EBC Rhode Island Chapter Program
Energy and Renewable Energy Initiatives in Rhode Island

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.
Providence, Rhode Island

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Welcome: Daniel K. Moon, President, Environmental Business Council

Introduction: Alan Shoer, Program Co-Chair & Moderator
Shareholder/Partner, Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.

8:35 a.m. The Role Of ISO New England – Regional Update
- Mary Louise “Weezie” Nuara, External Affairs Representative
  ISO New England Inc.

9:05 a.m. New Energy and Renewable Energy Development Projects
The view from the Developers:
- Offshore Wind Project, Block Island
  - Clint Plummer, Vice President, Development, Deepwater Wind LLC
- Clear River Energy Center, Burrillville, RI
  - John Niland, Director of Business Development, Invenergy, LLC

9:45 a.m. Panel Discussion
Moderator: Alan Shoer, Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.
Panel Members:
- Mary Louise “Weezie” Nuara, ISO New England Inc.
- Clint Plummer, Deepwater Wind LLC
- John Niland, Invenergy, LLC

10:30 a.m. Adjourn
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Alan Shoer’s practice encompasses all aspects of energy, environmental and utility project development. He’s worked as in-house corporate counsel, as managing director of regulatory affairs director for regional utilities, as Rhode Island’s Department of Environmental Management’s General Counsel, and as the state’s Special Assistant Attorney General in key litigation before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Public Utilities Commission.

He has served as counsel to nationally recognized energy, utility, communications and transportation companies, as well as regional entrepreneurial companies and municipalities, advising these various and diverse clients on asset and equity transactions, regulatory issues, project development, land use and site development, financing, and other commercial areas of practice. Alan applies his extensive legal expertise in utility, administrative and public utility laws and regulations to help his clients effectively deal with the complex regulatory, litigation, transactional, and compliance matters.

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Chris Rein has been developing solutions to environmental problems in the energy market sector for over 30 years. Chris is currently working on a book about transitions in the energy sector that are being spawned by carbon and climate policy. Previously he was a senior vice president at the ESS Group where he led ESS’s energy and industrial services business. Mr. Rein is well regarded for both his depth of technical expertise and his broad project experience in finding superior sites for energy development projects and leading those developments successfully through federal, state and local regulatory approval processes. In addition to his project work in energy and industrial development and permitting, Mr. Rein is an experienced biologist who currently serves the State of Rhode Island as a member of the RI Marine Fisheries Council.

SPEAKERS

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John Niland is the Director of Business Development for Invenergy and the lead developer on the recently announced Clear River Energy Center, an approximately 1,000 MW combined-cycle power plant in Burrillville, Rhode Island. John is an energy professional with 30+ years of experience in power project engineering, development and energy markets. On the development side, John has worked for Calpine, NRG, Pure Energy Resources and John has been involved in the development design and construction of a variety of power generation technologies including combustion turbine peaking and combined cycle, IGCC, coal, nuclear, wind, solar and large scale energy storage. He has Mechanical Engineering degrees from Northeastern University and has been a registered professional engineer in MA, RI and ME.
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Weezie is an External Affairs Representative for ISO New England where she is responsible for performing outreach to government officials in the New England states, specifically Connecticut and Rhode Island. She is actively engaged with the New England Consumer Liaison Group (CLG), which meets quarterly to discuss issues of importance to electricity consumers in New England. She also co-authors the Annual Report of the Consumer Liaison Group, which reports on the ISO's Strategic Planning Initiatives, regional power system planning activities, wholesale electricity costs, and retail electricity rates in New England.

In her role as an External Affairs Representative, Weezie tracks energy legislation in Connecticut and Rhode Island, and monitors activities within the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER), and the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (RIPUC). Weezie also supports the ISO’s outreach to government officials during power system events and emergencies, such as Operating Procedure No. 4 – Action During a Capacity Deficiency. She is a member of New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE) and the Connecticut Power and Energy Society (CPES).

Prior to joining the ISO in 2012, Weezie served as in-house counsel for Dominion Resources, Inc., focusing her efforts on Dominion’s merchant generation fleet in New England. She received her undergraduate degree in Government from the University of Virginia in 2006 and her J.D. from the New England School of Law in 2009. She lives in Auburn, MA.

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Clint Plummer serves as Vice President of Development for Deepwater Wind, where he manages the company's pre-construction project development activities.

Prior to joining Deepwater Wind in 2007, Clint served as Vice President of Asset Development and Underwriting for Endurant Energy, a company he co-founded. At Endurant, Clint lead the successful development of several distributed energy projects, including an 8 MW landfill gas-to-power project in Rockford, IL and the 6 MW One Penn Plaza Co-Generation project in Manhattan.

Clint earned a Bachelor’s in Business Administration from Ohio State University, a Master’s of Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is currently completing an Executive MPA at New York University.

Upcoming EBC Programs

- September 23: Program Collaboration: New Hampshire and the Clean Power Plan
- September 24: Massachusetts Solid Waste Management Program, “Talking Trash”
- September 25: MassDEP Interim Policy on the Re-Use of Soil for Large Reclamation Projects
- September 29: Managing PCB Impacted Building Materials