



EBC Energy Resources Webinar Future Role of Natural Gas in the New England Region

Tuesday, June 18, 2020

AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome & Introduction**
- Marc Bergeron, PWS, CWS, Program Co-Chair
Chair, EBC Energy Resources Committee
Associate, Epsilon Associates, Inc.
- 9:40 a.m. **Natural Gas and its Role in our Region's Energy System, Economy & Environment**
- Steve Leahy, Vice President, Policy, Northeast Gas Association (NGA)
- 10:10 a.m. **The Future of Natural Gas: Technologies & Pathways**
- Don Chahbazpour, Director, Gas Utility of the Future, National Grid
- 10:40 a.m. **Networking Opportunity**
- 10:55 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Natural Gas Trends & Current Demand at Eversource**
- David Allain, Director, Gas Sales & Expansion, Eversource Energy
- 11:30 a.m. **Final Questions for the Speakers**
- Moderator:** Glynn MacKenzie, P.E., Program Co-Chair
Senior Project Engineer, Weston & Sampson
- 12:00 p.m. **Adjourn – Closing Remarks – Marc Bergeron**

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Marc Bergeron is a Principal and member of the Ecological Sciences Team at Epsilon Associates in Maynard, Massachusetts. He has 26 years of professional experience successfully obtaining local, state, and federal environmental permits to support private and public development, transportation-related, and energy projects throughout the Northeastern US. He has a diverse background in environmental studies, specializing in wetland delineation, assessment, and mitigation, construction monitoring, ecological inventories, wildlife habitat assessments, and vernal pool ecology. He is also particularly knowledgeable in siting and licensing energy facilities such as natural gas pipelines, overhead and underground electric transmission lines, and renewable/traditional power generation facilities.

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Glynn MacKenzie, PE is a Senior Project Engineer on the Energy Team at Weston & Sampson in Reading, Massachusetts. He has 13 years of mechanical engineering experience designing and operating energy systems, including cogeneration, combined heat and power, and natural gas distribution. Most recently at Weston & Sampson, Glynn has specialized in natural gas projects including gas main replacements, liquefied natural gas, and renewable natural gas facility designs.

Glynn has a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell and has been a registered Professional Mechanical Engineer in Massachusetts since 2013.

SPEAKERS

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Dave Allain is Director of Gas Sales & Expansion at Eversource. Dave is involved in all growth activities at Eversource and shortly will add CMA (Columbia Gas Of Ma.) to his growth team. In addition to growing the gas business he is involved with activities around RNG/CNG/DG and gas technologies.

Dave has been with Eversource for 34 years and has held every gas sales and sales management position as well as having served in various sales and account management roles on the electric side of Eversource. He is actively involved in the integration with CMA which will add an additional 60% to the Eversource customer base, with great growth opportunities.

Dave has a bachelor's degree in Economics/Business from Westfield State University and a certificate degree from the School Of Industrial Management @ Worcester Polytechnical Institute.

Don Chahbapour, Director, Gas Utility of the Future

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Donald Chahbapour is currently the Director of Gas Utility of the Future at National Grid. Don is leading company's efforts to implement gas decarbonization and reduce methane emissions through policy, strategy and technology. The group is also responsible for engaging stakeholders to raise awareness regarding the potential of renewable natural gas and hydrogen, and how the gas network can enable the low carbon future.

Before his current position, Don was the Director of Climate Change Compliance. His previous positions at National Grid include Corporate Strategy, M&A and Energy Procurement. Prior to National Grid, Don was working for a startup energy technology company focusing on emerging distributed generation technologies and related regulatory issues.

Don has a Master's in Public Policy and Administration (MPA) from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, and a Bachelor's with honors in Mechanical Engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology.

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Stephen Leahy is Vice President, Policy at the Northeast Gas Association (NGA). NGA is a regional trade association that represents the natural gas industry of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the six New England states. Its members include the gas distribution companies of the multi-state region, interstate transmission companies, LNG and CNG suppliers, and about 400 associate member companies (including the region's ISOs and the NPCC).

Prior to joining NGA, Steve was Director of Energy and Environment Programs for the New England Governors' Conference in Boston. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the New England-Canada Business Council.

Steve has a B.A. from Harvard College and an M.A. in international relations from Tufts University (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy).

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

JUNE 2020

June 19: New England Regional Conference of State Solid Waste Directors
June 22: Ocean & Coastal Resources Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
June 22: Infrastructure Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
June 24: Connecticut Webinar – Stormwater in Connecticut
June 24: Connecticut Chapter Virtual Program Planning Meeting
June 26: Climate Change Webinar Series #4 – Moakley Park
June 30: TSCA Webinar – Current State of PCB Assessment & Remediation

JULY 2020

July 10: Climate Change Webinar Series #5 – Carbon Free Boston
July 14: Solid Waste Webinar – PFAS in the Solid Waste Industry
July 15: New Hampshire DES and US EPA Leadership Briefing
July 17: New England State Energy Leadership Webinar
July 20: Climate Change & Air Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
July 20: Site Remediation & Redevelopment Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
July 24: Climate Change Webinar Series #6 – Cambridge Urban Forest
July 28: Site Remediation Webinar – Climate Resiliency and MCP Sites
July 31: New England Regional Climate Change Summit