more than 35 years of experience in utility regulation, public utility accounting, and ratemaking. He began his regulatory career with the Kansas Corporation Commission, where he ultimately served as Director of Utilities, overseeing a professional staff of approximately 50 employees, after previously serving as Chief of Accounting.

David later joined Kansas Gas Service, a division of ONEOK and subsequently ONE Gas, where he served in regulatory leadership roles, including Manager and Director of Regulatory Affairs. In 2017, he joined the Tennessee Attorney General's Office as a financial analyst and expert witness, representing consumer interests in utility proceedings. Since 2021, he has provided consulting services to consumer advocates and other clients through Blue River Consulting.

Throughout his career, David has testified as an expert witness on utility revenue requirements, ratemaking, accounting, taxation, and public policy matters. He has served on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Subcommittee on Accounting, the Board of Directors of the Financial Research Institute, and the Gas and Accounting Committees of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). David holds a degree in Accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

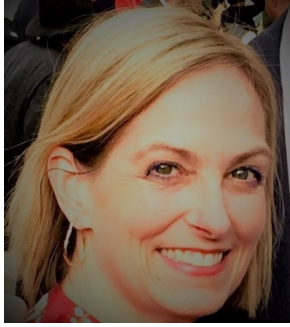


Bradley Dixon
Utility Regulatory Consultant and M&A Advisor
Harlan Sage LLC

Brad has 35 years of experience working in the natural gas utility industry. He was President of Kansas Gas Service from 2005 through 2013. As President, he had full responsibility for Rate and Regulatory filings with the Kansas Corporation Commission, including testimony supporting general rate cases and other relevant associated filings.

Brad joined Kansas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, early in his career, holding positions in accounting, field office operations, customer billing, and gas supply. In 2002 he was named Vice President of the Southern Region of Kansas Gas Service, where he had responsibility for all operational activities in the Region, including system integrity management, Capital Expenditure planning, budgeting and implementation, new customer growth, transmission pipeline services and construction, as well as customer service management.

Currently, Brad provides expert consulting service to regulatory commissions, and consumer advocates related to acquisitions, operations and capital expenditures. He is also an M&A Advisor with Harlan Sage LLC, and provides consulting services to businesses related to financial accounting and analysis, resource acquisition strategy, and operational improvement opportunities. He graduated from Washburn University of Topeka, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.



Lucy Edmondson
Chief Counsel
North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff,

Lucy is Chief Counsel for the North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff which represents utility customer interests in electric, water and sewer, natural gas, telecommunications, and transportation matters before the North Carolina Utilities Commission. Before being promoted to Chief Counsel, she served as a staff attorney and as a manager with the Public Staff, concentrating on electric utility issues. Lucy also previously served as counsel to a company providing accounting, regulatory compliance, and shareholder services to a number of small mutual and hedge funds, where she practiced in the area of securities regulation.

A native of Goldsboro, North Carolina, Lucy received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Davidson College and a Juris Doctorate from Wake Forest University School of Law.



Barbara S. Esbin
Deputy Bureau Chief
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
Federal Communications Commission

Ms Esbin oversees the Bureau's intergovernmental affairs portfolio, including the work of its Office of Native Affairs and Policy and Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, to ensure collaborative and productive engagement and consultation with state, local and Tribal governments and organizations in critical areas of communications policy and implementation of new technologies.

Ms. Esbin has over thirty years of experience in communications law and policy. This includes three separate tours of duty with the FCC during which she has held a variety of senior staff positions. Most recently, she was Deputy Bureau Chief in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau where she worked on wireless competition and consumer related matters, spectrum aggregation, allocation and management, and introduction of new technologies. She has also previously served as Deputy Bureau Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau and Associate Chief of the Media Bureau; and held various senior positions in the Common Carrier Bureau (predecessor to Wireline Competition Bureau), and the Cable Services and Enforcement Bureaus.

Ms. Esbin has been a partner in private practice with several firms, representing communications companies before the FCC, the U.S. Congress, and the courts, and a Senior Fellow at a Washington, DC-based think tank specializing in communications policy and law. Ms. Esbin held judicial clerkships, respectively, on the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the North Carolina Supreme Court. She received her J.D. from the Duke University School of Law and her B.A. from Antioch College.



Alisa Fox
Director of Grid Campaigns
ACORE

Alisa leads federal, regional, and state strategies to make new and existing transmission more efficient. Prior to ACORE, Alisa spent nearly a decade at Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), where she launched and managed the organization's federal policy team spanning all energy sectors: power, buildings, transportation, and industry. In this role, she brought technical rigor to congressional and federal agency policymaking, translating RMI research into actionable policy and working closely with bipartisan coalitions. She holds a degree in mechanical engineering with a focus on energy sustainability from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.



Natalie Mims Frick
Electricity Markets and Policy Department
Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Natalie Mims Frick is a Deputy Department Leader and Energy Policy Researcher in the Electricity Markets and Policy Department at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Natalie conducts research and manages projects on efficiency and DER technical assistance, policy, program design, implementation, and evaluation.



Jason T. Gray
Partner, Duncan & Allen LLP
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gray is a partner with Duncan & Allen LLP. For over 15 years, he has focused on representing consumer advocates, large wholesale customers, and state agencies in a variety of energy-regulatory proceedings before FERC, state commissions, and state and federal courts.



Jay Griffin
U.S. Program Executive Chair
Regulatory Assistance Project

Jay Griffin has more than 20 years of experience in clean energy policy and currently leads the US Program at the Regulatory Assistance Project. From 2017 to 2022, he served on the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission, including three years as Chair. During his tenure, he helped expand competitive procurement of renewable energy, planned the retirement of fossil fuel power plants — including the state's last coal plant — and implemented a performance-based regulation framework for Hawaiian Electric.

Prior to his time on the Commission, Jay researched grid integration of renewable energy at the University of Hawaii and served as Chief of Policy and Research at the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission from 2012 to 2016.

Jay holds a doctorate in policy analysis from the Pardee RAND Graduate School, a master's in economics from UC Santa Barbara, a joint master's in public policy and environmental management from Duke University, and a bachelor's in political economy from Williams College.



Jessica Hobbick
Vice President, Rates & Regulatory
Arizona Public Service

Jessica joined Arizona Public Service in 1999 and currently oversees the Rate Strategy organization comprised of the Load Research, Revenue Requirements, Rate Design and Rate Administration teams as well as State Regulatory Affairs responsible for all filings and engagements with the Arizona Corporation Commission. She has testified as the Rate Design subject matter expert in 4 proceedings.

Prior to her current role she held various roles throughout the Regulatory and Customer Service organizations. Jessica graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Grand Canyon University



Dr. Asa Hopkins
Senior Vice President, Consulting
Synapse Energy Economics

Asa Hopkins, PhD, is an expert in the development and analysis of public policy and regulation regarding energy and greenhouse gas emissions, including cost-benefit analysis, stakeholder engagement, state energy strategy and planning, and utility planning. He has provided analysis and testimony supporting decision-makers in both legislative and regulatory contexts, including state utility regulation and state and federal rulemaking.

Since arriving at Synapse in 2017, Dr. Hopkins has focused on utility and demand-side issues, including demand response in Quebec, rate design in Massachusetts, and utility performance metrics in Puerto Rico, as well as multi-state analysis of strategic end-use electrification across the Northeast region.

As the Director of Energy Policy and Planning at the Vermont Department of Public Service from 2011-2016, Dr. Hopkins was responsible for development and analysis of state policy regarding renewable energy, ratepayer-funded energy efficiency, energy-related economic development, and innovative utility rates and programs. He was responsible for developing the state's Comprehensive Energy Plan and for review of utility integrated resource plans. Dr. Hopkins also directed the actions of the Planning and Energy Resources Division, including the evaluation of utility energy efficiency programs, evaluation of utility power supply contracts and costs, economic analysis of proposed energy infrastructure projects, advancement of clean energy finance tools, funding to foster key energy industries, development of standards for the energy portions of regional and town plans, analysis and tracking of state energy data, and programs advancing the strategic electrification of transportation and heating. He also served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Energy Officials. During his tenure, Vermont rose in the rankings on national clean energy state scorecards: ACEEE State Energy Efficiency Scorecard from 5th to 3rd and U.S. Clean Tech Leadership Index from 10th to 3rd.

Prior to 2011, Dr. Hopkins was an AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow in the Office of the Under Secretary for Science at the U.S. Department of Energy. In that role, he was the Assistant Project Director for the DOE's first Quadrennial Technology Review, responsible for ensuring that the stakeholder engagement and report-drafting processes were completed successfully. He was also the primary author of the QTR's section on building and industrial energy efficiency. Dr. Hopkins came to DOE from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where he worked on economic and market analysis of appliance energy efficiency standards and led LBNL's support for the first rulemaking on small electric motors.

Dr. Hopkins holds a B.S. in Physics from Haverford College and a Masters and PhD in Physics from California Institute of Technology.



Charles Hua
Founder and Executive Director
PowerLines

Charles Hua is the Founder and Executive Director of PowerLines, a nonprofit seeking to modernize the utility regulatory system to lower utility bills and grow the economy. Previously, Hua served as Senior Policy Advisor at the U.S. Department of Energy and Researcher at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Hua's work has been featured in outlets such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, TIME, CBS News, Bloomberg, Financial Times, and Politico. He has been recognized for his work as a TIME100 Next "Influential

Rising Star," U.S. Presidential Scholar, and as an Aspen Institute Fellow. Hua holds an A.B. from Harvard College.



Clark Kaml
Financial Analyst
Consumer Advocate Division
Office of the Tennessee Attorney General.

Clark Kaml has more than 30 years of experience in public utility regulation, with extensive work across the electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, and telecommunications industries.

Mr. Kaml specializes in the application of economic and financial principles to utility regulation, including revenue requirement analysis, cost of capital, cost-of-service studies, rate design, utility mergers and acquisitions, power purchase

agreements, and affiliated-interest transactions. His experience also includes utility restructuring, market design, and corporate governance issues affecting regulated entities.

He holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Economics with a concentration in Finance. Mr. Kaml is an active participant in national regulatory and consumer advocacy organizations. He serves as Co-Chair of the Gas Committee for the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), is a member of the Consumer Advocates of the PJM States (CAPS), represents consumer advocates on the GTI Energy Public Interest Advisory Committee, and previously served as Co-Chair of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Strategic Issues.

Mr. Kaml is also the author of Don't Fear the Cost Study, a book written to make utility regulation and cost-of-service concepts accessible to readers without a technical or regulatory background.



Katherine "Katie" Kennedy
Assistant Consumer Advocate
PA Office of Consumer Advocate

Katherine "Katie" Kennedy serves as Assistant Consumer Advocate with the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate, where she supports Pennsylvania Consumer Advocate, Darryl Lawrence, in representing the interests of Pennsylvania utility consumers. Katie's practice encompasses a broad range of Pennsylvania utility law matters. She also assists with telecommunications issues and has served on the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) Telecommunications Committee since December 2024. Katie supports NASUCA's telecommunications initiatives and policy goals,

including but not limited to drafting federal comments on NASUCA's behalf. Any views expressed during "Connected for All" are Katie's own and do not reflect the official position or opinion of the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer advocate.



Sherry Lichtenberg, Ph.D.
Senior Manager, Telecommunications Policy and
Professional Development
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Prior to joining NARUC, Sherry was Deputy Director of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI) and the Director of the NRRI Regulatory Training Initiative (now NARUC Professional Development). Sherry's telecommunications background includes competitive advocacy on the state and federal levels, operational support-systems design, performance metrics, contract arbitration, program management, and third-party testing. She has been a product manager, business manager, and operations leader for AT&T, MCI, and Verizon Business competitive local services. Dr. Lichtenberg

received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University.



Michael Moody
Division Chief, Special Litigation Division,
Michigan Department of the Attorney General

Michael was appointed an assistant attorney general with the Michigan Department of Attorney General in October of 1995. Prior to accepting the appointment, he worked at the Michigan Court of Appeals. At the Attorney General's Office, Michael handled criminal prosecution and employment discrimination for a few years before joining the Special Litigation Division which handles the utility consumer advocacy for the state as well as special assignments by the Attorney General such as his appointment by then Governor Snyder as the State Public Administrator for eight years that he held concurrently with his position in the Special Litigation Division. He has litigated utility cases at the Attorney General's Office for over 20+ years and has been the Division Chief for over 6 years.



Ron Nelson
Partner
Current Energy Group

Ron is a subject matter expert in gas and electric Advanced Rate Design, Cost of Service Studies, and Grid Modernization. He provides expertise and expert testimony on numerous topics, including multi-year utility rate plans, performance incentive mechanisms, cost of service modeling, line extension policies, residential and commercial rate design, renewable energy program design, system planning, DER interconnection cost allocation and recovery, DERMS, and DER integration. Ron has testified on commercial and industrial rate design in several jurisdictions and had his recommendations adopted by several commissions.

Ron has deep expertise in regulatory mechanisms including weather normalization adjustments and various decoupling mechanisms as well as multi-year rate plan structures. Ron has analyzed and testified on decoupling mechanisms in several proceedings across multiple states. He has also testified on the role decoupling mechanisms should have within performance-based and more traditional (i.e., single test year) regulatory frameworks.

Prior to co-founding Current Energy Group, Ron was a Senior Director at Strategen, where he led the Regulatory Practice team for 6 years. Prior to Strategen, Ron worked at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office for 5 years as a Utilities Economist. Ron has a Master of Science from Colorado State University in Agriculture and Resource Economics, and a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Economics from Western Washington University, where he also minored in Mathematics.



Gregory J. Poulos
Executive Director
Consumer Advocates of the PJM States, Inc.

Greg Poulos has been the executive director for the Consumer Advocates of the PJM States, Inc. (CAPS) since April, 2017. Established in 2013, CAPS is a nonprofit organization whose members include state advocate offices in the 13 PJM states and the District of Columbia. As a whole, the CAPS members represent over 65-million consumers throughout the PJM footprint. As the executive director of CAPS, Greg coordinates the efforts of the member offices, stays active in the PJM stakeholder process, and monitors relevant proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to ensure that the prices consumers pay for reliable, wholesale electric service are reasonable.

Prior to joining CAPS, Greg spent over six years at EnerNOC as a member of the Regulatory Affairs team. While at EnerNOC, Greg regularly represented the company at public utility commissions throughout the Midwest. He also interacted with many regional transmission organizations including PJM, Inc., the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO). Greg earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He received his Juris Doctorate with from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.



Deborah Reynolds
Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist
Center for Performance and Innovation
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
Director of the National Council on Electricity Policy

Deborah has 23 years of regulatory experience with the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, overseeing review of integrated resource planning and energy efficiency. At NARUC, she coordinates the Transmission State Working Group, a members-only forum for discussion about transmission issues, and the National Council on Electricity Policy, a broad consortium of energy policy makers from across the state spectrum.



Aaron Silas
Assistant Vice President of Regulatory Operations and
Customer Experience
Central States Water Resources.

In this role, Aaron leads regulatory strategy, rate case execution, and customer operations across a multi-state utility platform, working closely with commissions, consumer advocates, and operational teams. Since joining CSWR in 2019, Aaron has played a key role in supporting the company's rapid growth through acquisitions, regulatory approvals, and the development of scalable customer experience and operational frameworks. He holds a Bachelor of Science and an MBA from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and has provided testimony before multiple state utility commissions.



Corey Singletary
Director, Regulatory Affairs
Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin (CUB),

CUB is an independent, non-profit organization that serves as the Wisconsin's residential and small business consumer advocate on public utility issues. In addition to leading CUB's regulatory efforts, Corey is also an expert in utility cost allocation and rate design, having testified in over 80 cases before the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. Prior to joining CUB in 2017, Corey was employed by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin as an energy policy advisor and utility rate analyst. During his time with the PSCW, his work focused on electric and natural gas utility rate design and cost-of-service, as well as a number of policy issues such as smart grid technology, innovative rate design, rate-based energy efficiency, conservation, and demand response programs, and distributed energy resources. Corey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. He also holds a Master's Degree in international public affairs and a Graduate Certificate in energy analysis and policy from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Shaun Sparks
Legal Counsel and Chief of Staff for
Ralph V. Yanora
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commissioner

Shaun brings more than two decades of experience shaping utility policy, advancing complex regulatory initiatives, and guiding high-visibility compliance efforts. As Legal Counsel and Chief of Staff to Pennsylvania Public Utility Commissioner Ralph V. Yanora, he provides strategic legal guidance on matters involving regulated industries, agency governance, and public-interest policy. Previously serving as Deputy Chief Counsel and Assistant Counsel at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, he oversaw litigation before state and federal courts, implemented major statutory mandates, and supervised teams of attorneys handling policy, rulemaking, and enforcement matters. His earlier work at the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate included eleven years of rate, administrative, and appellate litigation, multi-state enforcement actions, and expert-driven regulatory investigations.

A recognized educator, presenter, and published legal scholar, he has contributed to professional training programs and conferences nationwide. He recently completed an executive certificate in Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Harvard University and completed regulatory studies at the University of Colorado Institute for Regulatory Law and Economics. Before his career as a public interest attorney, he enjoyed success in outdoor fitness publishing.



David Springe
Executive Director
National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates

David Springe is the Executive Director of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). NASUCA's 61 member offices represent the interests of utility consumers in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Barbados, Puerto Rico, and Jamaica.

Prior to assuming his duties at NASUCA in 2015, Mr. Springe served for thirteen years as Consumer Counsel for the Kansas Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB), the statutory advocate for residential and small commercial utility customers in proceedings before the Kansas Corporation Commission, Kansas courts, and the Kansas legislature. Mr. Springe spent nine years as an economist and expert witness for both CURB and the Kansas Corporation Commission before taking over as Consumer Counsel at CURB. While at CURB, Mr. Springe was active in NASUCA, serving as President from 2007-2009, and he continues to represent consumer interests on numerous advisory boards, task forces and working groups.

Mr. Springe received his M.A. in Economics and Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas.



Karen H. Stachowski
Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Advocate Division
Office of Tennessee Attorney General

Karen is the Deputy 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 the Tennessee Public Utility Commission 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 currently the Chair to the Water Committee of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). She is a member of the Advisory Board for the Financial Research Institute at the University of Missouri. Karen is also a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, the American Water Works Association, and the Energy Bar Association.



Kate Strickland
Director, Strategic Projects, Research and Industry
Strategy
Smart Electric Power Alliance

As Director, Strategic Projects, Research & Industry Strategy, Kate works across SEPA's research portfolio and with SEPA's members to identify key strategies and opportunities to advance a clean, affordable, and resilient energy system for all. In 2024, Kate was on detail to the Biden-Harris White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the Office of the Federal Chief Sustainability Officer (OCSO), serving as the Deputy Director, Clean Energy.

Kate has a master's degree from John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in International Relations & Economics, with a concentration in Energy, Resources & Environment, and graduated magna cum laude from Barnard College, Columbia University. She lives in Boulder, Colorado



Paul Suskie
Executive Vice President, Regulatory Policy and General
Counsel
SPP

As executive vice president of regulatory policy and general counsel, Suskie responsible for managing the organization's legal and regulatory policy groups and serves as corporate secretary.

Prior to joining SPP, Suskie was appointed by Gov. Mike Beebe as chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission and a member of the Governor's cabinet — positions in which he served from 2007-2010. At the time of his appointment to the Commission, he was in his third elected term as North Little Rock's city attorney. Prior to joining the city attorney's office, Suskie worked for former United States Sen. David Pryor and for Arkansas Attorney General Winston Bryant. Suskie is a retired colonel in the U.S. Army where he served in the JAG Corps. He has served as a military judge for the Arkansas Army National Guard and is a veteran of both wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Anthony Swinger
Chairman
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Anthony Swinger was appointed to the Commission on Jan. 12, 2026, and named Chairman on June 22, 2026, by Governor Mike Braun.

Prior to his appointment, Chairman Swinger spent 25 years with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC). From 2022 until early 2026, he served as the OUCC's Executive Director of Technical Operations, overseeing the agency's electric, external affairs, natural gas, and water/wastewater divisions.

Chairman Swinger is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) where he serves on the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest, and on the Committee on Gas. Chairman Swinger holds bachelor's and master's degrees, respectively, from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the University of Illinois at Springfield. He and his family reside in Indianapolis.



Mark Toney
Executive Director
TURN–The Utility Reform Network

As executive director since 2008, Mark aligns the TURN legal, organizing, legislative and communication staff to fight for affordable, sustainable and safe, energy, broadband and phone service for all California residents, with a special focus on low-income households, communities of color, immigrants, and rural communities.

Mark was appointed by Governor Newsom, in 2020, to the Board of Trustees of the California State Bar, currently serves on National Whistleblower Center board, and previously on boards of ACLU Northern California, and California Shakespeare Theatre.

Mark served as executive director of Center for Third World Organizing for four years, and for Direct Action for Rights & Equality for eight years. He holds a B.A. from Brown University, a Ph.D. in Sociology from UC Berkeley, and has been recognized as a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow, National Science Foundation Fellow, Mother Jones *Heroes for Hard Times*.



James M. (Jamie) Van Nostrand
Policy Director
Future of Heat Initiative

Future of Heat Initiative is a national non-profit providing research and technical assistance to regulators, policymakers, and intervenors to support effective gas utility regulation. He is also a member of the Council of Commissioners at the Regulatory Assistance Project, an independent global organization advancing policy innovation and thought leadership within the energy community. Van Nostrand is also affiliated with the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy at the University of Pennsylvania as a Senior Fellow.

Van Nostrand served as Chair of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities from May 2023 to October 2025. Prior to his appointment to the DPU, Van Nostrand was a Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Energy and Sustainable Development at the West Virginia University College of Law. He is the author of *THE COAL TRAP: HOW WEST VIRGINIA WAS LEFT BEHIND IN THE CLEAN ENERGY REVOLUTION* (Cambridge University Press, 2022). Before moving to WVU in July 2011, Van Nostrand spent three years as Executive Director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center in White Plains, NY. Prior to his transition to law school teaching, Van Nostrand had a successful career in private law practice in the Pacific Northwest representing energy clients in regulatory proceedings in eight western states, as well as before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Mr. Van Nostrand was recognized by the Energy Bar Association as its 2007 State Regulatory Practitioner of the Year.

Mr. Van Nostrand received his LL.M. in Environmental Law from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law, his master's degree in economics from SUNY at Albany, and an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Northern Iowa.



Maureen Willis
Consumers' Counsel and Agency Director
Ohio Consumers' Counsel

Maureen Willis became Ohio's fifth Consumers' Counsel on Oct. 1, 2023, following her appointment by the Agency's Governing Board on June 30, 2023. She previously served as Acting Legal Director starting in April of 2023. Before that Maureen spent eight years as the Office of Consumers' Counsel (OCC) Senior Counsel.

In total, Ms. Willis has devoted more than 27 years of her career to representing residential utility consumers. Maureen began her public service at the OCC in 1982 as a legal intern and was hired as a Staff Attorney in 1983 after earning her Juris Doctor from Capital University. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Dayton. She left Columbus to work for the Office of the People's Counsel in Washington, D.C., a consumer advocacy agency focused on utility matters, and subsequently returned to Ohio to serve as an Assistant Consumers' Counsel.

During a period away from the agency to raise her three children, Ms. Willis continued to build her expertise in public utility law and public service. Her work during the time included service with Hahn, Loeser & Parks; the Ohio Attorney General's Office as Special Counsel; and the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office. She returned to the OCC in 2004, bringing with her a broad perspective on utility regulation, litigation and consumer protection.

As Consumers' Counsel, Ms. Willis leads the agency mission to advocate for fair, just, and reasonable utility rates and practices on behalf of Ohio's residential consumers.