EBC Energy Resources Program

New England's Energy Future

Exploring the Diversity of Potential Regional Energy Projects

Friday, March 18, 2016

McLane Middleton
Woburn, Massachusetts

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Welcome: John Wadsworth, Chair, EBC Energy Resources Committee
        Partner, Brown Rudnick LLP
        Barry Needleman, Partner, McLane Middleton

        Program Introduction: Jeff Nield, Program Co-Chair and Moderator
        Business Vice President – Area Manager, CH2M

8:10 a.m. Has the New England Energy Industry Hit the Turning Point?
        Moderator: Jeff Nield, CH2M
        Panel Members:
        • Bob Bibbo, Former Principal Environmental Energy Consultant & Executive
        • Nikki Bruno, Manager, Business Development, Spectra Energy
        • Carol J. Holahan, Esq., Director of Government Affairs,
          New England Power Generators Association

9:30 a.m. Networking Break

10:00 a.m. ISO New England’s Energy Future: Generation and Transmission
           Project Proposals
           Moderator: Dan Belin, Program Co-Chair; Director, Electric Transmission
           Ecology & Environment Inc.

           Panel Members:
           • Marvin Bellis, Senior Counsel, Eversource Energy
           • Josh Bagnato, Vice President, Project Development
             Transmission Developers, Inc.
           • Matthew Morrisey, Executive Director, Offshore Wind MA
11:15 a.m.  The Future of Energy Policy in the Region – Refereeing the Arguments and Assuming the Risk of Various Choices  
• Ronald T. Gerwatowski

12:00 p.m.  Closing Comments – Jeff Nield, CH2M

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Mr. Nield is a Senior Project Manager of Environmental Planning and Permitting based out of CH2M's Boston, Massachusetts office where he also serves in the capacity of Business Vice President and New England Area Manager. An experienced environmental and energy project manager and regulatory expert, he is responsible for directing technical teams throughout the execution of technical tasks related to the siting, licensing and permitting of energy, transportation, and water facilities including natural gas pipelines, electrical transmission, marine petroleum terminals, thermal power generation facilities, and renewable energy generation facilities. He is active in the pipeline industry across the country and currently serves in project management and permitting roles for several international pipeline operations and maintenance programs. His professional background includes governmental agency, legislative and academic experience in the environmental field. Mr. Nield holds a Master of Arts degree in Environmental Studies from Brown University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies/Biology from Union College of Schenectady, New York.

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Mr. Belin offers 20 years' experience in natural resource inventory and impact assessment. His experience includes aquatic and terrestrial ecology and natural resource management with special expertise in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) permitting, energy facility siting, and geographic information systems (GIS) analysis. As electric transmission sector lead, Mr. Belin directs E & E's global efforts in electric transmission—over 16,000 miles of projects in North and South America—including managing and directing projects and staff involving impact assessment, GIS and LiDAR analysis, habitat restoration, agency consultation, and public involvement strategies. In March 2014, he joined other transmission industry leaders in Washington DC as a presenter at a congressional briefing on emerging issues facing electric transmission developers: “The High-Voltage Grid: Its Operations, Challenges, and Benefits.” He is E & E’s project manager for its role as third party contractor writing the Environmental Impact Statement for the US Department of Energy's review of the Northern Pass Transmission Line project. Mr. Belin received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Environmental Studies from Yale University and a Master of Science degree in Forestry from UMASS Amherst.

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Josh Bagnato is Vice President, Project Development for Transmission Developers Inc. (TDI) where he is developing two merchant transmission lines, the New England Clean Power Link (VT) and the
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Josh also held several positions within Massachusetts Government from 2004-2007, including serving as the Director of Renewable Energy Policy for EOEEA. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Hamilton College and a Masters in Business Administration from Boston University.

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Marvin Bellis serves as Senior Counsel at Eversource Energy and in that role is responsible for managing legal issues associated with developing, siting and constructing large scale energy infrastructure projects including all permitting matters, real estate acquisition and management, development of contracting strategies and negotiation of agreements, community outreach, claims negotiation and resolution, and development of risk management strategies. He has worked on Northern Pass, the project on which he will speak, since its inception. Prior to working at Eversource, Marvin practiced environmental and land use law at a Murtha Cullina, and was in house counsel to the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

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Robert V Bibbo (Bob) is an unaffiliated observer of the environmental-energy overlap. He is currently monitoring environmental, climate and energy regulatory policies for their impact the nation's electrical grids. Over his 40 year career he has served in technical, project management, consulting and executive capacities. He concluded the affiliated portion of his career with Normandeau Associates, serving as a senior adviser to corporate management.

He is the former CEO and President of the ESS Group, a former Board member at the Northeast Energy and Commerce Association (NECA), a former Board member at Applied Science Associates (now RPS) and has recently concluded 8 years of service on the CT Power and Energy (CPES) Board of Directors. He has a 20 year association with the Environmental Business County of New England (EBCNE). He served as EBC Chairman from 2012-2014 and has been heavily involved with the EBCNE Energy Committee, a committee he co founded with Dan Moon, EBCNE President in 2004.

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Nikki Bruno is Manager, Business Development, for Spectra Energy Transmission. She is responsible for the development of new natural gas transmission ventures, services and related energy projects. She has been focused on business development activities in the U.S. Northeast Region since 2013.

Since joining Spectra Energy in 2008 as an environmental permitting specialist, Bruno has held positions of increasing responsibility within the engineering and business development groups. Prior to joining the company, Bruno was employed by AMEC Earth & Environmental, Ltd as an environmental consultant specializing in ecological and health risk assessment.

Bruno earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from Trinity College in Hartford, CT and a Master of Business Administration from the F.W. Olin School of Business at Babson College in Wellesley, MA.
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Ron Gerwatowski has 29 years of experience in the energy industry, with expertise ranging from rate regulation, power markets, energy procurement, renewable energy, and energy policy, among a wide range of other subjects. He was formerly the Senior Vice President for Regulation and Pricing for National Grid, where he had responsibility for rates and regulation for the regulated subsidiaries in the United States, including those in New England and New York. After retiring from the Company in 2014, he was appointed Assistant Secretary for Energy in the Baker-Polito Administration, where he served as a senior policy advisor to Secretary Matthew Beaton, playing a significant role in the development of the Administration's energy policy during its first year. After completing a year of public service, he has since returned to the private sector as an energy and regulatory policy consultant.

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Carol Holahan serves as the Director of Government Affairs for the New England Power Generators Association, Inc. (NEPGA), the trade association representing competitive electric generating companies in New England. Holahan is responsible for representing the Association before state policy makers and regulators across the region and assists in developing strategic planning and advocacy for the competitive power generation industry. Holahan served for more than a decade as the Director of the Office of Legislative Services in New Hampshire, the non-partisan bill drafting and research office of the state's 424-member legislature. Immediately prior to joining NEPGA, Holahan was an attorney in the private sector with the law firm of McLane Middleton, where her practice concentrated on energy and telecommunications matters. Holahan received her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and graduated magna cum laude from Suffolk University Law School.

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Prior to his work in offshore wind, Morrissey worked in public higher education administration, and was the co-founder of software company Mogall, Inc., one of the early pioneers of the social networking phenomenon.

For over 7 years, Morrissey served as the Executive Director of the New Bedford Economic Development Council. He then founded the New Bedford Wind Energy Center and as Managing Director, expanded the City's efforts to build regional capacity in support of the emerging offshore wind industry.