



# WIRES Fall Meeting 2020

OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2020, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET

VIRTUAL

## AGENDA

9:00 - 10:00 AM

### PANEL 1 – INTEGRATION OF RENEWABLES AND IMPACT ON TRANSMISSION

#### MODERATOR

**Jasmin Melvin**, Editor-Inside FERC, S&P Global Platts

#### PANELISTS

**Hon. Joseph T. Kelliher**, Former Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Former Executive Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs for NextEra Energy, Inc.

**Rob Gramlich**, Executive Director, Americans for a Clean Energy Grid

**Antoine Lucas**, Vice President of Engineering, Southwest Power Pool

10:00 - 11:00 AM

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Hon. Joe Manchin (D)**, US Senator, State of West Virginia, Ranking Member Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

11:00 - 12:00 PM

### PANEL 2 – RESILIENCE AND THE GRID

#### MODERATOR

**Cristin Lyons**, Partner and Energy Practice Leader, ScottMadden, Inc.

#### PANELISTS

**Daniel J. Rogier**, Chief Executive Officer, Grid Assurance

**Charles Kosak**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, US Department of Energy

**Hon. Richard Mroz**, Former President of NJBPU and Senior Advisor, Protect Our Power



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## PRESENTERS

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Hon. Joe Manchin (D)**

**US Senator, State of West Virginia, Ranking Member Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee**

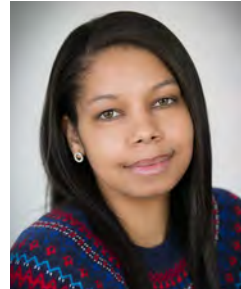
U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) was sworn into the United States Senate on November 15, 2010 to fill the seat left vacant by the late Senator Robert C. Byrd. For Senator Manchin, serving as West Virginia's Senator is truly an honor and a privilege.

From his days as a state legislator to his six years as Governor to his current role, Senator Manchin has always been committed to his philosophy of "retail government" — in other words, connecting with all of his constituents and making service to them his top priority.

Senator Manchin is strongly committed to developing a balanced national energy plan that utilizes all of our resources and recognizes that fossil fuels will be a vital part of our energy mix for decades to come. He believes that a balanced, commonsense approach that considers the needs of our environment and the demands of our economy, can and must be developed if we are to achieve energy independence within this generation.

Senator Manchin currently serves as the ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and also serves on the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Armed Services, and the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs - four critical committees that tackle the important work of addressing our nation's energy needs, overseeing discretionary spending, standing up for our veterans, and defending our nation.

### PANEL 1 – INTEGRATION OF RENEWABLES AND IMPACT ON TRANSMISSION



**MODERATOR**

**Jasmin Melvin**

**Editor-Inside FERC, S&P Global Platts**

As a member of S&P Global Platts' DC regulatory team, Ms. Melvin writes for the

*Inside FERC* and *Megawatt Daily* publications. She provides in-depth coverage and analysis of regulatory, legislative, and judicial actions impacting the power and natural gas sectors. Her focus has been on federal energy policy, particularly concerning the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and market and regulatory actions impacting electric utilities. In her 12 years as a reporter in Washington, she has also covered the nuclear power beat at Platts, as well as technology, telecom, and media policy for Reuters. In her spare time, she runs a small book publishing company.



**PANELIST**

**Hon. Joseph T. Kelliher**

**Former Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Former Executive Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs for NextEra Energy, Inc.**

Mr. Kelliher was responsible for developing and executing FERC regulatory strategy for NextEra and its principal subsidiaries, NextEra Energy Resources and Florida Power & Light Company, from 2009 to 2020. NextEra is the largest electricity company in the U.S., one of the few national electricity companies, operating in every region and every organized market, and the most complex company regulated by FERC, with multiple business lines subject to FERC regulation.



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Previously, Mr. Kelliher served as chairman of the FERC from 2005 to 2009. A hallmark of his chairmanship was efficient implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the largest expansion in FERC regulatory authority since the 1930s. This law gave FERC a new mission to assure reliability of the interstate power grid, granted the agency strong enforcement authority for the first time and expanded FERC powers in other areas. Chairman Kelliher pursued a series of reforms to promote competitive wholesale power and natural gas markets, improve FERC economic regulation and strengthen the U.S. energy infrastructure.

Mr. Kelliher has spent his entire professional career working on energy policy matters, serving in a variety of roles in both the public and private sectors. These include senior policy advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Energy, majority counsel to the U.S. House Commerce Committee and positions with private corporations, trade associations and law firms.

Mr. Kelliher earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, and a Juris Doctor degree, magna cum laude, from The American University Washington College of Law.



## PANELIST

### Rob Gramlich

#### Executive Director, Americans for a Clean Energy Grid

Rob Gramlich is Founder and President of Grid Strategies LLC where he provides economic policy analysis for clients on transmission and power markets. He serves as Executive Director of Americans for a Clean Energy Grid, Executive Director of the WATT Coalition, on the board of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy Foundation, on the Advisory Council for the Energy Systems Integration Group, on the Advisory Board of the National Regulatory Research Institute's Regulatory Training Institute, and on the DOE "Beyond LCOE" External Advisory Board.

Mr. Gramlich previously served as Senior Vice President for Government and Public Affairs, Interim CEO, and Policy Director of American Wind Energy Association, Economic Advisor to FERC Chairman Pat Wood III, and Senior Economist at PJM Interconnection.

Mr. Gramlich has a Master of Public Policy degree from UC Berkeley and a BA with Honors in Economics from Colby College.



## PANELIST

### Antoine Lucas

#### Vice President of Engineering, Southwest Power Pool

As vice president of engineering, Mr. Lucas is responsible for the ongoing development of SPP's transmission expansion plan, tracking development of approved expansion projects, administration of generator interconnection processes, performance of engineering studies and engineering support of SPP's real-time operations functions.

Mr. Lucas formerly was SPP's director of system planning. Prior to joining SPP, he worked in real-time system operations for Entergy Services, Inc. in roles as an engineer and system operator. Mr. Lucas earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Louisiana Tech University.



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### MODERATOR

**Cristin Lyons**

**Partner and Energy Practice Leader, ScottMadden, Inc.**

Cristin Lyons is a partner with ScottMadden and leads the firm's energy practice. Since joining the firm in 1999, Ms. Lyons has consulted with myriad clients on issues ranging from process and organizational redesign to merger integration to project and program management. She led the firm's grid transformation practice for three years before becoming the energy practice lead. She is a frequent speaker and panelist at conferences across the country. Ms. Lyons earned a B.A. in political science and Spanish from Gettysburg College and an M.B.A. from the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University. She is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.



### PANELIST

**Daniel J. Rogier**

**Chief Executive Officer, Grid Assurance**

Mr. Rogier is responsible for running all facets of Grid Assurance, the company that provides the transmission industry with a proactive, cost-effective solution to expedite restoration following high-impact events on the grid via pooling critical long lead-time assets.

Mr. Rogier has extensive utility leadership experience gained over his 40-year career with American Electric Power during which he held numerous leadership positions in Transmission, Generation, Customer Services, Distribution, and Information Technology. He was most recently Vice President, Transmission Asset & Policy for AEP and has held senior transmission leadership roles responsible for state, federal

and RTO policy development, financial management, project siting, competitive project development and field services. Mr. Rogier has also served on the board of Grid Assurance and WIRES and the EEI Energy Delivery Executive Advisory Committee. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University and a master's degree in Business Administration from The Ohio State University.



### PANELIST

**Charles Kosak**

**Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, US Department of Energy**

Mr. Kosak is responsible for leading the Department's technical assistance efforts for state, local, territorial, and tribal jurisdictions to facilitate the development of resilient and reliable electricity infrastructure. He has 30 years of experience as a strategist, policy maker, planner, and risk manager. Prior to joining DOE, Mr. Kosak was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Defense Continuity & Mission Assurance, where he worked to develop plans to ensure that the Department of Defense can continue to execute core functions, even in the face of military and natural hazard threats to installations and infrastructure.

Previously, Mr. Kosak served in several roles in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy: serving as Principal Director of the Office of Partnership Strategy, Principal Director of the Office of African Affairs, and Deputy Director of the Office of NATO Policy. Mr. Kosak has won numerous DoD awards for his service, including twice winning the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service. He holds a master's degree from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland (International Politics and Economics), a Master of Science from the National War College in Washington DC (National Security Studies), and a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (Economics and Political Science).



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**Hon. Richard Mroz**

**Former President of  
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Mr. Mroz is Managing Director of Resolute Strategies, LLC and Senior Director of Archer Public Affairs in Trenton, NJ. He advises clients in the energy, utilities, infrastructure, and financial industries. He has a long and distinguished career in law, government, and public service. He is also Senior Adviser to Protect Our Power a national non-industry, non-profit advocacy organization supporting best practices and investments in cybersecurity and resilience measures for the energy, utility, and critical infrastructure industries.

Mr. Mroz is the immediate past President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) serving as Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer of the agency and functioned as the Chief Energy Officer for New Jersey. He was President of the NJBPU from October 2014 until January 2018 and remained as a Commissioner until April 2018.

He was Chairman of the Critical Infrastructure Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. He led efforts addressing cybersecurity protection, workforce development, and infrastructure improvements in the electric, gas, water, and telecommunications industries. He was also the NARUC liaison to the Electric Sector Coordinating Council and served as President of the Organization of PJM States, Inc.

In July 2018 Mr. Mroz was appointed by Energy Secretary Rick Perry, and in 2020 reappointed by Energy Secretary Brouillette, as a member of the USDOE Electric Advisory Committee, which provides advice to the Department programs and priorities on issues of the evolving grid, distributed energy resources, and reliability of the electric system.

Mr. Mroz has over many years been engaged in the private practice of law, represented clients as a registered lobbyist, and advised clients in numerous industries as an independent consultant. He is a graduate of the University of Delaware and holds a J.D. from the Villanova School of Law.