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Elliott Nethercutt, NRRI

Elliott J. Nethercutt is a Principal Researcher at the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI) where he specializes in state and federal energy policy issues. Previously, he advanced market design enhancements at the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), developed reliability assessments at the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and supported transmission siting efforts and smart grid funding programs at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Elliott earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Colorado and a master's degree in applied economics from the Johns Hopkins University.

Timothy Caister, MISO

Tim has served as Deputy General Counsel – Regulatory for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) since April 2018. As Deputy General Counsel, Tim is responsible for supporting MISO's lawyers and internal business partners in Market & Grid Strategy, System Planning, System Operations, Market Operations, Membership Services and External Affairs. In addition, he serves as Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Program Lead, which includes responsibility for leading MISO's planning for DER integration and development of MISO's FERC Order 2222 compliance plan. Before joining MISO, Tim was Vice President, Regulatory Policy at Northern Indiana Public Service Company and also served in various state and federal regulatory attorney and regulatory positions at NIPSCO and Ameren Services Company. He holds a juris doctor from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and holds a B.A. from Alma College located in Alma, Michigan.

Michael Desselle, SPP

As vice president of process integrity and chief compliance and administrative officer, Michael Desselle is responsible for ensuring the organization's adherence to a process driven environment, interregional initiatives and quality and process improvement efforts. Additionally, he is responsible for assisting with the creation, internal communication, execution and maintenance of corporate strategic initiatives and consequently oversees a broad spectrum of organizational, regional and national activities to ensure the consistency, internal coordination and communication with the corporate strategic plans.

Desselle has over 39 years of experience in the energy industry. He began his career as a planning analyst for Cajun Electric Power Cooperative. From 1985-1992, while at Price Waterhouse, Desselle managed and performed utility regulatory, financial and general consulting for clients in the gas, electric, water and wastewater industries. He joined Central and South West Services in 1992 and was responsible for supporting corporate initiatives, strategies and positions.

Desselle joined SPP in 2006. He serves as chairman and CEO of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) and liaison for NAESB to the board of trustees of the North American

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Electric Reliability Corporation. He holds a bachelor's degree in operations research from Louisiana State University.

Allison Bates Wannop, Voltus

Allison Bates Wannop is the Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs at Voltus, an international provider of demand response and distributed energy resource management. After beginning her career doing Securities Litigation and Civil Enforcement at Vault Top 50 firm, she transitioned to the energy sector. She is a former regulator for the state of Vermont, when she enforced the state's landmark renewable energy policy. She previously ran her own consulting practice, 44 North, in which she helped clean energy companies leverage the regulatory process to grow their business.

Frank Lacey, AEMA

Frank Lacey leads Electric Advisors Consulting while serving as Chair of the Advanced Energy Management Alliance. He is an experienced energy industry leader and executive, working directly for advanced energy firms or consultancies for over 20 years. He has been engaged in transforming the electricity industry throughout his career. His primary focus has been aligning business strategy with regulatory outcomes.

Frank has served on the executive teams of Comverge, a residential demand response provider, and CPower, a C&I demand response company that spun out of Comverge. Prior to his work in the demand response industry, Frank spent 10 years in the retail electricity business beginning in the early days of retail choice with Strategic Energy and then with Direct Energy, which purchased Strategic Energy in 2008. He also has several years of consulting experience with Arthur Andersen and Putnam, Hayes & Bartlett. He has been deeply engaged in industry restructuring throughout his career, working on generation restructuring, environmental asset valuation (SO₂ and NO_x credits) transmission restructuring, retail restructuring and demand response integration.

Frank received his MBA with concentrations in finance and environmental management from the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University and his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland. He is married, has three children and is active in his local community.

Kenneth Schisler, CPower

Ken brings nearly three decades of policy leadership on innovation in clean and advanced energy technologies. Ken leads CPower's regulatory and government affairs team, having prior served in similar roles at both Vicinity Energy and EnerNOC/Enel. Ken collaborates with public officials, regulators, power exchange and system operators, academia, and industry peers to unleash the potential of demand side resources. In addition to work throughout North America's wholesale and retail electricity markets, Ken has extensive international experience in market development and public policy promoting distributed energy resource policies in South America, Asia, and

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Europe. Ken served as Chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission from 2003-2007, and as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1991-2003. Since 2012 he has lectured on retail markets and demand side management at the Florence School of Regulation, Summer School on Regulation of Electric Utilities. Ken graduated with honor from the University of Maryland School of Law, and earned a B.S. in Biology and Chemistry from Salisbury University.

David Bloom, BGE

David is a Manager, Energy Acquisition, in BGE's Strategy and Regulatory Affairs Division. David is responsible for overseeing BGE's default electric supply procurements and managing BGE's demand response wholesale market optimization and operations. David leads teams which engage in the PJM stakeholder process and among MD PSC stakeholder groups.

Peter Millburg, Ameren Illinois

Peter Millburg serves as the Senior Manager of Regulatory Compliance for Ameren Illinois. He's a 30 year+ veteran of the company and one of its legacy utilities. Over his career, he's led or supported teams for a number of functions relevant to today's discussions including:

- The administration of electric and gas retail customer choice;
- The implementation of the net metering and distributed generation programs following the 2008 adoption of rules in Illinois;
- The use of portals to administer municipal aggregation, community solar registration and distributed generation rebates;
- The deployment of the company's advanced meter program;
- Developing processes to comply with/support the activities of an Aggregator of Retail Customers (ARC) for demand response services to MISO; and
- Support for a number of operational responsibilities and general customer service functions.

Millburg has also provided testimony in a number of dockets at the Illinois Commission.

Suzanna Mora-Schrader, Exelon Utilities

As Exelon Utilities' Director of Utility Initiatives, Susan provides strategic national energy policy direction for Exelon's six electric utilities. She works closely with utility strategy, policy and regulatory teams to provide linkage between public policy and business strategies. Susan also supports the Exelon Utilities with external stakeholders and outreach campaigns. Issues of particular focus include system planning and non-wire alternatives; DER, EV infrastructure and microgrid integration; innovative business and regulatory models; and rate design. Prior to joining

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Exelon, Susan served as the primary interface with the U.S. Congress, White House, and federal agencies for Pepco Holdings. Issues of particular emphasis in her lobbying portfolio included critical infrastructure security, event response and recovery, grid resilience, and smart grid functionality. Susan holds an MBA and a Bachelor's in Economics, both from the University of Maryland. Susan has three grown children who daily inspire her to make the world a healthier, more equitable home for all. She is married to Congressman Kurt Schrader, who represents Oregon's 5th Congressional District and serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Bahaa Seireg, Con Edison

Bahaa Seireg is a Project Manager in Con Edison's Energy Markets Policy Group where he helps to formulate the company's positions on major energy policy initiatives regarding the integration of distributed energy resources, energy storage, and large-scale renewables into wholesale electricity markets.

His 16-year career in the energy industry merges wholesale electricity market design with regulatory policy/relations. He has used his expertise to recommend policies regarding a variety of market design initiatives while employed at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as well as national and multi-national utilities including Pacific Gas & Electric Company and Electricite de France.

Bahaa holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Santa Clara University, a Master's degree Economics from George Mason University and an MBA from Duke University.

John Romano, Con Edison

John is a Section Manager of Con Edison's Utility of the Future team, where he leads cross-functional efforts to integrate DERs into the utility system while advancing the company's goals for electrification, reliability, innovation, and decarbonization. John's primary areas of focus are FERC Order 2222 implementation, Smart Inverter integration, Rate Design, forecasting, data analytics, and control center modernization.

John currently represents Con Edison in the Joint Utilities of New York which collaboratively work on DER integration and implementation of New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). John is leading Con Edison's adoption of the IEEE 1547-2018 Smart Inverter Standard, the implementation of FERC Order 2222 in NYISO wholesale markets, and development of a Distributed Energy Resource Management Systems (DERMS).

John has 14 years of utility experience in areas of electric distribution construction, project management, distribution control centers, and business development. He has extensive experience in construction and operations of various electric distribution systems including Distribution Automation design, overhead primary mesh, and underground meshed networks. John managed the day-to-day operations of the Manhattan Electric Control Center overseeing the dense network distribution systems that serve New York City. John holds a double major in

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Mechanical Engineering and Economics from Rutgers University and an MBA in Finance from New York University.

John Shenot, RAP

John Shenot advises state utility commissions and environmental regulatory agencies throughout the United States on public policy best practices. A unifying theme throughout his work is the need to craft public policies that simultaneously meet societal objectives for affordable, reliable energy and environmental quality. Mr. Shenot's projects have included providing a series of training workshops and webinars for state and federal regulators on the air quality impacts of energy efficiency and renewable energy; planning and facilitating meetings of the Mid-Atlantic Distributed Resources Initiative (MADRI); and supporting several initiatives of the State and Local Energy Efficiency Action Network (SEE Action). He has also authored or co-authored a wide variety of RAP publications, available in RAP's library.

Mr. Shenot came to RAP after serving as policy advisor to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin from 2008 to 2011. He contributed to numerous commission investigations of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate change topics. Mr. Shenot previously spent 15 years with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as an air pollution regulator and electric utility specialist.

Mr. Shenot is a member of the editorial board for the International Confederation of Energy Regulators' journal, The ICER Chronicle. He also served on the Air Quality Advisory Board for the City of Fort Collins, Colorado, from 2013 to 2016. In 2004, he was awarded an Atlantic Fellowship in Public Policy by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom for collaboration with regulators at the Environment Agency in Bristol, England.

Mr. Shenot received a bachelor's in engineering from the University of Maryland and a master's in resource policy from the University of Michigan.

Chris Villarreal, Plugged in Strategies

Chris has worked in the electricity regulatory policy industry for nearly 20 years, including 11 years as staff at the California PUC and Minnesota PUC. In that time, Chris led initiatives on topics such as grid modernization, rate design reform, data access and data privacy, cybersecurity, and energy storage. Chris is also the author of several white papers from his time at the California PUC on topics such as pre-pay, microgrids, and cybersecurity, as well as the lead author of the NARUC DER Rate Design and Compensation manual, released in 2016. He is currently President of Plugged In Strategies where he advises clients on grid modernization, technology, and regulatory and policy matters.