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Speaker Bios

Commissioner Judy Chang, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Judy Chang joined the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as a Commissioner in July 2024.

Commissioner Chang is an energy economics and policy expert with more than 20 years of experience working with energy companies, trade associations and governments on regulatory and financial issues, particularly as they relate to investment decisions in electric transmission, clean energy and energy storage.

She is the former Undersecretary of Energy and Climate Solutions for Massachusetts, a role in which she led efforts to set policies across the Commonwealth's energy sector and align strategies and plans to meet legal requirements for climate change mitigation. Commissioner Chang has presented and testified before U.S. federal and state agencies and regulatory authorities in Canada on topics related to energy resource deployment; energy contracts; transmission planning, access and pricing; and electricity market design. She has presented her work at industry conferences and academic seminars on energy and environmental policies.



Commissioner Chang has taught as an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School and served as a Senior Fellow at the Kennedy School's Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government. She also served as an ambassador for the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Energy Education & Empowerment Initiative and was a founding board member of New England Women in Energy and the Environment.

Commissioner Chang holds a Master of Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from the University of California, Davis.

Brian Drumm, ITC Holdings

Brian Drumm is the director of regional policy and regional transmission organization engagement for ITC Holdings Corp., which is parent to four independent, stand-alone transmission companies that are engaged exclusively in the development, ownership, and operation of electric transmission facilities in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO) and Southwest Power Pool (SPP) regional transmission organizations. Brian currently serves as the Vice Chair for the Owners. Brian previously served in legal and regulatory policy roles for MISO; American Transmission Company, LLC; and DTE Energy. Brian started his career in the energy industry in 2001 as a FERC attorney in private practice in Washington, D.C., including three years as an associate with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLC. Brian received his B.A. from Michigan State University and his law degree from Indiana University (Bloomington). He also received an MBA from Marquette University



Tom Rutigliano, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Tom Rutigliano works to ensure our wholesale power grid supports a clean energy future. He advocates with grid operators and before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for fair treatment of clean resources and against hidden subsidies for fossil fuels. His regional focus is the PJM interconnection, covering the Mid-Atlantic and parts of the Midwest. Prior to joining NRDC, Rutigliano worked in the private sector, helping to integrate new technologies into wholesale power markets. He holds a bachelor's in philosophy from Eugene Lang College and a master's in energy and environmental policy from the Harvard Kennedy School. He is based in NRDC's Washington D.C. office.

Clint Savoy, Southwest Power Pool

Clint Savoy is the Manager of Interregional Strategy and Engagement at Southwest Power Pool (SPP), and is responsible for building, developing, and maintaining SPP's relationships with neighboring organizations and managing peer-to-peer coordination efforts in SPP's planning, operations, and markets functions. With 19 years of experience in the industry, all of which have been on various teams within SPP, he approaches each interaction with a spirit of cooperation as an acknowledgement that the issues facing those involved in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity today will not be solved unless we – the local and regional utilities, RTO/ISOs, state and federal governments and utility regulators, and the ratepayers – all work together to responsibly and economically keep the lights on today and in the future.



Susan Satter, Office of Illinois Attorney General

Susan L. Satter is the Chief of the Public Utilities Bureau in Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul's Office. She joined the Illinois Attorney General's Public Utilities Bureau in 2000, and represented the Illinois Citizens Utility Board before that, starting in 1990. She has represented the People of the State of Illinois and residential consumers in state and federal administrative, judicial, and legislative proceedings involving energy, water, and telecommunications services and has addressed issues such as rates and prices, cost of service, cost of capital, infrastructure investment, energy regulation and markets, telecommunications regulation and competition, and corporate reorganizations. She received her JD from Chicago-Kent College of Law with honors and served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She earned her BA from University of Wisconsin at Madison.



Carrie Jenks, Harvard University

As Executive Director of the Environmental & Energy Law Program, Carrie leads the EELP team to identify legally durable strategies to support climate and environmental policies and advance clean energy deployment. With her legal and policy expertise in climate and environmental law, she has worked to build strategic alliances among stakeholders to advance policy solutions. Prior to the Environmental & Energy Law Program, Carrie was an Executive Vice President at M.J. Bradley & Associates where she directed power company coalitions that have played a critical role supporting, and defending in court, air pollution and climate regulations. Before that, Carrie was an Associate at Goodwin Procter and Willkie Farr & Gallagher. She received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and B.A. from Harvard University.



Tim Profeta, Duke University

Tim Profeta is an executive in residence at Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Energy, Environment & Sustainability and associate professor of the practice at [Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy](#).

In 2023, Profeta returned to Duke from two years of service at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he served as the special counsel for the power sector and a senior advisor. At the Agency, Profeta had a lead role in the development of the regulatory strategy affecting the power sector, including the recent proposed greenhouse gas regulations, served as a liaison between the Agency and other federal departments and agencies regarding power sector policies, and took an instrumental role in the design of several Agency programs that were authorized in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act.



Prior to leaving for EPA, Profeta was the founding director of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, which merged with the Duke University Energy Initiative in 2021 to create the Nicholas Institute for Energy, Environment & Sustainability. Since its creation in 2005, the Nicholas Institute has grown into a major nonpartisan player in key environmental debates, serving both the public and private sectors with sound understanding of complex environmental issues.

Profeta's areas of expertise include climate change and energy policy, the Clean Air Act, and adaptive use of current environmental laws to address evolving environmental challenges. His work at the Nicholas Institute has included numerous legislative and executive branch proposals to mitigate climate change, including providing Congressional testimony several times on his work at Duke University, developing multiple legislative proposals for cost containment and economic efficiency in greenhouse gas mitigation programs, and facilitating climate and energy policy design processes for several U.S. states.

Prior to his arrival at Duke, Profeta served as counsel for the environment to Sen. Joseph Lieberman. As Lieberman's counsel, he was a principal architect of the Lieberman-McCain Climate Stewardship Act of 2003. He also represented Lieberman in legislative negotiations pertaining to environmental and energy issues, as well as coordinating the senator's energy and environmental portfolio during his runs for national office. Profeta has continued to build on his Washington experience to engage in the most pertinent debates surrounding climate change and energy.

Profeta is a member of the Climate Action Reserve Board of Directors, and is a member of The American Law Institute.

Profeta earned a J.D., *magna cum laude*, and a master's in environmental management in resource ecology from Duke in 1997 and a Bachelor's degree in political science from Yale University in 1992.

Chair Randy Christmann, North Dakota Public Service Commission

Randy Christmann was elected to the North Dakota Public Service Commission in November 2012 and re-elected in 2018 and 2024. He brings to the Commission a background in agriculture, telecommunications, and 18 years in the North Dakota Senate representing energy country. Most of all, he brings what the Minot Daily News called a "let's work together attitude."

Outside of government service, Randy operated an over 100-year-old third generation cattle ranch west of Hazen, North Dakota. His wife, Bethanie, is a mortgage underwriter with Bravera Bank. Before graduating from Hazen High School in 1978, Randy enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard. He also enrolled at North Dakota State University and graduated from there in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.



Randy was elected to the North Dakota Senate in 1994, helping Republicans achieve majority status in the North Dakota Senate. Governor Ed Schafer appointed Randy to serve as one of the two legislative appointees on the Lignite Research Council. He continued to serve in that position under Governors Hoeven and Dalrymple.

Following the statewide general election in 2000, Senate Republicans chose Randy to serve as their Assistant Majority Leader. He was re-elected to that post every two years through 2012. He also served on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

From 1999 through 2012 the members of West River Telecommunications Cooperative elected Randy to serve as a director. During part of this time Randy also served as the president of the North Dakota Association of Telecommunications Cooperatives.

Randy now brings his agriculture, telecommunications, and energy industry background to the Public Service Commission. He has led the effort to implement rules for future decommissioning and reclamation of wind farms and solar farms, serves as a PSC representative on the Lignite Research Council, and serves as a PSC representative for the multi-state Southwest Power Pool. He is the current chair of the Commission and his portfolios include:

- Business Operations
- Coal mining, reclamation, and abandoned mine lands
- Telecommunications
- SPP/RSC

Chair Sarah Martz, Iowa Utilities Commission

Sarah M. Martz began her service on May 1, 2023, to fill the remainder of a term that runs through April 30, 2027. Gov. Kim Reynolds appointed Martz as Commission Chair on May 19, 2025.

Martz serves on the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and the NARUC State Working Group on Transmission, and participates in the NARUC and National Association of State Energy Officials initiative "Comprehensive Electricity Planning in an Era of Load Growth." Martz served as the Iowa representative to SPP's Regional State Committee (RSC) from 2023 to 2025. She began serving as the Iowa representative to the Organization of MISO States (OMS) in 2025.



She previously worked at Alliant Energy/Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) for 11 years in various roles: including optimizing power plants, researching solar performance in the Midwest, and piloting new technologies such as energy storage in Iowa communities. She also managed the electrical distribution engineering team for IPL. In 2022 she became Director of Engineering for the distribution system at Iowa State University's utility. She has managed large diverse teams of technical staff and has been involved with electric, gas, heating/cooling, and water utilities over her career.

Martz earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Iowa State University and a Master's degree in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering from the University of California, Irvine, and she holds a professional engineering license.

She and her husband live in Ames with their three children.

Commissioner Kelsey Bagot, Virginia State Commission Corporation

Judge Bagot is serving her first term at the Virginia State Corporation Commission after her election by the General Assembly in 2024.

Prior to being elected to the Commission, Judge Bagot was a Senior Attorney at NextEra Energy, Inc. Previously she served as Legal Advisor to Commissioner Mark C. Christie at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Judge Christie served on the SCC for almost 17 years before joining FERC.

Judge Bagot also served as a trial attorney at FERC as well as an associate at Troutman Sanders LLP and Van Ness Feldman LLP in Washington, D.C.

Judge Bagot earned her Bachelor's Degree from American University and her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.



Brad Pope, Organization of MISO States

Brad Pope joined the Organization of MISO States in June of 2022 following six and a half years with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. At the IURC, Brad served as an Administrative Law Judge and, in an earlier role, as an Assistant General Counsel focused on regional and federal energy issues. Brad earned a law degree from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law with a Certificate in Energy & Environmental Law and a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Purdue University.

