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AGENDA

9:45 a.m.  Welcome: Rick Mandile, Chair, EBC Rhode Island Chapter
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Program Introduction and Overview – What You Will Learn
  Alan Shoer, Program Chair & Moderator
  Vice Chair, EBC Rhode Island Chapter
  Partner, Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.

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10:00 a.m.  Update from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

Janet Coit, Director
Department of Environmental Management
State of Rhode Island

10:30 a.m.  Update on Rhode Island’s Adaptation and Resiliency Programs

Shaun O’Rourke, Chief Resiliency Officer
State of Rhode Island

11:00 a.m.  Update from the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources

Nicholas Ucci, Acting Commissioner
Office of Energy Resources
State of Rhode Island

11:30 a.m.  Moderated Discussion

Moderator: Alan Shoer, Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.

Panel Members:
- Janet Coit, RI DEM
- Terry Gray, RI DEM
- Shaun O’Rourke, State of Rhode Island
- Nicholas Ucci, RI OER

12:00 p.m.  Adjourn

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Alan’s practice encompasses all aspects of energy, environmental, and public utility law. His clients include some of the largest national and regional energy, renewable energy, cable, telecommunications and water and transportation companies. Alan has advised these clients through all stages of project development, financing, mergers and acquisitions, and in regulatory proceedings and litigation, and government affairs. With proven experience representing clients in wind, solar, hydro and other renewable energy matters, Alan has represented developers, investors, contractors, utilities, state agencies and municipalities in several successful and innovative sustainable energy projects. In the communications sector, Alan’s clients include national cable companies and regional telecommunications and internet provider businesses. In the water sector, his clients include municipal and regional water utilities. In the transportation sector, Alan’s clients include ferry businesses and motor vehicle companies, as well as transportation network providers.
Prior to joining Adler Pollock & Sheehan, Alan served in several capacities in industry and government. He served as an Assistant General Counsel and Director of Regulatory Affairs for utility companies, as General Counsel for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and as a Special Assistant Attorney General.

**SPEAKERS**

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Janet Coit is Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), a position she has held since 2011. Coit serves as chair of the State’s Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council and the Rhode Island Seafood Marketing Collaborative. Prior to coming to RIDEM, she worked for ten years at The Nature Conservancy as Director of the Rhode Island Chapter. Before that, Coit served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works. Coit’s background also includes working for three New England Senators and stints at the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice. Coit is dedicated to protecting the quality of the environment and the natural systems critical to the health, safety and well-being of Rhode Islanders as she leads the RIDEM. She serves on the board of the Boy Scouts of America’s Narragansett Council. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Coit holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School, where she was president of the Environmental Law Society. She is married with two children.

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Terrence Gray is the Deputy Director for Environmental Protection at the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. He oversees all the major environmental regulatory programs in DEM, including the Offices of Air Resources, Water Resources, Waste Management, Emergency Response, Compliance and Inspection, and Technical & Customer Assistance and directs the implementation of the regulatory compliance, technical assistance, and enforcement programs.

Mr. Gray served as the President of the Association of State and Territorial Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) in 2005 and 2006. He also participated in the Leadership Rhode Island program and is a proud member of the Phi class of 2001. In 2016, Terry participated in the Harvard JFK School of Government Executive Education program on Strategic Management of Regulatory and Enforcement Agencies.

Terry has been with DEM for over thirty-two years. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University, a Master of Science degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Northeastern University, and Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Rhode Island. Mr. Gray is a registered professional engineer in Rhode Island.

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Shaun O'Rourke is Director of Stormwater and Resiliency at Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank and Chief Resilience Officer for the State of Rhode Island. Prior to joining RIIB, Shaun served as the National Green Infrastructure Director at The Trust for Public Land and was Director of Sustainable Design at the Boston Architectural College, where he continues to serve as a member of the faculty. He has also worked at AECOM in New York City on public sector infrastructure projects. Shaun holds a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a B.S from University of Vermont.

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Nicholas S. Ucci was nominated by Governor Gina M. Raimondo in January 2020 to serve as Commissioner of the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER), the state's lead agency on energy policy and programs. OER works closely with private and public stakeholders to foster clean, affordable, and reliable energy solutions for all consumers, while spurring economic and job growth opportunities across Rhode Island's burgeoning clean energy economy.

Nick previously served as OER's Deputy Commissioner and has been with the agency since December 2013. During this time, he has helped expand the state's clean energy portfolio nearly ten-fold, while ensuring that Rhode Island remains a national leader on energy efficiency innovation. Nick has played a critical role in major renewable energy procurements, including the selection of the 400 MW Revolution Wind (offshore) project. Commissioner Ucci is helping drive the Governor's goal of meeting 100% of statewide electricity demand with renewables by 2030 – a nation-leading effort – and has been instrumental in guiding the state's Heating Sector Transformation (HST) initiative. He serves on the Board of Managers for the New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE) and as Executive Director of both the Rhode Island Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council (EERMC) and Distributed Generation (DG) Board. Nick was also a recipient of the 2019 Environmental Merit Award (Government) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Prior to joining OER, Nick served as Principal Policy Analyst for the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and as Coordinator of the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB). In these roles, he supported the regulatory review of numerous utility proposals and represented state interests on a wide variety of energy and electric wholesale market issues, working closely with other New England energy officials and various stakeholder bodies to advance Rhode Island's policy goals.

Nick is a proud graduate of the University of Rhode Island (URI), where he earned a Master of Arts degree in Political Science, with a concentration in Public Policy and a Graduate Certificate in Labor Relations. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, with Highest Distinction, in Political Science and Economics from URI. A devoted father of two small children, Nick was elected by his peers to the Bishop's Committee of St. Francis Episcopal Church (Coventry, RI); coaches little league baseball; and is an avid gardener and winemaker.