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## **Second Annual New England State Energy Leaders Virtual Conference**

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## **AGENDA**

- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome**
- **Marc Bergeron**, Chair, EBC Energy Resources Committee  
Program Co-Moderator; Principal, Epsilon Associates, Inc.
- Introduction and Program Overview: What you will learn**
- **Catherine Finneran**, Conference Chair and Co-Moderator  
Vice President, Sustainability and Environmental Affairs  
Eversource Energy
- 10:00 a.m. **ISO New England**
- **Eric D. Johnson**, Director, External Affairs, ISO New England
- 10:20 a.m. **Vermont**
- **Riley Allen**, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Service  
State of Vermont
- 10:40 a.m. **Rhode Island**
- **Carrie A. Gill, Ph.D.**, Chief, Program Development, Office of Energy Resources  
State of Rhode Island
- 11:00 a.m. **Networking Opportunity**
- 11:20 a.m. **Break**
- 11:30 a.m. **Maine**
- **Dan Burgess**, Director, Governor's Energy Office, State of Maine
- 11:50 a.m. **New Hampshire**
- **Matthew Mailloux**  
Energy Advisor and State Energy Program Associate  
Office of Strategic Initiatives, State of New Hampshire
- 12:10 p.m. **Massachusetts**
- **Patrick Woodcock**, Commissioner, Department of Energy Resources  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- 12:30 p.m. **Connecticut**
- **Victoria Hackett**, Deputy Commissioner for Energy  
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, State of Connecticut
- 12:50 p.m. **Panel Discussion**

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Co-Moderators:

- Catherine Finneran, Eversource Energy
- Marc Bergeron, Epsilon Associates, Inc.

Panelists:

- Riley Allen, Vermont
- Dan Burgess, Maine
- Carrie Gill, Rhode Island
- Victoria Hackett, Connecticut
- Eric Johnson, ISO New England
- Matthew Mailloux, New Hampshire
- Patrick Woodcock, Massachusetts

**1:30 p.m. Networking Opportunity**

**2:00 p.m. Adjourn – Closing Remarks**

**CONFERENCE CHAIR and CO-MODERATOR**

**Catherine Finneran**, Vice President, Sustainability and Environmental Affairs  
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Catherine Finneran is Vice President, Sustainability and Environmental Affairs at Eversource Energy, New England's largest energy delivery company serving 3.6 million electric and natural gas customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. She manages 50 scientists, engineers and specialists focused on project siting and permitting, compliance, and sustainability.

Ms. Finneran comes to Eversource Energy with more than 20 years of experience focused on clean energy, environmental protection, and economic development. Before joining Eversource Energy, she served as Senior Director of the Renewable Energy Generation Division at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), where she oversaw the design and implementation of rebate and grant programs targeted at growing the Massachusetts clean energy market to increase deployment of various clean energy technologies. She previously served as the Director of Clean Energy for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). Ms. Finneran also served as the Brownfield Director for MassDEP.

Ms. Finneran serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the Environmental Business Council (EBC) and on the Board of Directors of the New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE).

## CONFERENCE CO-MODERATOR

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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.

Marc is the chair of the EBC Energy Resources Committee.

## ENERGY LEADERSHIP – SPEAKERS

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J. Riley Allen is Deputy Commissioner to the Vermont Department of Public Service. Mr. Allen's current work encompasses non-traditional forms of utility regulation, energy efficiency, rate design, electric vehicles, and long-range planning efforts by distribution utilities and bulk transmission companies. During the 1990s, Mr. Allen worked with staff in other New England states to help foster competitive market reforms that led to the formation of ISO-NE. Mr. Allen formerly served as Global Research Manager at the Regulatory Assistance Project, Senior Policy Advisor to the then Vermont Public Service Board and Planning Director at the Vermont Department of Public Service. Mr. Allen received an MA in Economics from the University of Virginia and a BA from the University of Florida.

**Dan Burgess**, Director

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Dan Burgess was appointed as the Director of the Maine Governor's Energy Office by Governor Mills in March of 2019. Prior to this, Burgess spent eight years working to advance clean energy and climate policy in the administrations of both current Republican Governor Charlie Baker and Democratic former Governor Deval Patrick as Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Staff at the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources and prior to that as Acting Commissioner. He also served as the Legislative Director for Energy for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and has worked in the private sector in the aerospace and software industries.

Burgess has a business degree from the University of Maine Orono as well as a master's degree in Public Administration from Northeastern University.

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Carrie A. Gill is Chief, Program Development for the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, primarily focusing on statewide systems-level integration in order to advance state policy goals. Dr. Gill works closely with all electric and natural gas utilities in Rhode Island, collaborates across agencies, and engages stakeholders around focus areas of distribution system planning, grid modernization, non-wires solutions, energy efficiency, program evaluation, and climate resilience.

Dr. Gill has over a decade of experience in energy and environmental fields, including academic, government, and industry experience. Dr. Gill has a doctorate in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, a Masters in Business Administration, and a Masters in Oceanography from University of Rhode Island, and a Bachelors in Physics and Mathematics from Loyola College.

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Vicki Hackett is the Deputy Commissioner of Energy at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). She was appointed to this position in August, 2019.

As Deputy Commissioner, Vicki is leading DEEP's Energy Branch as Connecticut transitions to a zero carbon electric grid. Her responsibilities include developing Connecticut's Integrated Resources Plan and Comprehensive Energy Strategy, overseeing procurements of clean energy resources, and developing policies and programs in the areas of energy affordability, energy efficiency, and strategic electrification of the transportation and housing sectors to help Connecticut achieve its greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Vicki has developed broad ranging experience in energy and environmental policy and utility regulation in the state of Connecticut since 2006. She previously served as Chief of Staff, Operations, and Performance at DEEP, where she worked on issues involving energy, environmental quality and environmental conservation.

As the Director of Adjudications at the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, Vicki oversaw the legal work of the agency and acted as general counsel to the Commissioners on matters including utility rate cases, mergers and acquisitions, regional and federal matters, and grid modernization.

As an attorney at the CT Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), Vicki gained significant experience in utility finance and rate design, integrated resources planning, energy efficiency policy and program review, utility infrastructure planning, and consumer issues related to retail electric supply. Vicki was a litigation attorney in private practice for four years prior to joining the OCC.

Vicki earned her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and her B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology from Western Connecticut State University.

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Eric is Director of External Affairs for ISO New England, the operator of the region's electric grid. He is responsible for managing the ISO's outreach to government officials in the six New England states. He works with state and federal policymakers and regulators to educate them on ISO initiatives related to regional

system planning and wholesale electricity markets. He also oversees communications with government officials during power system emergencies. He has appeared before legislative committees, public utility commissions, environmental agencies and siting boards to speak on a wide range of electricity issues. He also serves as president the Connecticut Power and Energy Society.

When he is not at work, Eric is volunteering with his two daughters' field hockey and marching band competitions. He lives in Enfield, Connecticut.

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Matthew Mailloux serves as the Energy Advisor to Governor Sununu in the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives. At OSI, Matthew is responsible for legislative affairs and policy, including recent reports and presentations on electric vehicles, offshore wind, and the biomass industry. Matthew sits on the state's EV Charging Infrastructure Commission and was appointed by Governor Sununu as the federal liaison to BOEM for the State's Offshore Renewable Energy Task Force.

A graduate of La Salle University in Philadelphia, Matthew studied finance, marketing, and economics. While still at La Salle, Matthew helped launch and lead the American Conservation Coalition, a student led nonprofit focused on free market environmentalism and clean energy policy. Outside of work, Matthew is an avid hiker and skier.

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Patrick Woodcock was named DOER Commissioner in February 2020. Formerly, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' Undersecretary of Energy, Commissioner Woodcock was named Acting Commissioner in December 2019 and served in this role until his current appointment.

Woodcock joined the Baker-Polito Administration in 2017 and served as the Undersecretary of Energy in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for over two years. In that position, Woodcock oversaw the Department of Energy Resources and the Department of Public Utilities. Woodcock serves on the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Board and Investment Committee, represents Massachusetts on the Boards of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Inc. and National Association of State Energy Officials, and is a member of the Energy Facilities Siting Board.

Prior to his time in the administration, Woodcock was Director of the Maine State Energy Office, a position he held from 2013 through 2016. Previously, Woodcock worked for United States Senator Olympia Snowe in her Washington, D.C. office. Woodcock graduated from Bowdoin College and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government.