Speaker Bios

Energy Supply Task Force and Energy Policy Summit

NCSL Legislative Summit
McCormick Place, West Building | Chicago, Illinois
August 7 – 8, 2016

ENERGY SUPPLY TASK FORCE

Sunday, August 7

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. The Next Wave in Efficiency

Leah Guzowski is the Director of Strategic Programs at the Argonne National Laboratory and a fellow at the University of Chicago. Her research focuses on the development of methods, technologies and computational tools to inform energy issues. She is the principal investigator on the research and development of a city-scale computational model, designed to improve systems integration modeling and visualization.

Brian Bowen is the Regulatory Manager at First Fuel Software, where he works to promote analytics-enabled energy efficiency and customer engagement programs with utilities and government agencies across the Midwest. He has previously worked in the areas of demand response, smart home, and community solar.

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Rate Design as Energy Policy

Karl McDermott is a professor of Business and Government at the University of Illinois. He specializes in public utility regulation, and his projects have included advising members of the Southern Companies, Wisconsin Power Co., and Bell Atlantic on issues regarding restructuring. He also served as a commissioner on the Illinois Commerce Commission during the negotiation of the Illinois restructuring law.

Chris Villarreal is the Director of Policy at the Minnesota Public Utility Commission, where he provides policy research and assistance to the commissioners and analyzes policy considerations on issues like grid modernization and cybersecurity. Prior to joining the commission, he spent nine years at the California Public Utilities Commission, where he worked on issues of data privacy, demand response and rate design. He joined Minnesota’s utility commission in May 2015.

Lisa Schwartz is the Energy Efficiency Team Leader for the Electricity Markets and Policy Group at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where she develops and leads energy efficiency research and technical assistance projects in the areas of policy, program design, implementation and evaluation. Prior to joining Berkeley Lab, she worked as Director of the Oregon Department of Energy, as a senior associate at the Regulatory Assistance Project, and at the Oregon Public Utility Commission.
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Growing Role of Natural Gas

**David Cozzie** is the Group Leader of the Fuels and Incineration Group in the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He is currently responsible for managing the regulatory efforts for several industrial sectors under sections of the Clean Air Act, including the oil and gas industry. His leadership helped promulgate the recent New Source Performance Standards for the oil and gas industry. He has over 25 years of experience in the private and public sectors, providing policy and scientific support to EPA regulatory programs.

**Michael Pincus** is an associate at Van Ness Feldman LLP, where he advises clients on matters relating to the regulation of natural gas and hydropower before FERC. He has experience on a wide range of natural gas issues covered under the Natural Gas Act, including pipeline certificates, storage facilities, abandonment proceedings, and market-based rate determinations. He also has experience with the environmental review process at FERC, where he worked as an attorney-advisor for five years.

**John Rudiak** is the Senior Director of Energy Supply at Connecticut Natural Gas Corp. and the Southern Connecticut Gas Company, both gas utility subsidiaries of Avangrid Corp. He is responsible for leadership of gas supply-related functions, including strategies, contracting, planning and administration. He has 30 years of experience in gas supply planning and strategy, supply operations, pricing and markets, and retail and wholesale gas demand. In addition, he serves as chairman of several regional groups focused on gas and energy regulation.

Noon – 1 p.m. Delivering the Nuclear Promise

**Rodney McCullum** is the Senior Director of Used Fuel and Decommissioning at the Nuclear Energy Institute, where he has worked since 1998. Currently, he leads industry technical and regulatory efforts to improve fuel management and nuclear plant decommissioning programs. He has 30 years of nuclear engineering, licensing, management and regulatory policy experience. He has held positions at three commercial nuclear power plants and the U.S. Department of Energy.

**ENERGY POLICY SUMMIT**

*Sunday, August 7*

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. A New Energy Outlook

**Alice Jackson** is the Regional Vice President for Rates and Regulatory Affairs at Xcel Energy, where she oversees the regulatory aspects of Public Service Company of Colorado. She has spent her entire career working in energy, first with Occidental Petroleum Corp., before moving to Xcel in 2011. Throughout her career, she has been deeply involved in the electric markets, including direct participation in stakeholder committees, regulatory rate cases and state legislation.

**Anthony Yuen** is the Director of Global Energy Strategist Commodities at Citigroup, where he is responsible for global macro and quantitative strategy within Commodities Research. He conducts
research on gas, power, coal, renewables, oil and emissions, and has published on climate change, the shale revolution and energy exports. Prior to joining Citigroup, he worked at McKinsey & Company, and Constellation Commodities Group—one of the largest commodities trading operations in North America.

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. The Evolving Electrical Grid

Mark McGranaghan is Vice President of Distribution and Energy Utilization at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), where he leads the teams responsible for EPRI’s research involving technologies, systems, and practices for power delivery systems. Previously, he was Director of Research in the Distribution and Smart Grid areas for EPRI. He has been conducting and managing studies of the electric power industry since 1978.

Commissioner Ann McCabe has been a commissioner on the Illinois Commerce Commission since March 2012. She focuses on the future of the electric utility and regulatory models, grid modernization, retail choice, nuclear waste and cyber security. She currently chairs the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and is a member of the Committees on Energy Resources and the Environment and Critical Infrastructure. Before joining the commission, she worked as a policy analyst and advocate on energy and environmental issues at two consulting firms.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Taking to the Skies: Drones Transform Energy Business

Amanda Essex is a Policy Associate at the National Conference of State Legislatures, where she works in the Environment, Energy and Transportation Program. She has worked for NCSL since May 2013, joining the Transportation Program in December 2014. She conducts research, writes and presents on a range of topics, including traffic safety, 9-1-1, aviation and unmanned aircraft systems (commonly referred to as UAS).

Alex Zektser is a regulatory attorney at the Federal Aviation Administration. In that role, he served as the lead regulatory attorney for the FAA’s small UAS rule and was charged with addressing all legal matters related to the rule, and with reviewing and coordinating the work of all FAA attorneys who worked on the rule. He has also worked on a number of other significant FAA rulemakings on safety management systems and pilot schedules.

Matthew Seibert is a civil engineer at CMS Energy’s Consumers Energy, where he currently serves as the Distribution Engineering Applications Team Lead as part of the Grid Modernization department. In his current role, he is focused on applying new technology to new and existing systems. The company’s current projects include advanced controls for capacitor banks, voltage optimization, advanced distribution management systems, and drone operations. He has worked with Consumers Energy since 2009.
Monday, August 8

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. The Electric Vehicle Revolution

Anne Smart is Director of Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs at Chargepoint, the world’s largest and most open electric vehicle charging network with 30,000 charging ports. Previously, she worked as the Executive Director of the Alliance for Solar Choice and Director of Energy for the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. Early in her career, she worked for the Delaware State Senate Energy and Transit Committee, helping to develop the world’s first vehicle-to-grid policy.

Kellen Schefter is Manager of Sustainable Technology at Edison Electric Institute, where he focuses on technologies that enable clean energy, grid modernization and new customer solutions. He leads EEI’s transportation electrification efforts, including policy advocacy, business model development, and cross-industry coordination. Previously, he worked on regulatory and compliance issues at plug-in electric vehicle manufacturer Fisker Automotive.

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Weathering the Storm—Risk, Vulnerability and the Electric Grid

Scott Aaronson is Managing Director of Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security at the Edison Electric Institute, where he focuses on industry and national security policy, as well as establishing partnerships and fostering collaboration between the government and the electric utility sector. In addition to his role at EEI, he also serves as the Secretary for the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council, acting as the primary liaison between senior government officials and industry leaders. He has worked for EEI since 2009.

Devon Streit is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Security and Energy Restoration at the U.S. Department of Energy. Her division works with other federal agencies, state and local partners, and industry to enhance the security and resilience of critical energy infrastructure, and to facilitate the reconstruction and recovery of damaged or disrupted energy systems. Her background includes work in state government, DOE national labs, and both non- and for-profit companies.

Duane Highley is President and C.E.O. at the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. He is a professional engineer and serves on the board of the Electric Power Research Institute, the Southwest Power Pool Members Committee, and is co-chair of the Electric Subsector Coordinating Council, where he works with cabinet-level administration officials on electric system reliability, security and resiliency.

Ted Koppel is a journalist and author of Lights Out: A Cyberattack, A Nation Unprepared, Surviving the Aftermath. He spent more than two decades as the anchor of ABC’s Nightline, where he became the longest-serving news anchor in U.S. broadcast history. He is the recipient of 12 Columbia-DuPont awards and 42 Emmys. His most recent book examines the threat of a cyber-catastrophe to the U.S. power grid.
11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. The Rise of Renewables

Lyndon Rive is the Co-Founder and CEO of SolarCity, helping the company become one of the most recognizable brands in clean energy, with a workforce of over 13,000 employees. He has also led fundraising efforts for the finance of more than $8 billion in solar projects, and helped the company enter new markets, including 400 schools and universities, over 100 regional and national homebuilders, along with Fortune 500 companies and the U.S. military.

Tom Kiernan is CEO of the American Wind Energy Association. Prior to this, he was the President of the National Parks Conservation Association for 15 years, and served in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Air and Radiation, where he helped implement the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

Anne Pramaggiore is the President CEO of Commonwealth Edison, which delivers electricity to 3.8 million customers in Chicago and Northern Illinois. She joined ComEd in 1998 to work on the company’s transition to competitive energy markets. As ComEd’s lead attorney and head of Regulatory Policy, she led major policy work around the restructuring of the Illinois electric industry. As C.O.O., she led the company’s effort to set the legislative framework for a smart grid build-out, and was responsible for the grid’s day-to-day operations. In 2012, she was promoted to her current position, making her the first female to hold the post of C.E.O. at the utility.