



WIRES Fall Meeting

November 1-2, 2023
Washington, DC at the Watergate Hotel

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:00 - 9:00 pm ET **Cocktail Reception and Dinner**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 - 9:00 am ET **Breakfast**

9:00 - 10:00 am **Keynote Address**
Allison Clements, FERC Commissioner

10:00 - 11:15 am **Panel 1 – FERC Order 2023**

Panelists

Karin Herzfeld, Senior Transmission Counsel to Chairman Phillips, FERC

Casey Cathey, Senior Director, Grid Asset Utilization, SPP

Sally Thomas, Director, Transmission Planning and Protection, FirstEnergy

Matthew Crosby, Senior Director of Policy and Strategy, Cypress Creek
Renewables

Moderator

Amanda Rumsey, Manager, RTO and Federal Regulatory Policy, PPL

11:15 - 11:30 am **Coffee Break**

11:30 - 12:30 pm **A Fireside Chat – Transmission Regulatory Developments and Crystal Ball
Predictions**

Panelists

Jeff Dennis, Deputy Director for Transmission Development, US Department
of Energy Grid Deployment Office

Rich Glick, Former FERC Chairman and Principal of GQ New Energy
Strategies

Moderator

Larry Gasteiger, Executive Director, WIRES

12:30 - 2:00 pm **Lunch**



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PRESENTERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Allison Clements

FERC Commissioner

Commissioner Allison Clements joined the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in December 2020 following a range of

public and private sector experience in energy law and grid modernization policy. Prior to her current role, she worked at Energy Foundation, Goodgrid LLC, and Natural Resources Defense Council. She began her legal career in private practice at Troutman Sanders LLP and Chadbourne & Parke LLP. Over the course of her career, her clients have included utilities, independent power producers, developers, lenders, nonprofits, and philanthropies.

Commissioner Clements has also served as a federal energy expert in several capacities, including as a member of a National Academies of Sciences committee on grid resilience and as a clinical visiting lecturer at Yale Law School. She holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctorate from The George Washington University Law School.

PANEL 1 – FERC ORDER 2023

Panelist



Karin Herzfeld

Senior Transmission Counsel to Chairman Phillips, FERC

Karin Herzfeld is Senior Transmission Counsel to FERC Chairman Phillips.

Herzfeld served as one of the Chairmans' legal advisors for the past year, advising on transmission and interconnection policy issues. She also served in FERC's Office of General Counsel, focusing on electricity market matters. Herzfeld was lead attorney and compliance coordinator on FERC Orders No. 2222 and 841, the landmark rulemakings removing barriers to distributed energy resource aggregations and electric storage resources in wholesale markets. Prior to her FERC service, Herzfeld worked for the Environmental Protection Agency. She is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Panelist



Casey Cathey

Senior Director, Grid Asset Utilization, SPP

Casey Cathey is Director of System Planning with Southwest Power Pool (SPP). He is a 20-

year veteran of the power industry and a subject matter expert for energy markets, grid operations, and transmission planning. He was a leader in the Integrated Marketplace 'Day 2' energy market implementation from cost benefit study through go-live. He has also operated and supported the balancing authority, reliability coordination, tariff and scheduling, and transmission operations functions. Cathey and his team are currently



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responsible for transmission planning, modeling, reliability assurance, resource adequacy and research and development. Cathey holds a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Louisiana State University, a master's of business administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and has held a Professional Engineering license for fifteen years.



Panelist

Sally A. Thomas

Director, Transmission Planning and Protection, FirstEnergy

Sally A. Thomas is the Director of Transmission Planning and Protection

for FirstEnergy Service Company. She provides strategic direction in the planning, protection, and modeling of its transmission system and is key in the development of transmission system enhancement projects that improve the reliability and resiliency of FirstEnergy's transmission system as part of its Energizing the Future program. She is also responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable NERC, ReliabilityFirst, and PJM reliability standards.

Thomas joined the company in 2003 as an Assistant Engineer. Throughout her career, she has served in various transmission, distribution, and field operational positions with increasing levels of responsibility in areas including transmission planning, transmission compliance, substation maintenance and commissioning, and field operational excellence. Prior to her current role, Thomas served as the General Manager of Commissioning. In this role she was responsible for the coordination of teams that perform commissioning and testing of transmission substation equipment prior to final integration into the transmission system.



Panelist

Matthew Crosby

Senior Director of Policy and Strategy, Cypress Creek Renewables

Matthew Crosby is Senior Director of Policy and Strategy for Cypress

Creek Renewables, a solar and battery storage developer and independent power producer. He focuses on electricity market design, transmission planning & interconnection. Previously he held strategy and regulatory roles at Orsted, Rocky Mountain Institute, and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Crosby has a Master of Science in urban planning from Columbia University.



Moderator

Amanda Rumsey

Manager, RTO and Federal Regulatory Policy, PPL

Amanda Rumsey is the RTO and Federal Regulatory Policy Manager

for PPL Services Corporation (PPL). She is responsible for developing and advocating for the adoption of regulatory policies related to PPL Operating Company transmission operations before regulators, RTO/ISOs and other industry forums. Rumsey has nearly 20 years of experience developing, communicating and promoting positions on policy issues impacting public utilities. Throughout her career, she has worked to build internal and external consensus on regulatory policy across diverse stakeholder groups including lawmakers, regulators, consumer advocates and investor-owned utilities.



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Prior to joining PPL, Rumsey was the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania House Consumer Affairs Committee and held several positions at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Rumsey is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar, a graduate of Widener University School of Law — now known as Widener University Commonwealth Law School — and received a B.S. in Business Management from St. Joseph's University.

PANEL 2 – A FIRESIDE CHAT – TRANSMISSION REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS AND CRYSTAL BALL PREDICTIONS



Panelist

Rich Glick

**Former FERC Chairman
and Principal of GQ New
Energy Strategies**

Rich is former Chairman of FERC and currently principal of GQ New

Energy Strategies. 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, Glick 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, Glick 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.

Glick 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

Jeff Dennis

**Deputy Director
for Transmission
Development, US
Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office**

Jeff Dennis is the Deputy Director for Transmission at the Grid Deployment Office (GDO). Dennis leads GDO's Transmission Division, which facilitates transmission deployment, supports robust transmission planning, and addresses transmission siting and permitting challenges to ensure grid reliability and resilience.

Prior to joining GDO, Dennis was General Counsel and Managing Director at Advanced Energy Economy (now Advanced Energy United), where he co-founded and later led its programs aimed at increasing wholesale electricity market access for advanced energy technologies and transforming wholesale electricity market designs and transmission policies to support the energy transition. Under his leadership, the reach of the organization's wholesale markets, and transmission program expanded rapidly, with staff and funding more than tripling. Jeff also provided legal advice and counsel to the organization's federal and state programs and served as Corporate Secretary.



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Earlier in his career, Dennis spent over a decade at FERC, holding senior legal and policy positions including Director of Policy Development and Legal Advisor to Commissioner John R. Norris. He was instrumental in the development and implementation of landmark FERC rules and orders on transmission planning, transmission cost allocation, and wholesale electricity market design. He also defended FERC's decisions in the United States Courts of Appeals, arguing numerous cases before the D.C. Circuit.

Dennis also has been a lawyer in private practice representing a wide range of private and public energy sector clients in proceedings before FERC, state public utility commissions, and in the courts.

In addition to his work in GDO, Dennis Chair-Elect of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, and serves on the Editorial Board of the Energy Law Journal, and on the faculty of the Clean Energy Leadership Institute. He is a frequent author and speaker on topics in energy policy and law.



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

Gasteiger brings to WIRES deep federal regulatory experience, having spent nearly two decades at FERC. During his tenure from 1997-2016, Gasteiger 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.