



**EBC New Hampshire Program
Offshore Wind – Collaboration Toward a Gulf of Maine Consortium**

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AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome** – Robert Varney, Chair, EBC New Hampshire Chapter
President, Normandeau Associates, Inc.
- Welcome to Eversource Energy** – William J. Quinlan, President, NH Operations
- Program Introduction and Offshore Wind – A History of Collaboration**
- Bob LaBelle, Program Co-Chair; Retired, BOEM
BOEM OSW Planning, a Regional Approach
 - Curt Thalken, Program Co-Chair; Normandeau Associates, Inc.
Regional Cooperation is Not New Here
- 8:30 a.m. **Offshore Wind Update — BOEM Process for Planning, Leasing, & Development**
- Darryl François, Chief, Engineering and Technical Review
Office of Renewable Energy Programs, BOEM
- 9:00 a.m. **Role of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC)**
- Bruce Carlisle, Senior Director, Offshore Wind
Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
- 9:15 a.m. **State Agency Perspectives**
- Offshore Wind Overview
 - Joe Doiron, Deputy Director & State Energy Program Administrator
New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives
 - Economic Opportunities
 - Taylor Caswell, Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs

- Protecting New Hampshire’s Ocean and Coastal Resources
 - Ted Diers, Administrator
Bureau of Watershed Management Administration
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
 - Doug Grout, Chief of Marine Division
New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game

10:00 a.m. Offshore Wind Developer Perspectives

- Ken Bowes, Vice President, Offshore Wind Siting & Permitting
Eversource Energy
- Bill White, Managing Director, EnBW North America

10:30 a.m. Networking Break

11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Meeting the Challenges of Offshore Wind in New Hampshire

Panel Moderator: Barry Needleman, McLane Middleton

Panel Members:

- Ken Bowes, Eversource Energy
- Taylor Caswell, NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs
- Darryl François, BOEM
- Bill White, EnBW North America

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

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Bob LaBelle is a native New Englander who has returned after a long career at the Dept. of the Interior (DOI) in Washington, DC. His experience includes more than 20 years of senior level marine environmental policy, management and communications experience in the Federal government and related constituencies. Bob represented DOI on the Northeast Regional Planning Body, a 4-year effort which developed the nation’s first Regional Ocean Plan in 2017. Concurrently, he also led all Federal agencies, with states and tribes, in the similar completion of the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan; both of which prominently feature offshore wind. As Senior Advisor to the Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Bob served as agency lead on the DOI Senior Ocean Policy Team. Previously as Deputy Associate Director (2002-2010) he oversaw development of regulations for successful and safe offshore wind siting and permitting while working as the senior executive responsible for agency environmental programs, research, policies and implementation. This included leading multi-year research and development of baseline data sets for use in defining ecological, social and economic characteristics of offshore wind planning areas. Bob holds a BS (UMass) and MS in Marine Science (UMBC) and an MBA in Management (Loyola College, Md).

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Curt Thalken has over 30 years of engineering experience including work in both austere and developed environments. He is currently the Senior Vice President, for Operations at Normandeau Associates Inc., one of the nation's largest science based environmental consulting firms with over 250 employees located in 19 offices in 12 states. Prior to joining Normandeau, COL Thalken served on active duty in the U.S. Army as an engineer officer for over 25 years, including assignments teaching at the United States Military Academy, at West Point NY and commanding an engineer battalion in Afghanistan. His military engineering career culminated as Commander of the New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), from 2005 - 2008. His education includes a BS from the United States Military Academy and MS from Dartmouth College's Thayer School of Engineering. He is a licensed professional engineer in the states of: CT, NH and FL.

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Barry has more than 20 years of experience handling environmental and energy matters for regional and national clients. He does a substantial amount of energy facility siting work, primarily before the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee, on numerous types of projects ranging from fossil and renewable generation, to electric and gas transmission. He has experience litigating a variety of environmental cases in state and federal courts such as insurance and third-party cost recovery claims at former manufactured gas plants and the defense of State-wide MTBE contamination claims. He also litigates administrative matters before state appellate councils regarding permit appeals under various environmental programs. He regularly represents clients in environmental matters involving permitting, compliance counseling, and defense of administrative and judicial enforcement actions. Barry is a member of the firm's Management Committee and chairs McLane Middleton's Energy Practice Group.

Barry received his B.A. from Clark University (1987), his J.D. cum laude from Lewis and Clark, Northwestern School of Law (1992) and his LL.M (Environmental) with highest honors from George Washington University Law School (1993).

SPEAKERS

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Kenneth Bowes is Vice President, Siting & Permitting for Eversource Energy. In that role, he is responsible for the leadership and direction of siting and permitting activities for transmission infrastructure and clean energy projects including Off-shore Wind, and compliance for those projects. He serves as a technical consultant for various large transmission projects, clean energy projects, and provides expert testimony in regulatory proceedings concerning them.

A native of New Hampshire, Bowes joined Eversource in July 1984 in the System Test department. He has held several engineering and management positions in the Energy Delivery organizations becoming the Director – Transmission and Distribution Maintenance in 1999, Director – Transmission Construction, Test, and Maintenance in 2002, Director – Transmission Projects in 2004, Vice President – Customer Operations in 2008, Vice President of Energy Delivery in 2010, Vice President of Engineering in 2014, Vice President of Transmission Performance in 2017, and Vice President of ISO Policy, Siting & Compliance in 2018.

Ken has a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from the University of New Hampshire and a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is the past Chairman of the Edison Electric Institute's Transmission Committee and presently serves on the EEI Transmission and EEI Security Committees. He serves on the Connecticut Science Center Women in Science Steering Committee, the Board of Directors of Special Olympics Connecticut, the Bristol Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, and is Past Chairman of the Board of Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters. Bowes was inducted into the University of Connecticut, Academy of Distinguished Engineers in 2016 and elected into the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering in 2017.

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Bruce K. Carlisle is the Senior Director of Offshore Wind for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC). At MassCEC, Mr. Carlisle leads efforts to advance the successful and responsible development of the offshore wind sector in the Commonwealth. Bruce directs programs and initiatives for MassCEC including planning and siting, stakeholder engagement, supply chain support and growth, workforce development and training, ports and infrastructure assessment and utilization, marine studies and characterization, transmission, and research and innovation in offshore wind development, technology and operations. He coordinates Massachusetts efforts and interests with federal offshore wind energy leasing and development and serves on several Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Intergovernmental Task Force for Offshore Renewable Energy. Bruce oversees the operations of the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal, the nation's first multi-purpose facility designed to support the assembly, deployment and construction of offshore wind projects. Mr. Carlisle holds a Masters in Environmental Policy degree from Tufts University.

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Mr. Taylor Caswell is the first commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs, established by an act of the Legislature in 2017. Appointed to the role by Gov. Chris Sununu, Commissioner Caswell serves as the chief economic advisor to the Governor and oversees the state Divisions of Economic Development and Travel & Tourism Development, enabling and growing economic vitality for residents and employers in the Granite State.

In this role, Caswell has defined the narrative of New Hampshire as place where people want to live and work and where companies can grow and thrive in the state's unique tax and opportunity climate. In collaboration with policy makers, stakeholders and business leaders, he is working to update and modernize the state's broad infrastructure of community and economic stakeholders into a more strategic and meaningful network that will be critical to sustaining and growing New Hampshire's economy.

Caswell's experience in the private sector includes structuring and funding renewable power and affordable housing development, financial services and government relations work for a Fortune 500 energy company.

Prior to joining BEA, he was the executive director of the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority and served as the New England regional administrator for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development, a White House-level appointment.

He grew up in Littleton, where he founded PRKR MTN trails, a community-based, 25-mile multi-use trail network. Commissioner Caswell remains an avid year-round outdoor enthusiast and is a regular alpine skier, mountain biker, and hiker.

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Ted Diers is the Administrator of the Watershed Management Bureau (WMB) of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The WMB includes 20 programs dedicated to achieving Clean Water Act goals: integrating science, data, policy and education to improve the condition of the state's lakes, rivers, wetlands and tidal waters. He previously served as manager of the NH Coastal Program, the state's coastal zone management program. Over the past 23 years, he has focused his work on state and federal ocean policy, salt marsh and river restoration projects, assisting in revisions of state regulations, managing controversial and diverse issues, and facilitating numerous planning efforts. He is a past chair of the Gulf of Maine Council Working Group, Northeast Regional Ocean Council and Coastal States Organization. He was the vice-chair of the National Ocean Council's Governance Coordinating Committee and is presently the state co-chair for the Ocean Planning Committee of the NROC. He received his BA in Economics and Political Science from Ripon College. He also earned a Masters Degree from the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

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Joe Doiron, a resident of Manchester is the Deputy Director and State Energy Program Administrator at the Office of Strategic Initiatives. He joins OSI most recently from Senator Kelly Ayotte's Manchester office. Prior to that, Joe worked in nonprofit leadership and on numerous political campaigns. Joe is currently an adjunct professor at New England College, teaching courses in American Government. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from New England College and a Master's in Public Administration from Norwich University.

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Mr. François is responsible for managing the regulatory framework that governs the development of renewable energy projects on public lands of the U.S. outer continental shelf. His responsibilities include policy development and management oversight of the review of technical and engineering design aspects of project plans and offshore survey activities and compliance with terms and conditions related to safe project design, deployment and operations. In addition to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Mr. François' 39 year career with the U.S. Department of the Interior includes service with the U.S. Geological Survey, Minerals Management Service and Indian Affairs in the analysis of energy, environmental, technology, and economic development issues across the Department's spectrum of public land management. He received his B.S. in Physics from Bradley University and his M.S. in Geophysics from the Pennsylvania State University.

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Doug Grout is the Chief of Marine Fisheries at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department where he has worked for more than 35 years. As Marine Division Chief, Doug oversees a staff of more than 20 individuals responsible for marine resource monitoring and management as well as the education, research and stewardship programs of the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. He is also the New Hampshire state representative to the New England Fishery Management Council and the Administrative Commissioner to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Doug graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a BA and MS in Zoology and is also a Certified Fisheries Scientist.

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Bill White serves as the Managing Director for EnBW North America, a subsidiary of a Germany-based utility and offshore wind developer with almost 1,000 MW of offshore wind development in operation and 3,000 MW in development globally. Prior to EnBW North America, Bill was a key leader in the 10-year effort to develop the Massachusetts offshore wind market. Bill led Massachusetts state efforts on the federal leasing process for offshore wind development, as well as transmission planning, environmental surveys, supply chain and workforce development efforts, and stakeholder engagement efforts related to offshore wind. Additionally, Bill led the construction of the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal, a first-in-the-nation facility specially designed for the staging, assembly, and deployment of offshore wind projects, including the first commercial scale offshore wind project in the United States. Previously, Bill served in the White House as a Special Assistant to the President during the Clinton Administration and worked at the U.S. Department of State. He is a graduate of Boston College's School of Management (B.S.) and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (MPA).

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 2019

October 29 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Program: MVP Implementation

October 30 – Update from the Connecticut DEEP Environmental Quality Leadership Team

NOVEMBER 2019

November 6 – Leadership Series with MassDEP Regional Teams: Western

November 13 – Evening Program: Update from MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey

November 14 – New Hampshire Climate Change Update

November 15 – Climate Change Matchmaking Forum

November 22 – Climate Adaptation Forum – Infrastructure

DECEMBER 2019

December 2 – New Hampshire Chapter Program Planning Meeting

December 5 – Annual Winter Garden Party

December 10 – Annual New Hampshire Chapter Holiday Party