

New and Emerging Technologies

AGENDA

8:30 am – 9:00 am **Registration, Networking & Breakfast**

9:00 am – 9:10 am **Opening Remarks**

- Ray Cantor - Deputy Chief Government Affairs Officer, New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA)

9:10 am – 9:40 am **Remarks from New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**

- Stacy Peterson - Deputy Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- Dr. Zenon Christodoulou - Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

9:40 am – 10:00 am **Renewable Natural Gas and Other Initiatives**

- Michael Renna - President & Chief Executive Officer, South Jersey Industries Inc.

10:00 am - 10:20 am **The Role of Gas Infrastructure in the Clean Energy Economy**

- Mark G. Kahrer - Senior Vice President – Regulatory Affairs, Marketing and Energy Efficiency, New Jersey Natural Gas

10:20 am - 10:40 am **Powering Progress: Putting Vision into Practice & Forging Ahead**

- Richard T. Thigpen - Senior Vice President – Corporate Citizenship, Public Service Enterprise Group Inc. (PSE&G)

10:40 am – 11:00 am **Markets, Competition, and Technology**

- Chris Moser - Executive Vice President, Head of Competitive Markets and Policy, NRG Energy

11:00 am – 11:30 am **Hydrogen's Role in Future Clean Energy Economies**

- Garrett Goldfinger - Project Director, Hydrogen Development, NextEra Energy Resources

11:30 am – 12:00 pm **Financing New Technologies and the Inflation Reduction Act**

- Frank T. Cannone - Chair, Gibbons P.C.
- John Geraghty - Managing Director in the Energy & Infrastructure Practice, Marshall & Stevens Incorporated
- Peter J. Ulrich - Director, Gibbons P.C.

AGENDA CONTINUED

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm **Lunch & Networking**

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm **Fusion: Is it the future? - Luncheon Keynote**

- Senator Andrew Zwicker (D-16) - Head of Strategic Partnerships and Public Engagement, Plasma Physics Laboratory, Princeton University

1:00 pm – 1:50 pm **Smart Grids, Storage, & Microgrids - Panel Discussion**

- Len Pisano - Partner, RevOne Smart Building Consultants
- Brian Tannenhaus, Owner, BD Engineering
- Adam Weinstein - Executive Sales Manager, sonnen, Inc.
- Adam Zellner - President, Greener by Design, LLC
- Jim Spano - Managing Partner, Spano Partners Holdings, LLC & Co-Founder Sol-REIT

1:50 pm – 2:05 pm **Afternoon Break & Networking**

2:05 pm – 2:25 pm **Next Generation Nuclear**

- Richard S. Mroz, Esq. - Founding Member & Managing Director of Resolute Strategies, LLC; Senior Director of Archer Public Affairs; and Advisor, Coalition for Clean Reactor Energy Solutions

2:25 pm – 2:55 pm **Wind - New Technologies Driving Productivity - Panel Discussion**

- Nathalie Jouanneau - JV Strategy & Portfolio Manager, Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind LLC
- Davon McCurry – Deputy Head of Government Affairs & Market Strategy, NJ, Ørsted North America
- Moderated by Erick Ford - President, New Jersey Energy Coalition

2:55 pm – 3:25 pm **Innovating Energy Solutions in a Net-Zero Future**

- Dr. Prasanna V. Joshi - Vice President, Low Carbon Solutions Technology, ExxonMobil Corporation

3:25 pm – 3:55 pm **Role of Connectivity in Decarbonization**

- Jessica Filante Farrington - Director, Global Environmental Sustainability, AT&T

3:55 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks / Adjourn**

- Ray Cantor - Deputy Chief Government Affairs Officer, New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA)

RAY CANTOR

Deputy Chief Government Affairs
Officer, New Jersey Business &
Industry Association (NJBIA)



Ray Cantor is Deputy Chief Government Affairs Officer of the New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA), the nation's largest state-level business association whose member companies collectively employ 1 million people.

Cantor, an attorney whose career has included high-level positions in the legislative and executive branches of government, a former assistant commissioner and, later, chief adviser to the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), leads NJBIA's advocacy efforts on environmental and energy matters affecting the business community.

At DEP, Cantor oversaw the offices of Legal Affairs, Dispute Resolution, and Economic Analysis in addition to advising the DEP commissioner on policy, legal, management, and economic matters. Cantor was also responsible for policy formulation related to all DEP regulations, including site remediation, NRD, air quality, water regulation, and land-use management.

A graduate of New York Law School, Cantor began his career working at the state's Office of Legislative Services as senior counsel in the Environment, Energy, & Natural Resources section. He later served as the Assistant Commissioner of Land Use Management & Compliance at DEP until 2002 and also worked as a project consultant for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Cantor's experience as a business lobbyist includes five years as director of Government Affairs for the Medical Society of New Jersey and then executive director of the New Jersey Apartment Association. He returned to the state DEP in 2010, where he served as chief advisor to DEP Commissioner Bob Martin for eight years.

STACY PETERSON

Deputy Executive Director, New
Jersey Board of Public Utilities
(NJBPU)



Ms. Peterson is currently the Deputy Executive Director at the BPU. Stacy graduated from Clemson University with a degree in accounting and has worked for the BPU since 2003.

Stacy was previously the Director of the Energy Division of the Board and has been involved in a wide range of matters including rate cases, mergers, and energy efficiency policy. In her current position, Stacy's role has been expanded to include oversight of the activities of the Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications and the Divisions of Audits, Clean Energy, Energy, Reliability and Security, State Energy Services and Water

DR. ZENON CHRISTODOULOU

Commissioner, New Jersey Board
of Public Utilities (NJBPU)



Dr. Zenon Christodoulou was nominated to the Board of Public Utilities by Governor Murphy and confirmed by the NJ Senate in August 2022.

Commissioner Christodoulou has a long and distinguished career in business, academia, culture and politics. He has been a management consultant in various industries and has owned successful businesses in print manufacturing, graphic design, the restaurant industry, and the media sector. Additionally, he has taught as an adjunct professor at William Paterson University, educating undergraduate and graduate business students in areas as diverse as organizational behavior, innovation, economics, and strategy development. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees at Raritan Valley College.

In addition to his work in business and industry, Commissioner Christodoulou is actively involved with the Greek-American community. He is Founding Chair of the NJ Hellenic-American Heritage Commission and global chair of AHEPA's Hellenic and Cypriot Affairs Committee. He also served as President and CEO of the Greek-American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey.

Dr. Christodoulou has been a voice for policy and politics in national, New Jersey and county government, having served as the Somerset County Democratic Vice-Chairman since 2006.

Commissioner Christodoulou earned his doctoral degree from the Pace University Lubin School of Business in Management Science, his MBA from Fordham University in International Finance and Management, and his BA from Rutgers College in Economics and Philosophy. He also sits on the board of many cultural and philanthropic organizations within the state and nation.

Dr. Christodoulou lives in Somerset County with his wife and three children

MIKE RENNA

President & Chief Executive
Officer, South Jersey Industries
Inc. (SJI)



As the president and chief executive officer of South Jersey Industries (SJI), Mike Renna leads one of New Jersey's most prominent energy infrastructure companies.

Mr. Renna joined SJI in 1998 and through his hard work and commitment to success, he advanced through a number of managerial and professional positions. Prior to his leadership role at SJI, Mr. Renna held the titles of president of South Jersey Energy Solutions and South Jersey Energy, the region's largest energy marketer. He was appointed to the South Jersey Energy Solutions executive committee in November 2012 and to the SJI Board of Directors in 2014. In 2015, Mr. Renna was named to his current position as president and chief executive officer of SJI.

Under his leadership, SJI has strengthened its focus on supporting the state's vision of a clean energy future while continuing to uphold the company's longstanding commitment to delivering safe, reliable, affordable clean energy to over 700,000 natural gas customers via SJI Utilities (SJIU). In 2021, SJI took significant strides to fulfill the goals outlined in its comprehensive sustainability plan, including the development of a portfolio of innovative renewable energy projects through its growing non-utility subsidiary, SJI Energy Enterprises (SJIEE). Mr. Renna and SJI are at the forefront of this transformation, delivering clean energy solutions for a better today and tomorrow.

An alumnus of the University of Delaware, where he earned his undergraduate degree in finance, Mr. Renna also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Cornell University. He serves on various boards of directors including the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and Choose New Jersey. Additionally, Mr. Renna sits on the board of trustees for The Hun School of Princeton. He is also a member of the steering committee for the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University, participates in the University of Delaware's Student Mentoring Program and is a member of the Jefferson Health New Jersey Business Council.

MARK G. KAHRER

Senior Vice President – Regulatory
Affairs, Marketing and Energy
Efficiency, New Jersey Natural
Gas (NJNG)



Mr. Kahrer joined NJNG in 2017 as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and was promoted to his current role in 2020. Prior to joining NJNG, he spent 34 years with Newark, NJ-based Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) and its parent, Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG).

Throughout his tenure with PSEG, he served in numerous capacities, including Vice President of Finance for PSE&G and PSEG Power, Assistant Treasurer and Senior Director – Business Performance and Improvement for PSE&G and PSEG Long Island. Mr. Kahrer was instrumental in starting up PSEG's corporate risk management function, lean six sigma efforts and was instrumental in the development of the performance metric program at PSEG Long Island.

Mr. Kahrer received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Saint Peter's College and a Master of Business Administration in finance from Seton Hall University. He is a certified public accountant, and a member of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is the current Chairman of the New Jersey Utilities Association Board of Directors and a member of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Energy Coalition.

Mr. Kahrer was also a former member of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of Saint Peter's University where he also served as the former Chairman of the Board of Regents and former President of the Alumni Association.

RICHARD T. THIGPEN

Senior Vice President – Corporate
Citizenship, Public Service
Enterprise Group Inc. (PSE&G)



Richard T. Thigpen was named senior vice president for Corporate Citizenship in July 2018. Mr. Thigpen also is chair of the PSEG Foundation. He is responsible for areas of the business that drive public policy through advocacy, including federal, state and local government affairs, sustainability, charitable activities and corporate social responsibility. Mr. Thigpen is a member of PSEG's Senior Executive Team.

Mr. Thigpen joined PSEG in March 2007 as vice president for State Governmental Affairs, PSEG Services Corp. He has been a public affairs consultant since 1999 and was a co-founding partner of 1868 Public Affairs, which provides lobbying, strategic planning, public relations and government relations services to clients in New Jersey, New York and Washington, D.C.

Previously, Mr. Thigpen was an associate at the New York law firm of Thacher Proffitt and Wood in the mortgage-backed securities practice group (1988 to 1990), district director for U.S. Rep. Donald Payne (NJ-10) (1990 to 1996) and executive director of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee (1996 to 1999). He has served as a political analyst for New Jersey Network and as an academic associate for PublicMind, Fairleigh Dickinson University Polling and Survey Research Institute. Mr. Thigpen was a former assistant to the president of the NAACP State Conference for Public Affairs. Currently, he is a member of the boards of the Regional Plan Association, New Jersey Climate Change Alliance, New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, Public Media NJ Inc. (NJ PBS), Brown University Alumni Association, New Jersey Business & Industry Association, Alliance to Save Energy, and the Donald M. Payne Global Foundation. He is also chair of the American Association of Blacks in Energy national board.

Mr. Thigpen holds a Doctor of Law degree from Columbia University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Brown University.

CHRIS MOSER

Executive Vice President, Head of
Competitive Markets and Policy,
NRG Energy



Chris Moser, Executive Vice President, Head of Competitive Markets and Policy, leads the regulatory and government affairs teams at NRG. In this newly created position, he is responsible for advancing and protecting competitive energy markets while developing NRG's advocacy strategy and defending the company's interests both at the state and federal levels. Prior to this role, Chris served for six years as Executive Vice President, Market and Plant Operations, where he oversaw both the operation of the company's generation fleet and the commodity trading activity.

Before joining NRG in April of 2008, Chris held positions of increasing responsibility in various regions at Dynegy Inc., most recently as Managing Director, Midwest. There, his responsibilities included the monetization of Dynegy's MISO and PJM portfolios. Before Dynegy, Chris held a range of positions in Washington, DC for organizations including the Sawyer/Miller Group, the World Bank, and the Safe Energy Communications Council. Chris has a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College.

GARRETT GOLDFINGER

Project Manager, Nextera Energy
Resources



Garrett Goldfinger leads hydrogen project development for NextEra Energy. NextEra is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun, and the world's largest electric utility by market cap. Before joining NextEra, Garrett spent over a decade advising clients on multi-billion dollar capital projects including power generation from alternative fuels, LNG infrastructure, and advanced nuclear technologies.

FRANK T. CANNONE

Chair of the Corporate Group and
a member of the Executive
Committee, Gibbons P.C.



Frank Cannone is the Chair of the Corporate Group and a member of the Executive Committee at Gibbons P.C. Mr. Cannone's practice is focused on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, early-stage and emerging growth, and corporate and securities law. He has extensive experience representing clients in connection with public and private capital raising, private equity, venture capital, mergers and acquisitions (in middle market transactions), public-private-partnerships (P3)/government transactions, alternative energy finance, corporate healthcare, venture capital transactions, and cross border transactions.

Under Mr. Cannone's leadership, the Gibbons Corporate Group has become known for its complex and sophisticated transactions and strong capital markets- based approach to corporate practice, which makes it unique among New Jersey headquartered firms. As a result, the Gibbons Corporate Group in 2013 earned positions on the DOW JONES Private Equity Analyst lists of "Most Active Law Firms" in the nation in private equity transactions for the sixth year in a row. In addition, the National Law Journal placed Gibbons on its prestigious "Midsize Hot List" of just 20 leading mid-sized law firms in the United States, due in part to the Corporate Group's experience in handling "major transactions for midmarket companies and middle market deals for major companies." The Corporate Group has also been ranked and recognized by Chambers USA as a leading force in the corporate arena. For his accomplishments transforming the group into one of the region's top corporate practices and expanding its services and value-added offerings, Mr. Cannone was inducted in 2021 into the Seton Hall Stillman School of Business Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship's Hall of Fame, which honors the most successful innovators and change-makers from the broader Seton Hall community.

Of particular note, following the passage of the historic New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Restructuring Act, which mandated the re-allocation of New Jersey medical educational institutions and facilities among several existing New Jersey institutions of higher education, Gibbons served as a key player in connection with the implementation of the Restructuring Act in 2013. Mr. Cannone and his team served as lead counsel to Rowan University, which, under the Restructuring Act, was allocated the School of Osteopathic Medicine (among other assets), divested from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The divestiture is viewed as one of the largest and most complex higher education mergers in United States history and was recognized by The Bond Buyer for its prestigious and nationally recognized Health Care Deal of the Year for 2013.

JOHN GERAGHTY

Managing Director in the Energy & Infrastructure Practice, Marshall & Stevens Incorporated



John Geraghty is a Managing Director in the Energy & Infrastructure Practice at Marshall & Stevens Incorporated. Mr. Geraghty is responsible for the Northeast and West Region practices within E&I. He leads the solar energy project valuation efforts for E&I.

Mr. Geraghty joined Marshall & Stevens as a Director in 2018 and was promoted to Managing Director in 2020. Clients include independent project sponsors, infrastructure funds, utilities, and bulge bracket investors. Projects valued span from residential, commercial and industrial, distributed generation, community, and utility scale.

Mr. Geraghty has over 40 years of professional experience in the structured finance industry. He started his career at AT&T Finance where he executed his first solar project financing, SEGS VIII, in 1989. At the time, SEGS VIII was the largest solar electric generation system constructed to date. Other successful financings included projects in steel manufacturing, recycled pulp, automotive assembly lines, natural gas, and telecommunications terrestrial and intercontinental submarine fiber optic networks.

Prior to joining Marshall & Stevens, he led project development teams at Vanguard Energy Partners and Strata Solar. His hands on financing and project development experience are valuable resources to our clients.

Mr. Geraghty holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Northeastern University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Montclair State University in New Jersey. He has been a presenter at multiple renewable energy conferences.

PETER J. ULRICH

Director, Gibbons P.C.



Mr. Ulrich's experience is in U.S. income taxation of corporations and individuals, including structuring and income tax planning for taxable acquisitions and tax-free reorganizations, incorporations, and the formation of other business entities. As such, Mr. Ulrich works often with tax-free reorganizations, Section 351 transactions, Section 338(h) (10) transactions, the consolidated return regulations, and related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Mr. Ulrich is frequently involved in structuring international transactions to take into account tax rules relating to income sourcing, withholding, tax credits, branch profits tax, Subpart F, and the effects of applicable U.S. income tax treaties. Mr. Ulrich regularly assists clients with the structuring of and minimizing of tax risks with respect to tax equity investments in renewable energy projects including addressing placed-in-service and beginning-of-construction concerns, partnership allocation rules, and the at risk requirements.

Mr. Ulrich also assists a number of nonprofit clients with obtaining and maintaining federal tax-exempt status, treatment of unrelated business taxable income, and planning to minimize the negative implications of UBIT. Other areas of practice include state and local taxation of businesses and individuals including multistate taxation, application of sales and use taxes, and the issue of nexus or taxability of corporations and other taxpayers.

Mr. Ulrich is a Certified Public Accountant in New Jersey (inactive) and received an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

SENATOR ANDREW ZWICKER (D-16)

Head of Strategic Partnerships and Public Engagement, Plasma Physics Laboratory Princeton University



Senator Andrew Zwicker is a physicist and a member of the New Jersey Senate representing the 16th Legislative District, which includes parts of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset counties. He serves on the Budget and Appropriations, Higher Education, Labor, and Military and Veterans' Affairs committees. Additionally, he is a member of the Manufacturing Caucus, the Disability Caucus, the NJ Commission on Science, Innovation, and Technology, and was Vice-Chair of the NJ Biotechnology Task Force.

A lifelong New Jersey resident, Andrew is head of Communications and Public Outreach at Princeton University's Plasma Physics Laboratory, a world leader in developing an advanced form of energy known as fusion. He has taught classes in bioethics and writing, and led plasma physics workshops for faculty and students. The American Association of Physics Teachers named him as one of the 75 leading contributors to physics education in the US.

Andrew was raised in Englewood, NJ where his love of learning and passion for science came from his mother, a public school English teacher, and father, a chemical engineer. Andrew earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Bard College and a master's and Ph.D. in physics from Johns Hopkins University.

Andrew and his wife Barbara, an elementary school educator in Hillsborough, live in Kingston, where they raised three children and one pitbull-boxer mix named Rocky.

LEN PISANO

Partner, RevOne Smart Building
Consultants



Len specializes in designing, building, and managing advanced sustainable technologies that solve complex problems and improve our quality of life and has excelled in several C-Level positions for over two decades.

He founded Maximum Performance Group, (MPG) which provided turn-key energy management solutions. During the last 5 years, Len has been providing consulting services in energy tech, smart energy management, and renewable project development space for various end users in the commercial, industrial, and higher education markets, as well as supporting various companies that are integrating smart building technologies into their delivery model.

BRIAN TANNENHAUS

Owner, BD Engineering



Brian is a capable and diligent Electrical Engineer, who has tackled large and small projects with a high level of attention to detail and dedication to the profession.

For the last 18+ years, Brian has been involved in the planning, design, management and construction support of Facility Engineering within the architectural/engineering industry.

Brian specializes in Electrical design and service calculations, Demand Load Analysis, Infrastructure Evaluations Code Analysis, Equipment Layout Coordination, and Project Management and is one of the owners and founder of BD Engineering licensed to provide engineering services in NJ, NY, CT, PA, DE and IN.

ADAM WEINSTEIN

Executive Sales Manager,
sonnen, Inc.



Adam Weinstein is an Executive Sales Manager at sonnen, where he oversees sales across multiple channels and geographies. His passion for sustainable building practices and emerging technology fuels his success in the workplace where he helps solve complex energy problems and moves a growing base of people toward energy independence.

Prior to sonnen, Adam began his career in IT at Lutron Electronics and found his true calling in renewable energy, transitioning into sales with SolarCity/Tesla and ultimately sonnen in 2017. Adam lives in Colorado where he enjoys snowboarding and live music in his free time.

ADAM J. ZELLNER

President, Greener by Design, LLC



As President of Greener by Design, a global energy, resiliency and sustainability consulting firm, Adam works directly with a variety of corporate and government entities, including several Fortune 500 companies. In addition, he works on policy issues both in the United States and overseas, hosts, and attends a variety of policy think tanks.

Previously to his business, Mr. Zellner served in a host of high profile Government roles including as Policy Director for the State of New Jersey, Deputy Commissioner for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the Executive Director of the State's land use planning office. In addition, he has significant experience in providing regulatory support and permitting assistance in the many different areas of the green building sector.

Mr. Zellner has published a variety of articles and papers and continues to speak globally on the developing world of green infrastructure and resiliency financing. Mr. Zellner has a degree in Economics from Rowan University and serves as an adjunct Professor at Rutgers University.

JAMES SPANO

James Spano - Managing Partner,
Spano Partners Holdings, LLC &
Co-Founder Sol-REIT



As a developer and prominent advocate of renewable energy, Mr. Spano strives to maintain the highest quality standards and finds creative solutions to move development forward, from inception through execution and commissioning. Mr. Spano's strong financial background, as well as, his expertise in real estate and land development have given him a perspective that is unique among solar energy developers. Mr. Spano has played a key role in the development of projects totaling over four hundred megawatts in solar generation facilities. Through his leadership, Spano Partners Holdings Companies are now recognized as some of the top privately-owned utility-scale and C&I alternative energy developers and financiers in New Jersey.

Mr. Spano operates several vertical companies involving storage paired with solar both in microgrid applications and Virtual Power Plants (VPPs), as well as C&I and utility-scale solar development. Spano Partners subsidiary companies maintain a rolling pipeline of projects under development at any given time, and has significant other development activities with affiliated and subsidiary companies including:

- AboveGrid Solar, (an aggregator of solar projects for a Fortune 500 utility)
- Green Power Solar (a microgrid asset own/operating company)
- Solar Badger (a utility scale build to transfer solar development company)
- Spano Solar Enterprises (a C&I developer)
- Spano Energy Storage Consolidator, (an energy storage distribution company)
- DIASASP (an management company for a portfolio of solar generation assets)
- Sol-REIT (formerly RadiantREIT, the first solar mortgage REIT in the US)

Mr. Spano is the founder and President of the New Jersey Solar Grid Supply Association (NJSGSA), a Director of the Mid-Atlantic Solar Energy Industries Association (MSSIA), and a Board Member of the International Battery and Energy Storage Alliance (IBESA) and sits on a number of corporate and non profit Boards of Directors. As a leader in the industry and heavily involved in the regulatory market, Mr. Spano is often called upon as an expert voice to represent the industry in both legal proceedings as well as regulatory and legislative issues.

In addition to his work promoting renewable energy, Mr. Spano is a founding member and first president of the Hillsborough Kiwanis Club and former director of the Cerebral Palsy Association of New Jersey. In addition, he is a Director of the Spano Family Foundation, a 501(c) that supports charities in the U.S., Africa ,India and Haiti. Among his projects is an over 250kW solar shipment to a hospital in Haiti, which now has the energy it needs to care for a half a million remote villagers. Mr. Spano has also sat on a number of distinguished non-profit boards including Trinitas Regional Medical Center Foundation, Cerebral Palsy Association of New Jersey and Community Options. Mr Spano is married to Sydney Spano and has 7 children, Elanna, James Jr, Kenneth, Kimberly, William, Madeline, and Oliver.

RICHARD S. MROZ, ESQ.

Founding Member & Managing Director of Resolute Strategies, LLC; Senior Director of Archer Public Affairs; and Advisor, Coalition for Clean Reactor Energy Solutions



Richard Mroz has a long and distinguished career in law, government, public service, and corporate governance. He is Founding Member and Managing Director of Resolute Strategies, LLC and Senior Director of Archer Public Affairs in Trenton, NJ and Washington, DC. He advises clients in the energy, utilities, infrastructure and financial industries. 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 (NARUC) and 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 (ESCC) and served as President of the Organization of PJM States, Inc (OPSI).

Mr. Mroz is currently a member of the USDOE Electric Advisory Committee (EAC) which provides advice to the Department about programs and priorities on issues of the evolving grid, distributed energy resources, and reliability and resilience of the electric system. He is a member of the EAC subcommittee on smart grid development as well the subcommittee on Defense Critical Infrastructure. He is also a Distinguished Corporate Fellow with the Global Resilience Institute at Northeastern University, and a member of the Advisory Board of ClearPath Foundation in Washington, DC.

Mr. Mroz was Chief Counsel to New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman after serving in various capacities in her Administration and was involved in many infrastructure development projects, public private partnership issues, and public finance matters. He has served as a Commissioner of the Delaware River & Bay Authority and began his career in local government as in house solicitor to Camden County, New Jersey. Of particular note is that President George W. Bush appointed Mr. Mroz to the Commission on White House Fellows in 2007.

Mr. Mroz has over many years has been engaged in the private practice of law, represented clients as a registered lobbyist, and advised clients in numerous industries as an independent consultant.

Richard Mroz is a graduate of the University of Delaware and holds a J.D. from the Villanova School of Law.

NATHALIE JOUANNEAU

JV Strategy & Portfolio Manager,
Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind LLC



Ms. Jouanneau joined the Atlantic Shores joint venture in 2018, immediately upon its formation between Shell New Energies and EDF Renewables. She first managed the full scope of JV implementation, establishing governance, processes and procedures and growing the team, while managing early commercial opportunities through early proposals in the first offshore wind solicitations issued by New Jersey and New York. She then built the Project Services team, processes and deliverables associated with risk, cost and schedule management, while managing staffing and JV operations. Concurrently, she managed Atlantic Shores' successful bid into the New Jersey 2020 offshore wind solicitation, which concluded in an OREC award for Atlantic Shores' first 1.5 GW project; as well as leading the JV's successful acquisition of a new lease area pursuant to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's 2022 New York Bight Auction.

Ms. Jouanneau now leads Strategy and Portfolio Management for the JV, acting as a Chief of Staff for the Management Team and managing strategic procurements (State solicitations, lease auctions), staffing and people management, strategic planning and communications, and supporting governance.

Ms. Jouanneau joined Atlantic Shores from EDF Renewables, where she worked first as a project developer and then as a portfolio manager for onshore wind and solar since 2009, leading the submission of +15 GW of onshore wind and grid-scale solar proposals throughout Canada and the northeast U.S. and implementing development strategy and compliance for >700 MW of awarded projects up to final investment decision and transition to the implementation phase.

Ms. Jouanneau holds a master's degree from the ESSCA French Business School and a bachelor's degree from Northwood University. She is based in Brooklyn, NY.

DAVON MCCURRY

Davon McCurry – Deputy Head of
Government Affairs & Market
Strategy, NJ, Ørsted North
America



Davon McCurry is the Deputy Head of Government Affairs and Market Strategy for New Jersey at Ørsted North America. In this role, Davon helps to develop and implement strategies to ensure the successful advancement of existing New Jersey projects, Ocean Wind 1 and 2, inform efforts to secure additional business and shape Ørsted's position and standing in the state.

Davon previously served as Director of Legislative Affairs at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. As Director, Davon served on the Commissioner's senior leadership team, managing the Department's intergovernmental relations with the state Legislature and New Jersey's congressional delegation.

Prior to joining the DEP, Davon served as an aide in the Office of Governor Phil Murphy. Before entering state government, Davon worked with Princeton Public Affairs Group, where he handled a range of issues, including energy, health care and education.

Davon is a graduate of Rutgers University–New Brunswick and lives in Burlington County. As a resident of Willingboro, Davon serves as a member of the Willingboro Zoning Board and the Willingboro Environmental Commission. He also serves as a Commissioner on the Pinelands Commission. In 2014, Davon was one of the recipients of the Burlington County Times 40 under 40 award.

ERICK FORD

President, New Jersey Energy
Coalition



Erick Ford is the President of the NJ Energy Coalition, which is a member-based organization focused on the whole energy and utility sector. Erick is a respected subject matter expert in utility policy, energy policy, renewable energy policy, resiliency, government, management, and strategy. Prior to his current role, Erick was the Confidential Aide to the President of the NJ Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), where he dealt directly with issues in the energy and utility sectors.

Erick has moderated and served on panels discussing utility policy like energy efficiency, fuel sources, solar, offshore wind, and incentive programs. Erick has guest lectured at Rowan University, Stockton University, Drexel University, and Stevens Institute on utility, renewable energy, and government policy. He has published op-eds on utility policy and has testified before government entities.

Erick is civically active, serving on the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Southern and Central New Jersey. Erick went to George Mason University where he studied Global Affairs and Business. Erick resides in Laurel Springs, NJ with his wife and two daughters.

DR. PRASANNA V. JOSHI

Vice President, Low Carbon
Solutions Technology, ExxonMobil
Corporation



Prasanna joined the company in 1998 as a research engineer at Exxon Research and Development Labs in Baton Rouge, LA after completing his Ph.D. at The Univ. of Delaware. He progressed through several technical leadership roles in Process and Modeling research at company locations in Paulsboro, NJ and Baton Rouge, LA before assuming the role of Section Head of Process Modeling, ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company in Clinton, NJ in 2007. Prasanna received his MBA with major in Finance from Tulane University in 2006.

In 2008, Prasanna became the Planning Advisor supporting the President of ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company in Fairfax, VA. In 2010, he was appointed as the Asia Pacific Regional Advisor for ExxonMobil Supply & Transportation Company. In 2013, Prasanna became the Modeling and Scale-up Technology Director, ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company in Clinton, NJ.

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