



2019 ANNUAL MEETING PANELISTS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

Shari Feist Albrecht, Commissioner, Kansas CC

Shari Feist Albrecht was appointed to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) by Governor Sam Brownback on June 25, 2012.

Albrecht chaired the KCC from January 2014 to January 2016 and in 2018. She currently serves as a member of the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool on which she served as President in 2018. Albrecht is a member of the Electricity Committee and the Washington Action Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Albrecht is a member of the Advisory Council of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities, the Advisory Board of the University of Missouri-Columbia's Financial Research Institute, and the Energy Bar Association.

Albrecht has a B.A. degree from the University of Kansas and a J.D. from Washburn University School of Law. She is admitted to practice law in Kansas, the U.S. District Court for Kansas, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Keith Collins, Executive Director, Market Monitoring Unit at SPP

Keith's role is to direct the department in addressing market power, reviewing market performance, identifying and referring behavioral issues, and assisting in the improvement of market design. Prior to joining the Southwest Power Pool in 2017, Collins was the Manager of the Monitoring and Reporting group within California ISO's Market Monitoring Department, worked for the Office of Enforcement at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and began his career consulting for the New York Power Pool during its transition to the New York ISO.

He has a bachelor's degree in Economics and Government from Bowdoin College and a Master of Public Policy degree from George Mason University.

Richard Doying, Executive Vice President of Market Development at MISO

Richard Doying is an energy industry professional with twenty-five years of experience in the power sector. He has extensive experience and in-depth knowledge of multiple sectors of the electric power industry, including regulated and deregulated utilities; unregulated wholesale energy markets; Regional Transmission Organizations; reliability, market, and IT operations; stakeholder oversight and management; and State and Federal regulatory environment and processes. Doying has been with Midcontinent ISO

since 2002, currently serving as Executive Vice President of Market Development. Specific areas of focus include evaluation of industry evolution and development of new market products, services, operational processes and tools, and system planning processes to ensure reliable and efficient integration of wind, solar, storage, and distributed energy resources.

Julie Fedorchak, Commissioner, North Dakota PSC

Julie Fedorchak has served on the Commission since 2012. She heads the pipeline, electric transmission and energy conversion siting; railroad; and consumer affairs portfolios and is the agency's lead for issues relating to the Midwest Independent System Operations.

Whether seeking a solution to mitigate red lights on wind farms that pollute North Dakota's night sky or pushing for innovative ways to connect rural areas to natural gas service, She is constantly seeking to make government more responsive to North Dakota citizens. Fedorchak led efforts to enhance the Commission's pipeline reclamation program; she developed and received legislative approval for a state rail safety program; and she is a tireless advocate for reliable, affordable utility services. She also reinstated the Commission's consumer affairs portfolio to provide greater public awareness, participation and transparency in the work of the PSC.

Fedorchak is a board member of the Organization of MISO States, vice-chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Gas Committee, vice chair of the NARUC Task Force on Natural Gas Expansion to Unserved Areas and serves on the Gas Technology Institute's advisory board. She is a member of the Aspen Institute's Rodel Class of 2015.

Fedorchak was appointed to the Public Service Commission in December 2012 by Gov. Jack Dalrymple. In 2016 she was elected to a full six-year term. She is married to Mike Fedorchak of Minot. They have three children and live in Bismarck where they are involved in several activities and organizations.

Steve Gaw, Consultant, American Wind Energy Association & Advanced Power Alliance

Steve Gaw, a Missouri attorney, former Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, and former Chair of the Missouri Public Service Commission, currently consults with the Advanced Power Alliance and the American Wind Energy Association. Steve's work primarily focuses on wholesale electricity market, transmission planning and cost allocation policy issues impacting renewable energy within the Southwest Power Pool region and nationally. He was one of the founding directors of the Organization of MISO States, Inc. (OMS) and the SPP Regional State Committee. He served in every officer position with the OMS including the office of President. Steve was selected and served as the representative of the renewable generators on the Steering Committee of the Eastern Interconnect Planning Corroborative. While on the Public Service Commission of Missouri he was noted for his in-depth inquiry into complex issues, opening investigations into the release of protected consumer records, and the activities of rating agencies in rate cases, and listening to the concerns of consumers. Steve has been a speaker and moderator in regional, national and international forums on energy policy dealing with both electricity and natural gas. He has been a panelist on transmission planning and cost allocation panels sponsored by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

As Speaker of the Missouri House for five years, he established a reputation of improving public access to the legislature, leading the Missouri House to broadcast sessions live on the internet, the first in the nation to do so. He was recognized for his ability to bring diverse interests together in a closely divided chamber. As a legislator he authored and passed legislation improving education, enhancing public safety, creating Missouri's "do not call list", increasing access to health care and cutting taxes for which he received numerous awards.

Gaw is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Truman State University with a BS in Physics and has a law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Daniel Hall, Commissioner, Missouri PSC

Commissioner Daniel Yves Hall was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission on September 27, 2013 by Governor Jay Nixon, and unanimously confirmed by the Missouri State Senate in January 2014. On August 10, 2015, he was appointed Chairman by Governor Nixon and served until September 14, 2018. He is the 101st PSC Commissioner in the 100-year history of the PSC – Missouri's oldest state agency.

He is an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), serving on its Board of Directors. He also serves as Co-Vice Chair of the NARUC Committee on Water, member of the Washington Action Committee, Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on Education and Research and member of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI). In addition, he serves as President of the Organization of MISO States, Inc. He also serves on the Financial Research Institute's Advisory Board and previously served as Chair and is a member of the Symposium Planning Committee. Hall is a board member on the Public Council for the Water Research Foundation. He is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law where he teaches a class on the legislative process. Commissioner Hall served as the Legislative Director to Governor Nixon from January 2009 until his appointment to the Commission.

Matthew G. Holtz, Managing Director, Transmission for NIPSCO

In this function Matt oversees NIPSCO's Transmission and Distribution Planning, Transmission Operations Planning, System Protection Engineering, NERC Compliance, Operations Technology, and supporting groups.

Holtz has been with NIPSCO for 14 years. During his time there, Matt has gained a wide range of experience in the areas of transmission operations, FERC/transmission policy, formula ratemaking (wholesale), wholesale transmission contracts, and systems planning. Prior to joining NIPSCO, Matt worked at GridAmerica, an Independent Transmission Company, in the area of Operations Planning. He also spent some time in the Washington, D.C. area working as an Electrical Engineer focusing on distribution and building systems.

Holtz received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology from Purdue University. He also received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame.

Travis Kavulla, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at NRG

Travis Kavulla leads a team of lawyers, economists, and engineers to ensure that energy markets continue to deliver value for electricity consumers. He joined NRG from the R Street Institute, where he led the think tank's energy program. Previously, Travis served eight years as a commissioner at the Montana Public Service Commission, during which time he served as the President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and on the advisory council of the Electric Power Research Institute. He has also served on the governing body of one of North America's largest electricity markets, the Western Energy Imbalance Market.

Travis received his bachelor's degree in history from Harvard University and a master's in history at the University of Cambridge, where he was a Gates Scholar. Travis lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Laura, and their son, Julius.

Charles Long, Vice President, Transmission Planning & Strategy, Entergy Services

Charles Long has been in the industry for more than 27 years and has held various operational positions including field engineering support, construction, transmission operations, transmission planning and asset management. For the past 13 years he has been leading various aspects of transmission project development for the Entergy Operating Companies to comply with increasingly stringent NERC reliability standards, the planning adjustments necessary to join MISO and the development of economically justified projects. Charles is active in the utility industry, participating on various working groups in SERC, MISO, and NERC and is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He is a registered professional engineer in the state of Louisiana.

He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from The University of Alabama and a master's degree in business administration from Millsaps College.

Talina Mathews, Commissioner, Kentucky PSC

Talina R. Mathews, Ph.D., was appointed to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) by Gov. Matthew Bevin on July 3, 2017.

Immediately prior to her appointment as commissioner, Dr. Mathews was the executive director of the PSC. She had previously served the PSC as a policy advisor and as staff economist. Mathews also has served Kentucky as an economist in the state Office of Energy Policy, as executive director of the Governor's Office of Energy Policy, and in the Department for Energy Development and Independence as director of the Division of Energy Generation, Transmission and Distribution.

In addition to nearly two decades of government service, Mathews has worked in the private sector with an engineering consulting firm and served as the director of member services and advocacy at the Organization of MISO States. She has held several adjunct teaching positions in economics and public policy.

Mathews is a member of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on its board of directors, as co-vice chair of the Committee on Electricity, and as a member of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure and the Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Management. She is president of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, vice president and treasurer of the Organization of PJM States, a member of the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States, and a member of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners. Mathews serves on the advisory board of the Financial Research Institute at the University of Missouri and the advisory council of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University.

Mathews earned a Doctor of Philosophy and a Master of Arts in economics from the University of Kentucky. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in economics and mathematics from Berea College.

Natalie McIntire, Consultant, Clean Grid Alliance and American Wind Energy Association

Natalie McIntire is an independent consultant working on high voltage transmission policy for renewable energy. Ms. McIntire currently acts as a consultant to Clean Grid Alliance and the American Wind Energy Association. Recently, her work has been focused on transmission cost allocation policy, markets issues, transmission planning, and interconnection queue reform. Ms. McIntire has represented renewable energy interests in transmission discussions with MISO, SPP, NYISO, the Bonneville Power Administration, individual utilities, NERC, NAESB, state utility commissions and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Before working as a consultant, Ms. McIntire worked as a Senior Policy Associate for the Renewable Northwest Project in Portland, OR. In that position, she worked on transmission and green power policy in the Northwest, was an appointed member of the Oregon Public Utilities Commission's Portfolio Options Committee, and acted as a member of the Green-e Board.

Natalie McIntire has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a M.A. in the History of Science and Technology from the University of Minnesota, and a graduate certificate in Applied Energy Economics and Policy from the Portland State University, Oregon.

Dr. David Patton, President of Potomac Economics

Dr. David B. Patton has 24 years of experience as an energy economist providing expert advice, analysis and testimony to clients in the electricity and natural gas industries. Dr. Patton's areas of expertise include market design and monitoring, merger and other market power analysis, transmission pricing, asset valuation, and congestion management.

Matthew Schuerger, Commissioner, Minnesota PUC

Matthew Schuerger was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission by Governor Mark Dayton, effective February 1, 2016. Commissioner Schuerger is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and serves on the NARUC Board of Directors and Committee on Electricity. He serves as Vice-President of the Organization of MISO States Board of Directors and Executive Committee and is a member of the MISO Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Council and Executive Committee.

Schuerger has over thirty years of experience in the energy industry as a senior manager and professional engineer, including work focused on power system planning and reliability, energy markets, grid modernization, distributed energy resources, grid integration of renewable energy, strategic planning, and business development.

He earned a Master's of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Minnesota, a Master's of Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas, and a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University.

Daniel C. Scripps, Commissioner, Michigan PSC

Daniel C. Scripps was appointed to the Michigan Public Service Commission on February 25, 2019. Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Scripps was the Energy Foundation's Midwest Policy Program Director, where he coordinated strategies and grantmaking across 13 states relating to the power sector, transportation, and other issues, and led efforts to double regional grantmaking to groups engaged in equity-oriented climate and energy work. He previously served as president of the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council and Institute for Energy Innovation, where he led efforts to expand deployment of advanced energy resources in Michigan, and as a Vice President with Advanced Energy Economy, focusing on energy finance. An attorney, Mr. Scripps practiced law in the Washington D.C. office of Latham & Watkins LLP, advising regulated utilities, project developers, and financial institutions on cutting-edge domestic and international energy projects.

Scripps served one term representing Benzie, Leelanau, Manistee, and Mason counties in the Michigan House of Representatives (2009-2010), where he chaired the House Banking and Financial Services committee, and served on committees dealing with energy, telecommunications and environmental protection.

Currently, he serves on the Upper Peninsula Energy Task Force created by Governor Whitmer in June 2019. He also serves on the board of directors of the Organization of MISO States, and in August 2019 was selected to serve as the president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference. Scripps is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and serves on its Committee on Electricity, Committee on International Relations, and the Washington Action Program.

He is a graduate of Alma College and a 2005 honors graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

Ted J. Thomas, Chairman, Arkansas PSC

Ted Thomas of Conway was appointed Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission by Governor Asa Hutchinson in January 2015.

He has served as Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the 20th Judicial District, Administrative Law Judge at the Public Service Commission, Budget Director for Governor Mike Huckabee and in the Arkansas House of Representatives, where he served as Chairman of the State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee during his final term.

Chairman Thomas received a Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in Political Science from the University of Arkansas in 1986 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1988. He is licensed to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, the Arkansas Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the Eight Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas.

Chairman Thomas is past president of the Organization of MISO States (OMS) and continues to serve on the Executive Committee. He also serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Electricity.