

THE INSTITUTE FOR REGULATORY LAW & ECONOMICS and
THE PAULA M. TRIENENS INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY PRESENT



Tuesday, June 25 — Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
Thorne Auditorium
375 E. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

11:00-12:15 **Registration Check-in and Informal Lunch**

12:15-12:30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Lynne Kiesling, Director, Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics; Senior Research Affiliate, Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economics

Hari Osofsky, Dean and Myra and James Bradwell Professor of Law; Professor of Environmental Law and Culture (Courtesy), Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

12:30-2:00 **Panel: New Technology Breakthroughs: Their Physical and Economic Implications**

Moderator: **Ted Thomas**, Founder, Energize Strategies; Former Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission

Panelists: **Holly Benz**, Clinical Associate Professor & Director, Master of Science in Energy & Sustainability (MSES), Northwestern University

Meghan Busse, Associate Professor of Strategy, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

Jana Gerber, President, Microgrid North America, Schneider Electric

Jeff Lopez, Assistant Professor of Chemical & Biological Engineering, Northwestern University

2:00-2:40 **Active Break**

2:40-3:15 **Report Out/Discussion from Active Break**

3:15-4:15 **IRLE 20th Anniversary Panel: Regulatory Decision-Making in a Changing Environment**

Moderator: **Pat O’Connell**, Commissioner, New Mexico Public Service Commission

Rim Baltaduonis, Scientist. SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Stanford University; Associate Professor of Economics, Gettysburg College

Lynne Kiesling, Director, Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics; Senior Research Affiliate, Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economics

Josh Macey, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School

Ken Schisler, Regulatory and Government Affairs, CPower

Carrie Zalewski, Vice President, Transmission and Markets, American Clean Power Association

4:15-4:30 **Break**

4:30-5:00 **Keynote Address: *Title Forthcoming***

U.S. Congressman Sean Casten, 6th District of Illinois (virtual)

5:00 **Networking Reception**

6:00 **Dinner**

6:45 **Dinner Keynote Conversation**

Pat Wood, III, CEO, Hunt Energy Network; Former Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Former Chairman of

the Public Utility Commission of Texas

Lynne Kiesling, Director, Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics; Senior Research Affiliate, Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economics

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

7:30-8:30 **Continental Breakfast**

8:30-9:45 **Science, Economics, and Policy Lenses on Transmission Investment**

Moderator: **Ann McCabe**, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission

Panelists: **Jacob Mays**, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Cornell University

Hilary Pearson, VP Policy & External Affairs, LineVision

Jim Rossi, Judge D.L. Lansden Chair in Law, Vanderbilt University Law School

Shashank Sane, EVP Transmission, Invenergy

9:45-10:00 **Break**

10:00-10:45 **Energy System Resilience Issues Short Presentations**
(10 minutes each)

- **Winter Reliability**

- **Timothy Fitzgerald**, Associate Professor, Rawls College of Business, Texas Tech University

- **Energy and AI**

- **Kyri Baker**, Assistant Professor and Lewis-Worcester Faculty Fellow, Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder

- **Energy-Water Nexus**

- **David Rankin**, Executive Director, Great Lakes Protection Fund

- **Grid Decarbonization/Complex System Dynamics**

- **Ermin Wei**, Associate Professor, Computer and Electrical Engineering,

McCormick School of Engineering, Northwestern University

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| 10:45-11:15 | Small Group Breakout Discussion of Resilience |
| 11:15-11:45 | Report Out/Discussion from Small Groups (5 minutes each) |
| 11:45-12:00 | Closing Summary |
| 12:00 | Adjourn |

Confirmed Participants (as of May 13, 2024):

1. **Kyri Baker**, Assistant Professor and Lewis-Worcester Faculty Fellow, Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder
2. **Rim Baltaduonis**, Scientist, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Stanford University, Associate Professor of Economics, Gettysburg College, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Stanford University and Gettysburg College
3. **Holly Benz**, Clinical Associate Professor & Director, Master of Science in Energy & Sustainability (MSES), Northwestern University
4. **Meghan Busse**, Associate Professor of Strategy, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
5. **Sean Casten**, U.S. Congressman, 6th District of Illinois (*virtual Keynote Address*)
6. **Timothy Fitzgerald**, Associate Professor, Rawls College of Business, Texas Tech University
7. **Jana Gerber**, President, Microgrid North America, Schneider Electric
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