WIRES 20th Anniversary Fall Member Meeting

November 4-5, 2026
Washington, D.C. at the Hyatt Regency Washington On Capitol Hill

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:00 - 9:00 pm — **Cocktail Reception, Dinner & Award Presentation**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00 - 9:00 am — **Breakfast**

9:00 - 10:00 am — **Keynote Address**

Honorable Laura V. Swett, FERC Chairman

10:00 - 11:00 am — **Panel 1 – Meeting the Moment: A Conversation with RTO Leaders**

Panelists

John R. Bear, President & CEO, MISO
Rich Dewey, President & CEO, NYISO
Stu Bresler, COO, PJM Interconnection

Moderator

Stuart Nachmias, Former President & CEO, Con Edison Transmission

11:00 - 11:15 am — **Coffee Break**

11:15 - 12:15 pm — **Panel 2 – T he Evolution of Transmission Policy: Perspectives from Former FERC Chairs**

Panelists

Rich Glick, Principal at GQS Energy Strategies, Former FERC Chair
Cheryl LaFleur, Chair, Board of Directors, ISO New England, Former FERC Chair
Joseph T. Kelliher, Principal at Three Acorns, Former FERC Chair

Moderator

Larry Gasteiger, Executive Director, WIRES

12:30 - 2:00 pm — **Lunch**

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PRESENTERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Honorable Laura V. Swett

FERC Chairman

The Honorable Laura V. Swett was nominated by President Trump on June 2, 2025, and confirmed by the Senate on October 7, 2025, to serve on the Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2030. President Trump designated her as Chairman of the Commission on October 23, 2025.

Chairman Swett has litigated FERC law for the past 15 years, which has included representation of generating utilities, transmission owners, and natural gas and liquids pipelines, most recently at Vinson & Elkins. Additionally, she previously served at FERC, advising a former Chairman and Commissioner, and as a lead attorney in FERC's Office of Enforcement.

Chairman Swett holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia and a Juris Doctor, with honors, from Georgetown University Law Center.

PANEL 1 – MEETING THE MOMENT: A CONVERSATION WITH RTO LEADERS

Panelist

John R. Bear

President and Chief Executive Officer, MISO

John Bear joined MISO in 2004 and has more than 30 years of executive leadership in the utility industry. As CEO, he leads MISO's continuous efforts to work collaboratively with its members to reliably deliver low-cost energy through efficient and innovative operations and planning.

Prior to his current position, Bear was MISO's President and COO, overseeing the initial design, implementation and daily operation of MISO's energy markets and transmission system planning.

Previously, John was President of Houston-based Reliant Resources as well as serving as Managing Director of Reliant's European Operations.

John recently served as President and Vice President of GO15, the world's largest power market and grid operators. The GO15 shares knowledge on key issues representing more than 75% of the world's electricity demand on six continents.

He serves as Board Chairman of Energy Systems Network (ESN),and serves on the board of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), a non-profit which focuses on energy and environmental research. John is also a member of the Governance Board of the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Indiana Fire Academy Soccer Club.

He has served on the President's Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee, is a former Board member of the NERC regional entity Reliability First, and

a founding board member of the Amsterdam Power Exchange (APX).

John graduated from Southern Methodist University with a Master of Business Administration degree and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He attended the INSEAD Advanced Management Program for Senior Executives.

Panelist

Richard J. Dewy

President and Chief Executive Officer, NYISO

Richard J. Dewey joined the NYISO in 2000 and prior to his role as President and CEO, held several pivotal executive roles in Product and Project Management, Strategic Software Development and Quality Assurance. Previously, he spent several years in IT and Network Services for Husky Injection Molding Systems and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.

Rich earned a B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Clarkson University, a M.S. in Computer Engineering from Syracuse University, and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's General Management Program.

Panelist

Frederick S. "Stu" Bresler

Chief Operating Officer, PJM Interconnection

Frederick S. "Stu" Bresler is responsible for all aspects of PJM's market functions. His responsibilities cover markets operated by PJM, including those for capacity, day-ahead and real-time energy, ancillary services, financial transmission rights and demand response operations. Stu is responsible for the continued evolution of PJM's markets, including the integration of renewable resources and the development of analytics around the performance of those markets. An employee of PJM since 1994, Stu previously held other leadership and management positions within the Markets Division, as well as engineering positions in the Operations Division.

Stu is chair of the board of PJM Connext Inc., a PJM subsidiary. He is also chair of the board of APEx (the Association of Power Exchanges), an international organization of electricity and gas market operators, and a member of the board of directors of the North American Energy Standards Board.

Bresler earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and a master of management in business administration from Pennsylvania State University. He is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Pennsylvania.

Moderator

Stuart Nachmias

Former President & CEO, Con Edison Transmission

Stuart Nachmias has spent more than three decades in the electric utility industry, beginning his career at Con Edison in 1988. He served in a range of roles spanning corporate planning, forecasting, customer operations and energy policy before becoming Vice President of Energy Policy and Regulatory Affairs. In that role, he worked extensively on federal and state energy policy and regulatory matters, including New York's Reforming the Energy Vision initiative, and represented Con Edison before regulators, NYISO and other regional organizations.

Stu became President and CEO of Con Edison Transmission in 2020, leading the company's wholesale transmission business and its development of transmission projects across the MISO, PJM, New York and New England regions. He also serves as chair of New York Transco.

He holds an MBA in finance from Baruch College and a bachelor's degree in economics and psychology from Binghamton University.

PANEL 2 – THE EVOLUTION OF TRANSMISSION POLICY: PERSPECTIVES FROM FORMER FERC CHAIRS

Panelist

Rich Glick

Principal, GQS Energy, Former FERC Chair

Rich is former Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). He has deep ties in Washington, DC as well as across the industry where he is well known for his in-depth insights and leadership on the clean energy transition.

As Chairman, Rich initiated a number of key initiatives, including proposals to reform the planning and cost allocation process for electric transmission; expedite and enhance the generator interconnection process; improve the operation of organized electric capacity markets; and protect the reliability of the electric grid against weather-related, cybersecurity, and physical attack threats.

Prior to serving at FERC, Rich was the General Counsel for the Democrats on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Prior to that, he was Vice President of Government Affairs for Iberdrola's renewable energy, natural gas storage, and electric and gas utility businesses in the United States. He ran the Company's Washington, D.C. office and was responsible for developing and implementing the U.S. businesses' federal legislative and regulatory policy advocacy strategies.

Rich previously was Director of Government Affairs for PPM Energy and he held the same position with PacifiCorp, a large western utility. He also served as a Senior Policy Advisor to U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, and before that was the Legislative Director and Chief Counsel to U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers, of Arkansas.

He is a graduate of George Washington University and Georgetown Law.

Panelist

Cheryl A. LaFleur

Chair, Board of Directors, ISO New England, Former FERC Chair

Cheryl A. LaFleur currently serves as the Chair of the Board of ISO New England, the not-for-profit organization that plans and operates the transmission grid and wholesale electricity markets for the New England region. She has served on the ISO New England board since 2019 and chaired the board since 2021.

Previously, Cheryl was one of the longest-serving commissioners on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), nominated by President Obama in 2010 and 2014 and serving until 2019. She served as Chairman from 2014-15 and as Acting Chairman from 2013-14 and during 2017. At FERC, Cheryl helped lead efforts to adapt the nation's transmission grid and wholesale markets to ongoing changes in the resource mix due to the growth of gas and renewables and to changing environmental and climate goals. She also played a leading role in FERC's efforts to ensure the reliability of the bulk electric system.

Prior to her government service, Cheryl had more than 20 years' experience as a leader in the electric and natural gas industry. She served as executive vice president and acting CEO of National Grid USA, and before that in a number of executive and legal positions at National Grid and its predecessor New England Electric System. She began her career as an attorney at Ropes & Gray in Boston. She has a J.D. from Harvard Law School and an A.B. from Princeton University.

Cheryl has served on numerous nonprofit boards and currently serves on the Trustee Advisory Board of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. She was previously a fellow and research scholar at the Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy from 2020 to 2026.

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Joseph T. Kelliher

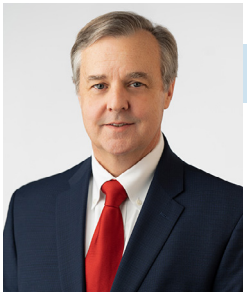
Principal, Three Acorns, Former FERC Chair

Joseph T. Kelliher was nominated by President George W. Bush to be a Member of the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2003 and unanimously reconfirmed in 2007.

Joe served as FERC Chairman and Commissioner for over 5 years between 2003 and 2009. During his FERC service, he cast nearly 7,000 votes on a wide range of matters relating to regulation of electricity, natural gas, hydropower, and oil pipelines.

As Chairman, Joe implemented the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), the most significant expansion in FERC regulatory power since the 1930s and reformed the agency's approach towards core economic regulation and infrastructure missions. Joe prevented market power exercise through adoption of an anti-manipulation rule, open access transmission service tariff reform and issuance of a market-based rate wholesale power rule. He assured grid reliability by establishing a FERC Office of Electric Reliability, certifying an electric reliability organization, and adopting mandatory reliability standards for the first time. He strengthened the power grid through transmission incentives policy, mandatory regional planning, and a siting rule, resulting in a doubling of grid investment.

From 2009 to 2020, Mr. Kelliher served as Executive Vice President-Federal Regulatory Affairs for NextEra Energy, Inc., the largest electricity, renewable energy, and natural gas company in North America, operating in every region of the U.S., every RTO market, and some Canadian provinces. In that capacity, he developed and executed FERC regulatory strategy for NextEra, the most complex company in the electricity sector, with multiple business lines, most of which are FERC-regulated.



Moderator

Larry Gasteiger

Executive Director, WIRES

Larry Gasteiger, Executive Director of WIRES, oversees the trade association's initiatives to advance investment in high voltage transmission. Gasteiger works with members to set and pursue WIRES' regulatory policy agenda and takes a leadership role in promoting the importance of a robust and resilient grid.

Previously, Larry was Chief of Federal Regulatory Policy at Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated (PSEG) where he focused on transmission and wholesale market policy issues.

Larry brings to WIRES deep federal regulatory experience, having spent nearly two decades at FERC. During his tenure from 1997-2016, he held many senior leadership roles that culminated in his position as Chief of Staff for Chairman Norman Bay. Additionally, he was the Acting Director of the Office of Enforcement after having served as Deputy Director from 2009-2014.

He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Dickinson School of Law.