

Co-Hosts



John Gulliver, Pierce Atwood LLP

John Gulliver is a senior partner at Pierce Atwood and a member of the Management Committee. For over ten years he was also head of the Energy Practice Group. John's experience involves literally all elements of legal and regulatory power sector issues, having represented clients on a broad range of energy sector transactions, policy issues, financing, mergers and acquisitions, privatization, competition, and regulatory reform matters.

In addition to having represented a variety of independent development companies and regulated utilities, John represents NTE Energy nationally as their general counsel with respect to the development of its combined cycle gas fired power and renewable generation projects.



William Harwood, Verrill

William Harwood has devoted most of his 35-year career to representing public utilities before state and federal regulatory agencies. He has represented electric, gas, water and telecommunications companies in more than 50 major cases before the Maine Public Utilities Commission and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, including rate cases, prudence investigations, management audits, merger approvals, requests for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, and rulemaking proceedings. Mr. Harwood counsels utilities on proactive strategies to both anticipate regulatory developments and efficiently manage the regulatory process. Mr. Harwood has been extensively involved in traditional rate setting issues, including CWIP in rate base, attrition, accounting orders and cost of capital. He has negotiated long-term alternative rate plans which include automatic inflation adjustments, service quality penalties, and recovery of mandated or exogenous costs. He has also negotiated numerous long-term special rate agreements between utilities and specific industrial consumers. Mr. Harwood was actively involved in the restructuring of the Maine electric utility industry, including representing utilities in the sale of their generating assets, recovery of stranded costs and providing standard offer (default) service. More recently, he has represented developers of new transmission lines in securing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and wind developers in negotiating Interconnection Agreements and securing adequate transmission capacity for delivery of the output. Mr. Harwood earned a B.A. from Harvard University and a J.D., *cum laude*, from Fordham University.

Keynote Speaker

Philip Bartlett II, Maine Public Utilities Commission Chair

Philip L. Bartlett II, J.D., was appointed to the Maine Public Utilities Commission in June 2019 by Governor Janet Mills. Prior to his appointment, he practiced law with Scaccia, Bartlett & Chabot. He also served in the Maine Senate from 2004 to 2012 and was elected by his peers to serve as Senate Majority Leader from 2008 to 2010. Bartlett chaired the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee as well as the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future and he served on the Government Oversight Committee, Natural Resources Committee and Labor Committee. He taught micro and macroeconomics at the collegiate level. Chairman Bartlett holds a juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School. He completed his undergraduate work at Tufts University, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude majoring in Economics and Political Science.

Luncheon Speaker

Dr. David Dvorak, P.E., New England Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Technical Assistance Partnership Director and Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology (University of Maine)

Dr. David Dvorak, P.E. is Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology at the University of Maine, and Director of the New England Combined Heat and Power Technical Assistance Partnership. His interest and involvement in CHP systems began in 1984 when he worked as an engineer at GE Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati OH on industrial applications of gas turbine engines. Arriving at UMaine in 1988, he was Assistant Director of the UMaine Industrial Assessment Center from 1993 to 1998. From 2000 to 2007 he served as Director of the UMaine School of Engineering Technology. From 2008-2011 he served as Coordinator of the Fuel Cell Systems and Hydrogen Specialization at RES, the School for Renewable Energy Sciences in Akureyri, Iceland. A Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Dvorak has worked with renewable energy and energy conservation projects in Europe and the USA. Dr. Dvorak is a Licensed Professional Engineer, and an active member of ASHRAE.

Power Generation

Emily Green, Conservation Law Foundation

Emily Green is a Staff Attorney with Conservation Law Foundation. She regularly appears before the Maine Public Utilities Commission on matters pertaining to gas, climate change, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. Prior to joining CLF, Emily provided comprehensive legal services to Maine's Department of Environmental Protection as an Assistant Attorney General. Emily earned her J.D. from Cornell Law School and her undergraduate degree from New York University.

Paul Hibbard, Analysis Group

Paul Hibbard is a Principal at Analysis Group, a Boston-based economic and financial consulting firm. Paul is a former Chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, and has held positions in both energy and environmental regulatory agencies in Massachusetts. Paul has also served on the New England States' Committee on Electricity, the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board, and the Executive Committee of the Eastern Interconnect States' Planning Council. In private practice, Paul provides technical, economic and policy analysis and strategic advice to public and private sector participants in the natural gas and electric industries.

Paul holds a B.S. in Physics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and an M.S. in Energy and Resources from the University of California at Berkeley.

Robert Neustaedter, Repsol

Robert Neustaedter is Director of Transportation and Regulatory Affairs for Repsol Energy North America. In that capacity, he provides regulatory and financial support to Repsol's natural gas trading and origination efforts. Mr. Neustaedter has over 30 years' experience in domestic and international natural gas, LNG and electric energy markets, having held regulatory and government affairs positions for natural gas transmission companies, an electric utility, an international energy, commodities and services company and more recently an energy consulting company. Since joining Repsol in 2015, most of his attention has been focused on matters pertaining to New England natural gas and electricity markets. Mr. Neustaedter has been presented as an expert witness on natural gas pipeline issues before state, federal and international regulatory agencies and more recently presented testimony before the Maine Public Utilities Commission in its proceeding addressing the State's solicitation for physical energy storage contracts for LNG storage capacity.

Chris Sherman, Cogentrix Energy

Chris Sherman has actively participated in commercial, development and regulatory issues in the organized energy markets for over 20-years. Chris currently oversees the regulatory affairs for Cogentrix in the U.S. Chris was previously with NextEra Energy Resources as the president of New Hampshire Transmission overseeing competitive transmission development activities in New England.

Cogentrix is a leading independent power producer with a long track record of successfully acquiring, developing, constructing, operating, improving and divesting power generation assets. Based in Charlotte, North Carolina, Cogentrix is owned by funds managed by The Carlyle Group, one of the world's largest alternative asset management firms, and serves as Carlyle's in-house power asset management platform. Together, Carlyle and Cogentrix are focused on the acquisition and management of generating resources that exhibit opportunity to materially enhance value through environmental improvements, operational enhancement and asset management. Cogentrix currently manages plants in the Carlyle portfolio, which has a total net generation of approximately 6,500 MW.

Moderator – Sarah Tracy, Pierce Atwood LLP

Sarah Tracy is a partner in the Energy Group at Pierce Atwood LLP, where she advises clients regarding regulatory and transactional energy matters. Sarah represents electric and natural gas utilities, renewable energy companies, large commercial energy users, and competitive energy providers on a range of matters before state public utility commissions, as well as before state and federal courts. She also assists clients in negotiating long-term agreements for the purchase and sale of electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy credits, and helps businesses seeking to acquire energy-related companies to conduct due diligence with respect to energy contracts and regulatory approvals. As a former staff attorney for the Maine Public Utilities Commission, Sarah brings a unique insight to resolving legal and regulatory issues facing her clients. She also serves as a Town Council Chair for the Town of Freeport. Sarah received a B.A. from Amherst College and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Forward Thinking

Barry Hobbins, Public Advocate

Barry Hobbins was appointed Public Advocate by Governor Paul LePage, and unanimously confirmed by the Maine Legislature in May of 2017 for a four-year term. Prior to becoming Public Advocate, Barry was an attorney in private practice since 1978 with a concentration in telecommunications law and administrative law. He has been elected to both the Maine House of Representatives and the Maine State Senate, serving a total of 13 terms in the Legislature. During his tenure in the Legislature he served as both House and Senate Chair to both the Judiciary and the Energy Utilities and Technology Committees. Barry received his law degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center, now known as the University of New Hampshire School of Law and his undergraduate degree from the University of Maine. Barry has also attended and earned a certificate in 2013 from Harvard Kennedy School in the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program.

Chris Rauscher, Sunrun

Chris is Director of Policy & Storage Market Strategy for Sunrun, where he works on Northeast & Caribbean Affairs, with a focus on storage, virtual power plants, and wholesale markets. Prior to joining Sunrun, Chris was an energy policy advisor in the US Senate where he worked on a diverse issue set, with a particular focus on DERs. Chris has been on various political campaigns and involved in a number of startup businesses. Although he has a law degree, so far he has successfully avoided practicing.

Lizzy Reinholt, Summit Utilities

Lizzy Reinholt currently works as Senior Director of Sustainability & Corporate Affairs at Summit Utilities where she oversees the development and implementation of the company's long-term sustainability vision along with community and public relations, government affairs and corporate communications. In addition, she sits on the board of ONE Future, a coalition of natural gas companies working together to voluntarily reduce methane emissions across the natural gas supply chain. Prior to that joining Summit, Lizzy spent much of her career working on various political campaigns and worked as a senior project manager at the Bernstein Shur Group working with a variety of environmental, energy and social justice companies and organizations. Lizzy grew up in Cornville and now lives in Rangeley with her husband, daughter and dog Sowdy.

Michael Stoddard, Efficiency Maine Trust

Michael is an attorney and the Executive Director of the Efficiency Maine Trust, the independent administrator for programs that promote energy efficiency, alternative energy resources, and carbon savings in Maine. The Trust plans and manages programming for all conservation funds from the gas and electric utilities, RGGI revenues, and Forward Capacity Market revenues. The Trust also administers the VW settlement funds being used in Maine to promote EVs and EV charging infrastructure. Michael was selected as the first director of the Trust upon its establishment in 2010. Before coming to the Trust, Michael was Senior Counsel at ENE (now the Acadia Center) where he was involved in electricity restructuring across New England. He also worked on advocacy related to building energy codes, appliance standards, energy efficiency budgets, sustainable transportation systems, climate change action plans, and adoption of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Michael was the co-author of ENE's 2006 Climate Change Roadmap for New England and Eastern Canada. Prior to his work at ENE, Michael was Assistant to the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, and before that served as Assistant Counsel for Election Processes at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) in Washington, DC and Johannesburg, South Africa.

Michael holds degrees from Williams College and the University of Maine School of Law. Michael resides in Portland, Maine.

Moderator – Juliet Browne, Verrill

Juliet excels in creative problem-solving and partnering with clients to develop and implement solutions to environmental challenges. Her holistic approach to energy and environmental law ensures that her clients not only have the legal answers to their questions, but are positioned to succeed in their overall business objectives. She has permitted numerous large infrastructure projects in Maine, including interstate natural gas pipeline facilities, electric transmission lines, and more than a dozen wind energy projects. Juliet's years of experience have honed her judgment and deep understanding of the regulatory and political landscape, and her clients rely on her responsiveness, candor, and willingness to give honest advice. Juliet joined Verrill in 1996 after practicing law at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in San Francisco, and serving as Assistant Attorney General for the Republic of Palau, a former U.S. Trust Territory located in the Western Pacific. She is Chair of Verrill's Environmental practice group and Co-Chairs its Energy group. Juliet also serves as the Chapter Chair for the Maine Chapter of the Women Presidents' Organization (WPO), an organization that helps women entrepreneurs tackle strategic issues and grow their businesses through monthly business roundtables, and she is Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Maine Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

Safety

Nathan Dore, Maine Public Utilities Commission

Nathan Dore is a Gas Pipeline Safety Inspector with the Maine Public Utilities Commission Consumer Assistance and Safety Division. Nathan graduated from the University of Maine in 2003.

Susan Falloon, Maine Emergency Management Agency

Susan Falloon is the Director of Special Projects and Public Information Officer at Maine Emergency Management Agency. She is the former spokesperson for Emera Maine, where she spent 9 years of her career. Prior to that she worked in both radio and television news. She holds a BA in Journalism, with a concentration in Public Relations, from the University of Maine, an MS in Journalism, with a concentration in Public Relations from Kent State University, is accredited in Public Relations through the Public Relations Society of America and is also a graduate of Leadership Maine.

Jamie Garland, Maine Natural Gas

Jamie is the Director of Gas Operations for Maine Natural Gas. Jamie joined Maine Natural Gas in 2011 and has held positions in the company's engineering department. Mr. Garland is Responsible for providing strategic direction and expertise to Maine Natural Gas's business areas including Sales and Marketing, Operations, Engineering, Finance and Accounting and Customer Service. Mr. Garland attended the University of Maine, where he studies Civil Engineering and is a Licensed Engineer in the State of Maine.

Jerry Livengood, Bangor Gas

Mr. Livengood is a natural gas industry professional with over 20 years of industry related experience. Since 2008, he has planned, organized, and directed the business activities of Bangor Natural Gas, a startup local distribution company serving customers in Central Maine. Prior to Bangor Gas, he worked as the Director of Business Development for Orwell Natural Gas for 4 years. He began his career in the gas industry at American Meter/ Elster where he worked for over 10 years eventually departing the company as a District Sales Manager to pursue work at the utility level. He has a BS in Business Administration, with honors, from Myers University, Master of Business Administration, with honors, from Husson University, and is a Registered Gas Distribution Professional with the Gas Technology Institute. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1989 to 2000. He lives in Orono, Maine with his wife Celeste and their three sons.

Moderator – Brian Marshall, Verrill

Brian is an attorney in the Energy and Utilities Group at Verrill and represents clients before the Maine PUC, Massachusetts DPU, FERC and other local and state agencies in Maine and throughout New England. In the last few years, he has represented a natural gas marketer in contested proceedings in three New England states, and was part of a team that successfully represented one of Maine's largest natural gas consumers in a complex arbitration involving a private natural gas pipeline. Brian is a co-author of the second edition of Verrill's Maine Regulation of Public Utilities Treatise and a regular contributor to Verrill's Energy Law Update blog.

Pipeline Expansion

Cynthia Armstrong, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System

Cynthia L. Armstrong is Marketing Director for Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (“PNGTS”). She is responsible for marketing short and long term capacity, and development of new projects and services on PNGTS.

Ms. Armstrong has been with PNGTS since 2004. Previously she worked with Sprague Energy as its Managing Director – Natural Gas Supply and Risk Management. She also held other marketing and trading positions at SEMCO Energy Services and Norstar Energy (O&R Energy Development).

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the State University of New York in Buffalo, and also earned a Master of Business Administration in Corporate and Investment Finance from New York University.

Rob Furino, Utilil

Rob Furino is Director of Utilil’s Energy Contracts department. Rob joined Utilil in 1994 and has held positions in the company’s energy contracts, regulatory and finance departments before taking his current position in 2008, the year Utilil purchased Northern Utilities. Mr. Furino is responsible for supply planning and procurement for Utilil’s gas and electric distribution companies, as well as the structure and operation of the retail choice programs operated by each of the distribution companies. Utilil operates gas distribution companies in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, and electric distribution companies in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Mr. Furino attended the University of Maine, where he studied Economics.

Mosby Perrow, IV, Tennessee Gas Pipeline

Mosby Perrow is Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at Kinder Morgan, Inc. He is responsible for the legal support of Kinder Morgan’s interstate pipeline system. Prior to joining Kinder Morgan, Mosby practiced law with Jones Day in Houston and in DC. He began his career at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Office of General Counsel.

Erin Petkovich, Enbridge

Erin Petkovich is Director, Business Development, for Enbridge. She leads the Northeast team responsible for the development of new natural gas transmission ventures, services and related energy projects from eastern Pennsylvania to Atlantic Canada. Petkovich has been focused on business development activities in the U.S. Northeast and Midwest Regions since 2009, and she was named to her current position in March 2017. Since joining the company in 2007 as a Commercial Associate, Petkovich has held several positions of increasing responsibility, including supply chain, regulatory, internal audit and business development. Additionally, she serves on the Board of Managers for the PennEast Pipeline.

Petkovich earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Distribution from Texas A&M University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas. She and her family live outside of Boston, Massachusetts and enjoy the numerous outdoor activities offered in their town and state.

Moderator – Randall Rich, Pierce Atwood LLP

Randy Rich is the Leader of Pierce Atwood's Energy Practice Group and the partner-in-charge of the firm's Washington, DC office. Throughout his over 35 years of experience, beginning in the Office of General Counsel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Randy has guided clients through the rapidly changing regulation of the natural gas industry at the federal and state level, providing comprehensive legal counsel on natural gas regulation and policy, pipeline and utility ratemaking, tariffs, certificates and abandonment; natural gas transportation, gathering, marketing and trading; enforcement of and compliance with the Natural Gas Act, Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 and FERC regulations; natural gas business transactions; and oil pipeline regulation. He has been an active participant in the new natural gas pipeline projects to transport Marcellus and Utica natural gas from the Appalachian Basin to New England and expanding natural gas opportunities for Maine.