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Solar Energy Development - A Status Report for the New England Region**

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AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome:** Marc Bergeron, Chair, EBC Energy Resources Committee
Principal, Epsilon Associates, Inc.
- Program Introduction:** Adam Braillard, Program Co-Chair
Attorney, Prince Lobel Tye LLP
- 9:15 a.m. **Solar and the Grid**
- Brad Marszalkowski, Senior Engineer, ISO-New England
- 9:35 a.m. **Overall State of Solar in New England**
- Jeremy McDiarmid, Vice President Policy and Government Affairs
Northeast Clean Energy Council

9:55 a.m. **Solar in New England – Developer’s Perspective**
 • Kelly Friend, Vice President, Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Nexamp

10:15 a.m. **Break / Networking Opportunity**

10:45 a.m. **State of Solar Development in Massachusetts**
 • Eric Steltzer, Director of the Renewables and Alternative Energy Division
 Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

11:05 a.m. **State of Solar Development in Maine**
 • Celina Cunningham, Deputy Director, Maine Governor’s Energy Office

11:30 a.m. **Moderated Discussion**

Moderator: Stephen Barrett, Program Co-Chair; Barrett Energy Resources Group

Panel Members:

- Celina Cunningham, Maine Governor’s Energy Office
- Kelly Friend, Nexamp, Inc.
- Jeremy McDiarmid, Northeast Clean Energy Council
- Eric Steltzer, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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Steve is Principal of Barrett Energy Resource Group and a LEED Accredited Professional. He has over 25 years of experience in environmental policy and regulation. His professional career includes work for international, federal and state agencies, municipalities, and private consulting firms. For the past 15 years, he has focused on renewable energy and sustainable development. Steve is currently developing solar projects in Maine, licensing a tidal energy test site in the Cape Cod Canal, and preparing a solar feasibility study for a regional airport in Wyoming. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Environmental Business Council of New England and is the former chair of the Energy Committee. Steve is also President of the Board of Directors for the Marine Renewable Energy Collaborative of New England. He holds a BA in International Policy from Union College and an MA in Environmental Policy and Science from the University of Virginia.

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Celina Cunningham serves as the Deputy Director of the Governor's Energy Office in Maine. Before joining the State of Maine, Celina most recently was Vice President/Chief of Staff at the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), where she worked on overarching strategies and policies. Before joining SEIA, Celina spent a decade in public service at the federal level handling energy and environmental issues, including at the U.S. Department of the Interior and as staff at the U.S. House of Representatives. Celina holds a BA from the Colorado College.

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Prior to joining Nexamp, Kelly spent two years as a member of GE's Government Affairs and Policy team in Washington D.C., managing global government affairs for GE Hitachi and coordinating regulatory engagement and advocacy for GE's four electricity businesses.

Before GE, Kelly worked for Keller and Heckman in Washington D.C. as an associate in the firm's chemical control, pesticides, and workplace safety practice groups. At Keller & Heckman, she assisted companies in navigating the complex set of environmental and health and safety regulations that govern the manufacture, sale, and use of chemicals.

Kelly holds a law degree from George Mason University School of Law, a master's degree in political science from Suffolk University, and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of New Hampshire. She lives in Massachusetts with her husband, their two sons, and their two pups.

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