

# 2022 Speaker Biographies

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### **Julian Cook**

*Economic Associate, Regional Economics Models, Inc*

Julian Cook is an Economic Associate at Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI). He supports several clients across the United States with their fiscal, energy and environmental, and economic development related projects remotely from New York, NY. He regularly works with and supports state and national agencies on a host of projects related to national, state, and local policy.

### **Jeffrey Dykes**

*Analyst, Regional Economics Models, Inc*

Jeffrey Dykes is an Analyst, with over 8 years of economic modeling experience for REMI. He is based at the company's Amherst, MA headquarters, and has contributed to model development, policy research, and consulting with regional economic impact analysis in transportation and infrastructure, resilience, incentive analysis, and the development of linkages to external models.

Mr. Dykes conducts research and evaluates data for consulting projects. He also evaluates new model versions for errors and discrepancies in economic forecasting simulations. Prior to becoming a staff member, Mr. Dykes worked at REMI as an intern, helping economists with projects such as modeling the economic impact of casino building and immigration legislation.

Major projects that Mr. Dykes has participated in are evaluating CAFÉ Standards for Indiana University, the economic impact of Amazon's HQ2, the long-range transportation forecast for the Ministry of Transportation of Saudi Arabia, and calibration of the Chinese model with updated economic and demographic statistics.

He holds a B.B.A. in finance and a B.A. in economics from the Isenberg School of

Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

### **Scott Bolton**

*Senior Vice President of Transmission, PacifiCorp*

Scott Bolton sees the rapidly evolving energy industry as a catalyst for improving how PacifiCorp's customers live and work. He has devoted most of the last two decades to working with leaders in government, businesses (large and small) and anyone with a stake in a cleaner, more economically robust future to help tackle broad-based challenges involving energy policy, infrastructure development, rural community revitalization, clean transportation, and veterans' issues.

Currently, he leads PacifiCorp's Transmission Development organization where he brings together a diverse team providing transmission planning and project management, transmission ratemaking, wholesale market development, and environmental policy that supports PacifiCorp's system and its customers.

From promoting the expansion of critical transmission projects, to enabling the integration and advancement of clean energy, to working toward regional market and policy solutions for the grid, Scott focuses on helping customers, not only as consumers of electricity, but as people with families and jobs who want to thrive in their communities.

### **Phil Pettingill**

*Director, Regional Integration, California Independent System Operator*

Phil Pettingill currently serves as Director of Regional Integration at the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO). Currently, he is supporting the ISO's new stakeholder process that has used work groups in the market design for an extended day ahead

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market (EDAM). In many forums, he serves as an external spokesperson to provide expertise between the ISO and policy makers. He also engages in many regulatory initiatives supporting California's environmental goals, including achieving the 60 percent renewable portfolio standard in 2030 and 100% carbon-free energy by 2045.

#### **Vijay Satyal PhD**

*Senior Policy Analyst, Regional Markets Team, Western Resource Advocates*

Vijay Satyal leads the Regional Markets group as part of grid modernization initiative in the Clean Energy Program of WRA. Vijay joined WRA in 2019 and WRA's regional markets team is engaged in wholesale electricity expansion efforts in intermountain (non-coastal) states and active in utility proceedings of current regional stakeholder initiatives.

Vijay has over 15 years of experience that encompasses energy and regulatory policy analysis, renewable energy technologies evaluation and regional Bulk Electric System grid planning and transmission policy. Prior to joining WRA, he was a Sr. Policy Advisor at the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), where he advised WECC's CEO, Exec. Team & Reliability Planning team on Western states' energy and environmental policy developments and prepared WECC responses for stakeholders. These duties also included liaising with western states' energy offices and commissions and facilitating states' input into WECC reliability studies.

Prior to his time at WECC, Vijay was a Sr. Policy Analyst at the Oregon DOE, where he evaluated emerging grid technologies, integrated resource plans and engaged with communities on transmission development and capacity needs. Most recently, he was a Sr. Consultant at Navigant, where he assisted in consulting services for utilities to develop

internal compliance processes for NERC reliability standards.

Vijay has a PhD in Environmental Sciences (2006) – Resource Economics from Oregon State University and MS in Resource Economics & Policy (2001) from Michigan State University. He is also an Adjunct Affiliate Professor with Oregon State University – School of Public Policy – where he teaches – Ren. Energy Policy; International Energy Policy, for the MS and PhD students in School of Public Policy.

#### **Abby Briggerman**

*Partner, Holland & Hart Law Firm*

An electric utility regulatory attorney since 2006, Abby counsels industrial consumers and independent power producers through a broad array of matters before state public utility commissions and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Abby frequently represents large industrial consumers and consumer coalitions in proceedings involving electric utility rate matters, service quality matters, certificates of public convenience and necessity proceedings, demand side management programs, and in rulemaking proceedings.

Outside of the contested proceeding environment, she represents her clients in matters relating to electric utility resource planning, at the state and regional level. Abby also has extensive experience representing consumer interests in state legislative matters, advocating on their behalf before legislative committees.

#### **Michelle Brandt King**

*Partner, Holland & Hart Law Firm*

Michelle Brandt King helps industrial and commercial electric retail customers, independent power producers, renewable energy developers,

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natural gas local distributions companies and pipelines, transportation providers, as well as municipalities throughout the Mountain West navigate the spectrum of regulatory matters that impact their industries and operations.

Her experience handling nearly all aspects of energy and utility regulation allows her clients to concentrate on the daily challenges of running their businesses while simultaneously achieving their goals.

Michelle provides counsel and advocacy on her clients' behalf in administrative proceedings in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming as well as before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and helps her clients thrive amidst an ever-changing energy industry.

#### **Rachel Wiser**

*Western Natural Gas and Power Energy Analyst, S&P Global Platts*

Rachel Wiser is an Energy Analyst on S&P Global Commodity Insights North American Gas team where she covers the Western US and previously the Midwest. Prior to joining S&P Global she served in the Peace Corps in Mexico, AmeriCorps in Alabama, and worked at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in the Office of Enforcement in Washington, DC.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from the University of St Andrews and College of William and Mary's International Honours Programme and a Masters in Science in Environmental Studies from the College of Charleston.

#### **Saad Malik**

*Director Reliability Planning, Western Electricity Coordinating Council*

Mr. Saad Malik has over twenty years of progressive experience in electrical engineering including power systems design, operations, and

planning for bulk electrical system in North America. His experience includes power systems design projects, grid operational reliability, planning of power grid and industry standards development.

Mr. Malik is currently working as Director of System Planning Engineering at WECC which is the Regional Reliability Entity for Western Interconnection.