Speaker Biographies

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8 – 9 a.m. Building the 21st Century Electric Grid

Bruce Evans is the senior vice president and chief customer officer at American Electric Power. He has responsibility for Customer Services, Marketing and Distribution Services; Regulatory Services; Technology Business Development; and Infrastructure and Business Continuity. Evans had been president and chief operating officer for AEP Texas since August 2015. As president, he was responsible for the company’s operations in south and west Texas. Previously, Evans was vice president - distribution operations for AEP Texas, responsible for all electricity distribution system maintenance and operations activities for AEP facilities and customers in AEP Texas. Prior to joining AEP, Mr. Evans served as vice president – demand management for Nexant Inc. in Houston, Texas. He spent the first 21 years of his career with West Texas Utilities, CPL, CSW and AEP. Additionally, he has held a number of leadership positions with major energy consulting firms, as well as Cirro Energy and CPS Energy in San Antonio, Texas.

Paul J. Hibbard is a principal at Analysis Group, a Boston-based economic and financial consulting firm. Hibbard is a former chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, and has held positions in both energy and environmental regulatory agencies in Massachusetts. He 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, he provides technical, economic and policy analysis and strategic advice to public and private sector participants in the natural gas and electric industries.

9 – 10:15 a.m. Markets and the Evolving Energy Mix

William Berg is the vice president of wholesale market development at the Exelon Corp. In that capacity, he manages Exelon’s wholesale policy development and advocacy in all competitive wholesale electricity markets in which Exelon is engaged (PJM, ISO New England, Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Southwest Power Pool, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, and New York Independent System Operator) to ensure outcomes that are aligned with Exelon’s business strategy. Berg works closely with the various business units within Exelon to understand the business
needs of the corporation. He has worked in the electric power industry for 23 years, and in that time developed an understanding of market dynamics in regulated and deregulated energy markets.

Vincent P. Duane is the senior vice president, general counsel and secretary and leads the Legal, Regulatory Compliance and State and Member Services functions at PJM Interconnection. Mr. Duane additionally serves as counsel and secretary to PJM’s independent Board of Managers. He has more than 25 years of experience in the electric power industry. Prior to joining PJM, Duane was vice president and general counsel for the North American and Caribbean businesses at Mirant in Atlanta, Ga. He previously served as vice president, secretary and general counsel at Southern Company Energy Marketing. He began his career in private practice in Washington, D.C., where he represented public power and industrial customer interests.

Leslie Kerr is the deputy director of the Division of Policy Development in the Office of Energy Policy and Innovation (OEPI) at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Previously, as an energy industry analyst in OEPI, she led a rulemaking team on small generator interconnection. Before joining FERC, Kerr was Western Area Power Administration’s deputy assistant administrator in its Power Marketing Liaison Office in Washington, DC. She previously worked in Western’s Upper Great Plains Regional Office where she developed wholesale electric power, transmission and ancillary service rates.

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Adapting to Change

Kari Bennett is the executive director of stakeholder affairs and communications at the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. MISO is a not-for-profit, member-based organization providing an essential link in the safe, cost-effective delivery of electric power across all or parts of 15 U.S. states and the Canadian province of Manitoba. Prior to joining MISO, Bennett was a commissioner at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and served as president of the Organization of MISO States (OMS) during 2013. From 2005 to 2007, she Bennett served as policy director for environment and natural resources for Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels. She also has served as general counsel of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and practiced law at Barnes & Thornburg LLP, focusing on environmental law and government services.

Jack Thirolf is senior director of regulatory affairs at Enel Green Power North America, Inc. (EGP-NA). He leads and oversees EGP-NA’s regulatory analyses and state/province and federal-level engagement with elected officials, regulators, and policymakers in both the U.S. and Canada. Thirolf began working for Enel in May 2012 as EGP-NA’s Washington, D.C. representative, responsible for U.S. federal and U.S. Eastern region state-level policy and regulation. He was promoted to director in March 2014 and to senior director in January 2016. He joined EGP-NA from the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE), a Washington, D.C.-based trade association representing the U.S.
energy efficiency, renewable energy, and natural gas industries. There he led the organization’s engagement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and related legislation before Congress and participated in the BCSE’s U.S. federal and international-level lobbying, policy analysis, and public communications.

**Jay Morrison** is the vice president of regulatory issues for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He leads the Regulatory Issues Unit, where he works with a staff of professionals representing NRECA and its members on matters relating to federal and state utility regulation, power supply and delivery. Since joining NRECA in 1998, Morrison has worked extensively on issues relating to wholesale market design, power supply and delivery, industry restructuring, renewable energy, energy efficiency, distributed generation and the smart grid.

**11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The Grid of the Future**

**Chandu Visweswariah** is the president and chief executive officer of Utopus Insights. He is a strong believer in economic and environmental forces that will create a clean energy future -- a veritable energy utopia -- with a major role for digitization in integrating an ever increasing fraction of intermittent renewable energy. Prior to co-founding and leading Utopus Insights, he was the director of the Smarter Energy Research Institute at the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, NY. He was named an IBM Fellow in 2013, the highest technical honor conferred by IBM. He led IBM Research's worldwide efforts in Smarter Energy and Environmental Science. Prior to this position, he was a distinguished engineer in electronic design automation in IBM’s Systems and Technology Group, where he led a team responsible for correct signal timing in all IBM chips, and drove the invention and deployment of such innovations as statistical timing and automatic circuit tuning.