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Speaker Information

Rep. Pat Garofalo

Minnesota House of Representatives

Co-chair, CSG Energy and Environment Public Policy Committee

Garofalo has been recognized as a leading voice on energy issues and ensuring the continued affordability and reliability of Minnesota's energy grid. As the current chair of the House Job Growth and Energy Affordability Committee, he has fought to grow good-paying Minnesota jobs and keep energy bills affordable for Minnesota families. Garofalo also serves as the co-chair of the CSG Energy and Environment Public Policy Committee.

Bill Libro

Director of federal affairs

ALLETE / Minnesota Power

Libro manages various federal legislative and regulatory issues that affect Minnesota Power and ALLETE's other business units and advocates its positions within the executive, legislative and regulatory branches of federal government. Libro has held a variety of positions in public education, private industry and state government. Prior to joining Minnesota Power, Libro worked in the Washington, D.C., office for another major Midwestern utility. In addition, Libro has been a director of the Biomass Power Association since May 2013.

Alexandra Dapolito Dunn

Executive director and general counsel

Environmental Council of the States

Dunn has two decades of experience in environmental law and policy and presently works on legislation, policy and regulatory matters affecting all media, including air, waste, water and toxics. She has particularly rich expertise in water quality, environmental justice and urban sustainability, and implementation of the Clean Water Act. She is a published author and speaks regularly on diverse environmental topics,



from cooperative federalism to green cities. In 2015, she was made a fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers. Dunn serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Environmental Law Institute, is a member of the Circle of Champions of the non-profit U.S. Water Alliance and is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Barbara Tyran

Director, Washington and state relations
Electric Power Research Institute

Tyran serves as the principal liaison between Electric Power Research Institute—or EPRI—executive management and Congress, the administration, the national trade associations, the national leadership of state public utility commissions, state legislators and regulators, and the Washington, D.C. energy community. Tyran joined EPRI in 1998 after serving several years as manager of federal government affairs for two electric utilities, Kansas City Power & Light (now Great Plains Energy Inc.), and Empire District Electric Company. Previously, she was the Washington, D.C., representative for the Detroit Edison Company (now DTE Energy).

Tanuj Deora

Chief strategy officer and executive vice president
Smart Electric Power Alliance

Deora provides strategic direction and leadership for the Smart Electric Power Alliance, or SEPA and oversees the organization's advisory services, education, research and communications activities. Deora comes to SEPA from IHS, a global energy research and consulting firm, where he served as commercial director of energy insight, managing a portfolio of market intelligence and forecasting services on the North American power, gas and renewable energy markets. Prior to IHS, Deora served Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper as director of the Colorado Energy Office. His diverse background also includes business development for EDP Renewables (formerly Horizon Wind Energy), work in advisory services, engineering and energy trading, and service in the United States Peace Corps.

Ron Holcomb

Chief executive officer
Tipmont REMC

Holcomb came to Tipmont REMC in 2013 and brings a deep experience in the public power and communications industry in senior leadership, consulting and business development. He has more than 30 years of experience not only in directing business



development, but also in leading two publicly owned systems and influencing legislation by engaging with regional and national policymakers. Tipmont is a rural electric cooperative that serves more than 21,800 members in Indiana.

Phil Moeller

Senior vice president of energy delivery and chief customer solutions officer
Edison Electric Institute

At Edison Electric Institute, or EEI, Moeller has responsibility for policies related to energy delivery, all of which are focused on enhancing the reliability and resiliency of the grid and meeting the needs of the diverse set of customers served by EEI's member companies. Energy delivery policies are becoming increasingly important as the electric system is undergoing rapid transformation both at the wholesale and retail levels of electricity service. Prior to joining EEI in February 2016, Moeller served as a commissioner on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, ending his tenure as the second-longest serving member of the commission.

Autumn Proudlove

Senior policy analyst
North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center

Proudlove joined the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center's energy policy team in January 2014, where she manages the center's work on the SunShot Solar Outreach Partnership—a U.S. Department of Energy program focused on providing solar education and technical assistance. She also works on the Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency, or DSIRE, authoring content for eight states. Autumn's primary interests lie in solar policy, rate design and North Carolina's energy policy. Previously, Proudlove examined solar policies and standards as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Plug and Play Solar PV project.

Sheri Givens

President
Givens Consulting LLC

Givens' professional experience includes more than 10 years in legal, regulatory, legislative and external affairs, including eight years focused on the Texas electric market. She serves as president of Givens Consulting LLC, an Austin, Texas, based firm providing energy consulting services, policy research and analysis relating to wholesale and retail electric markets, deregulated and regulated energy markets, global energy markets, emerging energy technologies, public power, customer engagement, and general consumer utility issues. She is also policy director for Power Across Texas.



Rep. Tom Sloan

Kansas State Representative

Sloan is currently serving his 11th term in the Kansas House of Representatives. Sloan is the current vice-chairman of the Vision 2020 committee—the legislature’s long-range planning committee—and a sitting member of the Transportation and Agriculture and Natural Resources committees. Sloan is deeply involved in energy issues and has served as chairman of two discussion groups on electric transmission issues at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, is the only state legislative member of the U.S. Department of Energy’s 30-member Electricity Advisory Committee and is a member of the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative’s Steering Committee.

Russell Frisby

Partner

Stinson Leonard Street LLP

Frisby's practice focuses on regulatory and corporate matters affecting entities in the communications, energy and technology areas. He represents clients in administrative proceedings, litigation and advocacy efforts, and also provides these clients with strategic and corporate advice. To this end, Russell has represented clients in matters before the administration, Congress, the Federal Communications Commission, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Federal Trade Commission, state utility commissions, state legislatures and federal courts. Frisby formerly served as chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission.

Scott Aaronson

Senior director of national security policy

Edison Electric Institute

Aaronson joined Edison Electric Institute, or EEI, in 2009 and, in his current role, is responsible for establishing partnerships and fostering collaboration between the government and investor-owned electric utilities. Before focusing exclusively on security matters affecting critical infrastructure, he was responsible for advocacy related to several emerging technology issues, including electric grid modernization and telecommunications issues. In addition to his role at EEI, Aaronson also serves as the secretary for the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council.



Janet Sena

Senior vice president and director of policy and external affairs
North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Sena has more than 25 years of experience in state and federal work in the energy, environment and economic development arena. Prior to joining NERC in 2010, Sena served as vice president for TECO Energy's federal affairs office. Prior to her role at TECO, Sena was director of state government affairs for Edison Mission Energy, one of the country's largest independent power producers. Sena also has lobbied for energy clients at Skadden Arps Meagher. She came to Skadden from Sen. Robert Dole's staff, where she served as legislative assistance for energy and environment issues.

Keith Dennis

Senior principal
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Dennis worked on energy issues in Washington, D.C., for more than a decade—in the private sector, at the U.S. Department of Energy, at the White House and as a representative for the utilities. With an interdisciplinary background in business, engineering and law, Dennis approaches business opportunities surrounding energy with a deep understanding of technology, policy and markets and how and where they intersect. Dennis is an experienced business consultant with demonstrated experience independently leading teams, managing projects for large clients, generating leads, successfully developing new business, building partnerships and delivering results.

Andrew Cotter

Product and program manager for renewable research
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

In his role at NRECA, Cotter combines the subject matter expertise he gained through his work as a renewables research program manager and combines it with his knowledge of business, finance and marketing to assist companies in understanding and adopting new technologies. Cotter also has a strong background in communications, which includes writing and publishing articles, launching marketing campaigns, making videos, and delivering technical presentations to both technical and non-technical audiences.



Karen Wayland

Deputy director for state and local cooperation
U.S. Department of Energy

Wayland is a recognized expert in national energy and environmental policy and comes to the U.S. Department of Energy after two years of providing strategic consulting to business and nonprofit clients. Wayland served as a senior advisor to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and was named by *Roll Call* magazine as one of Capitol Hill's top 10 energy staffers to know. In that role, she worked on comprehensive climate legislation, response to the BP oil spill, and a host of other energy and environmental legislation. Prior to that role, she was the legislative director at the Natural Resources Defense Council for five years.

Raj Barua

Executive director
National Regulatory Research Institute

Prior to his current role, Barua served as executive director of the Organization of PJM States Inc., a non-profit association of utility regulatory agencies in the 13 states and the District of Columbia within the PJM interconnection footprint. Barua oversaw OPSI's day-to-day functions, including coordinating data/issue analyses and policy formation on issues related to PJM, its market monitor and related federal agency matters. In addition, Barua has provided training and technical assistance in energy regulation to government agencies in Africa, Eastern Europe and South Asia. Barua has been published and presented extensively in regional, national and international conferences.

Sen. Kelvin Atkinson

Nevada State Senate
Chair-elect, The Council of State Governments

After serving a decade in the Nevada State Assembly, Atkinson decided to run for the State Senate and in 2012, was elected as a state senator by nearly 80 percent of the voters. Elected by his peers in the West, Atkinson is presently The Council of State Governments' vice chairman and will become the national chair in 2017. He will be the first African American to ever lead this organization in its 83-year history. In addition, Atkinson serves as the assistant democratic leader and sits on the Nevada Senate's Commerce, Labor and Energy Committee.



Chairman Paul Thomsen

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Nevada Public Utilities Commission

Prior to beginning his role as chairman of the Nevada Public Utilities Commission on Oct. 1, 2015, Thomsen served as Gov. Brian Sandoval's appointee as the director of the Governor's Office of Energy. Previously, Thomsen served as the director of policy and business development for Ormat Technologies, a leading vertically integrated global provider of a diverse range of renewable energy solutions, headquartered in Reno, Nevada. He has also worked for the law firm of Lionel Sawyer and Collins, U.S. Sen. Harry Reid and U.S. Sen. Richard Bryan.

Sen. Patricia Spearman

Nevada State Senator

Member of the Governor's New Energy Industry Task Force

Sen. Spearman was elected as a Nevada state senator in 2012, after serving for 24 years as a Lt. colonel in the United States Army. As the state senator from Nevada's 1st District, Spearman has been very active on a real energy conservation plan for Nevada. Spearman sits on the Nevada Senate's Commerce, Labor and Energy Committee and was selected to serve on Gov. Brian Sandoval's New Energy Industry Task Force, created by executive order in January 2016 to provide recommendations on best practices for Nevada's energy future.

Ashley Brown

Executive director

Harvard Electricity Policy Group

Brown has served as an adviser on infrastructure regulatory issues to governments such as Brazil, Tanzania, India, Ukraine, Russia, Philippines, Zambia, Namibia, Argentina, Costa Rica and Hungary. From 1983 to 1993, he served as commissioner for the Ohio Public Utilities Commission, appointed twice by Gov. Richard F. Celeste. Brown has specialized in litigation in federal and state courts and before administrative bodies. He has taught in public schools and universities, frequently lectures at universities and conferences internationally, and publishes articles on subjects of interest to American and foreign electricity sectors.



Miles Keogh

Director, Research Lab

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Keogh serves as a liaison between the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, or NARUC, members, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other key organizations with respect to NARUC's energy and environmental and security programs. Keogh's Research Lab runs workshops, trainings, seminars and games, writes papers, leads study tours, and provides technical assistance. Keogh also supports the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Rate Design, the Subcommittee on Research and Education, the Committee on Energy Resources and Environment, and the Committee on Critical Infrastructure.

Thaddeus Huetteman

Operations research analyst

U.S. Energy Information Administration

Huetteman joined the Electricity Analysis team within the Office of Electricity, Coal, Nuclear, and Renewables Analysis in January 2015 to assist with the development of the Energy Information Administration's "Energy Outlook" and other supplemental projects focused on environmental regulation of the electric utility sector. Prior to joining EIA, Huetteman was the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Environmental Markets Association. In addition, Huetteman is the owner of Power & Energy Analytic Resources Inc., which was voted "Best Consultancy—U.S. Emissions—All Markets" seven times by readers of *Environmental Finance* magazine.

Lisa Wood

Executive director, Institute for Electric Innovation

Vice president, The Edison Foundation

As executive director of the Institute for Electric Innovation, Wood promotes the sharing of information, ideas and experiences among regulators, policymakers, technology companies, thought leaders and the electric power industry; collaborates with a Management Committee of more than 20 electric utility chief executive officers; and provides thought leadership on current issues and innovation in the power sector through articles, dialogues and speaking engagements. Wood is currently an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and is a nonresident senior fellow in the Energy Security and Climate Initiative at The Brookings Institution.



William Polen

Senior director

United States Energy Association

As the United State Energy Association's senior director for Europe and Eurasia, or E&E, Polen possesses 20 years of experience directing cooperative programs with the U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of State supporting market transformation, energy trade and investment, and technology transfer in the E&E region. Polen manages two major USAID-funded regional transmission projects in the E&E region and is also responsible for implementing USEA's Utility Partnership Program for E&E, which has supported more than 20 twinning arrangements between U.S. electric power and natural gas utilities and their counterparts in E&E.

Evan Wilcox

Director of east transmission planning, American Electric Power

President, BOLD Transmission, LLC

In his role at American Electric Power, or AEP, Wilcox oversees all transmission planning and project development functions for AEP's seven states in the PJM region, and is responsible for reliability and economic studies in support of AEP's transmission partnerships. As president of BOLD Transmission LLC, an affiliate of AEP, Wilcox is responsible for promoting BOLD, an advanced transmission technology, and helping other utilities benefit from the capabilities and efficiencies of the design.