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Gary Hoogeveen

President and CEO of Rocky Mountain Power

Gary Hoogeveen is President and Chief Executive Officer of Rocky Mountain Power. He is responsible for the company's transmission and distribution operations, customer service, regulatory and legislative affairs in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. Hoogeveen is additionally responsible for PacifiCorp's coal fueling and mining operations as well as all-natural gas fired, coal fired, and geothermal generation operations.

Prior to his current position Hoogeveen served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of Rocky Mountain Power and President and Chief Executive Officer of Kern River Gas Transmission company for four years.

Hoogeveen currently serves on the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors, the EDCUtah Board of Advisors, the Envision Utah Board of Directors and the Utah Sports Commission Board of Trustees. He dedicates his time to others within the company through both formal and informal mentoring.

Hoogeveen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from the University of Northern Iowa, and a Ph.D. in space physics from Rice University.

Caitlin Liotiris

Partner, Energy Strategies

Caitlin Liotiris leads many of Energy Strategies' efforts in electricity market development and advocacy, regional transmission planning and policy, and energy procurement arenas. For 15 years, Caitlin has been actively involved in transmission development and wholesale electricity market discussions throughout the West.

Caitlin co-led the "State-Led Market Study" which helped Western States jointly evaluate

potential wholesale energy market options in a neutral forum. She also co-authored several studies on the benefits of new transmission and has supported Order 1000 regional transmission planning efforts. Caitlin also brings a broad and deep knowledge of state and utility clean energy requirements, utilities' plans to comply with these requirements, and market fundamentals related to renewable energy, especially in the West.

Caitlin has been active in the development of an Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) in the Western Interconnection since it was conceptualized in 2010 and remains deeply involved in the many policy discussions aimed at expanding organized markets in the West, including efforts at the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP).

Vijay Satyal

Deputy Director of Regional Markets, 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

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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.

Rebecca Sexton

Director Reliability Programs, Western Power Pool

Rebecca Sexton is the Director of Reliability Programs at the Western Power Pool, where she manages the Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) implementation and the WPP's transition (governance, program administration, and committee and stakeholder engagement) to house that program. Prior to joining the WPP in 2021, Ms. Sexton was a senior consultant with Sapere Consulting for seven years, during which time she managed the WRAP's design process since its beginning in 2019. In her role at Sapere, she also assisted clients with regional project and program facilitation, project management, risk management, decision analysis, and strategic planning.

Ms. Sexton earned a master's degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University and a bachelors in Geology-Physics from Whitman College; she previously worked with a small coastal research team at the Washington State Department of Ecology. Ms. Sexton is a certified project management professional (PMP).

Scott Potter

Managing Director of Business Development and Senior Consultant, RBN Energy, LLC

Scott M. Potter is Managing Director of Business Development and a Senior Consultant with RBN Energy, LLC, based in Houston, TX. Mr. Potter brings over thirty years of experience in the oil & gas industry, with an emphasis on natural gas trading. Mr. Potter actively participates in RBN's consulting engagements focused on crude oil, natural gas and NGL's.

Mr. Potter began his career in the early 1980's, working for Northern Natural Gas' crude oil and condensate subsidiary. From there, Mr. Potter co-founded Aquila Energy, which developed into one of the industry's leading natural gas marketing companies. In the mid – 1990's, Mr. Potter joined Mr. Braziel as Texaco's Natural Gas Vice President of Natural Gas Trading.

Mr. Potter also spent time working with Mr. Braziel at Altra Energy, leading a team responsible for delivering Altra software to international clients, including Pemex, Mexico's state-owned oil company.

In addition to working with Mr. Braziel at Texaco and Altra Energy, Mr. Potter has utilized his expertise and knowledge of the industry to provide consulting services to a number of organizations.

Mr. Potter holds a Bachelor's degree in Business from the University of Minnesota.

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Abby Briggerman

Attorney and Partner, Holland & Hart, LLP

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.

Austin Jensen

Associate, Holland & Hart, LLP

Austin assists large energy users and energy project developers on regulatory matters and complex utility rate proceedings.

His practice is focused on the regulation of utilities and electric markets, energy development, and the nuances of administrative law and litigation. Austin's clients include energy consumer associations, individual energy consumers, energy developers, and entities subject to or threatened with regulatory oversight.

Jeremy Twitchell

Senior Energy Analyst, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Jeremy Twitchell is a senior energy analyst at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, where he leads PNNL's work on the Equitable Regulatory Environment thrust area of the Department of Energy – Office of Electricity's Energy Storage Program.

His research focuses on identifying the regulatory barriers that impede the deployment of energy storage technologies and best practices for reducing or eliminating those

barriers, as well as providing technical assistance to states on energy storage-related topics. He also supports other efforts at the lab in areas related to grid planning, utility regulation, rate design, and energy system equity. Prior to joining PNNL, Jeremy spent five years at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Mason Baker

CEO & General Manager, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems

Mason Baker is Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems' ("UAMPS") CEO & General Manager. Mason holds a law degree from the University of Utah and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Colorado College. He holds a certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law from the University of Utah and is the past Chair of the Board of the Salt Lake Climbers Alliance. Mason enjoys spending time with his two young sons and rock climbing throughout the West with his wife and two dogs.

Jon Christensen

Vice Superintendent, Manager of Special Projects, Intermountain Power Agency

Jon Christensen is the Manager of Special Projects and the Vice President of the Intermountain Power Services Corporation (IPSC) in Delta, Utah. IPSC operates and maintains a 1900 MW coal fired generating station, 345 kV AC Switchyard, and 2400 MW HVDC Converter Station.

He is currently serving as the Chief Engineer and Site Manager for the IPP Renewed Program. IPP Renewed involves replacing the existing coal fired power plant with two new advanced class combined cycle generating units, expanding the existing switchyard, replacing the high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter stations in Utah and California, and building

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new synchronous condensers. The new generating station is designed to operate on natural gas with a 30% hydrogen blend. The plant is designed to transition to 100% green hydrogen within the next 20 years.

He graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in Utah, a member of Eta Kappa Nu and a Life Senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Justin Owen

Global Regulatory Lead for Energy Markets and Development, Weber State University

Justin Owen is the Energy Manager at Weber State University. During his tenure, WSU's already substantial energy savings have continued to grow and WSU has continued to be cutting edge with the installation of groundsource, variable refrigerant flow, and solar systems.

Justin holds Masters degrees in Environmental Science and Public Affairs from Indiana University and a Bachelor's in Geography from Weber State University. Justin is a Certified Energy Manager, Certified Educational Facilities Professional, Certified Water Operator, and recently completed a certificate in Energy Finance from Yale.

Briana Kobor

Global Regulatory Lead for Energy Markets and Development, Google

Briana Kobor is Google's Global Regulatory Lead for Energy Markets and Development. In this role she oversees regulatory and legislative work to create strategic solutions to meet Google's energy goals. Briana has been in the energy industry since 2007, spending five years leading regulatory efforts for Vote Solar and eight years in energy consulting at MRW &

Associates. She has a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

David Miracle

Director of Sustainability, Nucor Corporation

Dave Miracle is the Director of Corporate Sustainability for Nucor Corporation and has worked in the steel industry for 25 years. In his role, Dave leads our corporate sustainability team and is responsible for coordinating and directing sustainability activities across the enterprise to further Nucor's leadership as one of the cleanest, most sustainable steelmakers in the world. Dave works in close collaboration with commercial, raw materials, public affairs and environmental teams to execute Nucor's carbon reduction strategy.

He serves as Secretary for the Global Steel Climate Council (GSCC) and helps lead the standard development team. Dave joined Nucor in August 2020 as Manager of Environmental Affairs and moved into a sustainability leadership role in January 2021.

Dave began his career at AK Steel in 1998 and served in various environmental positions over his 22-year tenure, including General Manager of Environmental Affairs and Sustainability prior to joining Nucor. Dave was appointed by the President of the United States as federal commissioner of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) in order to protect and improve the quality of the river. Dave holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky.