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**Marc Bergeron**  
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Vice President, Sustainability and  
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## AGENDA

9:00 a.m.

### Welcome

- Marc Bergeron, Conference Co-Chair and Moderator  
Chair, EBC Energy Resources Committee  
Principal, Epsilon Associates, Inc.

### Remarks from the Platinum Sponsor – Epsilon Associates, Inc.

- Marc Bergeron, Principal, Epsilon Associates, Inc.

### Remarks from the Platinum Sponsor – National Grid

- Joseph Callanan, Director, US Environmental Sustainability and Reporting  
National Grid

### Introduction and Program Overview: What you will learn

- Catherine Finneran, Conference Co-Chair and Moderator  
Vice President, Sustainability and Environmental Affairs  
Eversource Energy

9:20 a.m.

### ISO New England



Eric D. Johnson, Director  
External Affairs  
ISO New England

9:40 a.m.

### Rhode Island



Carrie A. Gill, Ph.D., Administrator  
Grid Modernization and Systems Integration  
Office of Energy Resources  
State of Rhode Island

10:00 a.m. Connecticut



Michael Li, Chief  
Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy  
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
State of Connecticut

10:20 a.m. Networking Opportunity

10:40 a.m. Break

10:50 a.m. Maine



Dan Burgess, Director  
Governor's Energy Office  
State of Maine

11:10 a.m. Massachusetts



Patrick Woodcock, Commissioner  
Department of Energy Resources  
Executive Energy & Environmental Affairs  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion

**Panel Co-Moderators:**

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

**Panelists:**

- Dan Burgess, Maine
- Carrie Gill, Rhode Island
- Eric Johnson, ISO New England
- Michael Li, Connecticut
- Patrick Woodcock, Massachusetts

12:30 p.m. Adjourn – Closing Remarks

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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).

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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.

## SPEAKERS

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Dan Burgess was appointed as the Director of the Maine Governor's Energy Office by Governor Janet Mills in March of 2019. Prior to his return to his home state of Maine, Burgess spent eight years working in leadership roles at the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources and the Executive Office of

Energy and Environmental Affairs. Burgess has a business degree from the University of Maine and a Master's in Public Administration from Northeastern University.

**Carrie A. Gill**, Ph.D., Administrator, Grid Modernization and Systems Integration  
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Carrie A. Gill is Administrator, Grid Modernization and Systems Integration for the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, primarily focusing readying the state's energy systems to meet decarbonization goals and public policy objectives. Dr. Gill works closely with 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, distributed energy resources, thermal and transportation decarbonization, 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 and master's degrees in Business Administration and Oceanography from University of Rhode Island, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Mathematics from Loyola College.

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Michael is the bureau chief for energy and technology policy at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The energy bureau leads the state's work in energy efficiency, transportation and building decarbonization, integrated resource planning, wholesale market design, offshore wind development, among other areas. He previously served as a senior policy advisor and the acting chief of staff for energy efficiency in the Office Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Michael has also worked in the Office of Electricity and the Secretary's Office at DOE.

Prior to joining DOE, Michael worked at the British Embassy on climate change negotiations in the run up to the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. Before that, Michael was the chief of staff for the Maryland Energy Administration. He also worked in other state agencies, including the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Governor's Office of Smart Growth.

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Eric is Director of External Affairs for ISO New England, the operator of the region's electric grid. He leads a team of government affairs professionals that coordinates 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 leads communications and training exercises to keep government officials informed 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 serves on the board of directors of the Connecticut Power and Energy Society, and is the organization's immediate past president.

When he is not at work, Eric enjoys hiking with his family and their dog, Leo, and serving as a volunteer firefighter with the Hazardville Fire Department in Enfield, Connecticut.

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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.