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Panel I: Making the Grade on Sustainability & ESG Reporting

Weezie Nuara (Moderator)

Weezie Nuara is Dominion Energy's state policy director for New England where she is responsible for all local, state, and regional policy matters impacting Dominion's Millstone Nuclear Power Station in Waterford, Connecticut. Weezie manages all legislative and regulatory activities in Connecticut and elsewhere in New England as they pertain to Dominion's interests in the region. Weezie also supports Dominion's market affairs activities through the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) stakeholder process and is responsible for overseeing the Dominion Foundation's Community Investment Board for the Northeast.

Prior to joining Dominion, Weezie worked for ISO New England as a senior external affairs representative where she was responsible for performing outreach to government officials in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. She tracked energy legislation and administrative activity at the state public utility commissions and energy offices, and managed outreach to government officials during power system events and emergencies. She also managed the ISO's participation in the New England Consumer Liaison Group, a stakeholder group that meets quarterly to discuss issues of importance to electricity consumers in New England.

Prior to joining the ISO, Weezie worked as an attorney and legal intern for Dominion where she focused on environmental compliance for Dominion's merchant generation fleet in New England.

Weezie sits on the Board of Directors for New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE) where she serves as president. She is responsible for revamping NEWIEE's membership strategy, managing NEWIEE's signature Women Shaping the Agenda event, and growing NEWIEE's programming in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut. Weezie is also a member of the Connecticut Power and Energy Society (CPES) where she helped cultivate the New Energy Professionals (NEP) group.

Weezie received her undergraduate degree in Government from the University of Virginia in 2006 and her J.D. from the New England School of Law in 2009.

Steven Clarke

Steven coordinates Ceres' work to spur US corporate leadership on greenhouse gas emission reductions and clean energy uptake, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and electric vehicles.

Prior to joining Ceres, Steven spearheaded and developed clean energy projects and land conservation ventures in Namibia and collaborated with industry, government and policy making leaders on advancing national transmission policies and initiatives for renewable energy in the United States.

He served as the Assistant Secretary for Energy in Massachusetts where he represented Massachusetts in a multi-state enterprise to increase renewable energy and transmission in New England, directed implementation of The Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act, and chaired the Energy Facilities Siting Board.

Steven also served as the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resource's Director of wind energy development, where he led initiatives to develop renewable energy on state owned lands and facilities, offshore wind, and ensured progress towards the Governor's 2020 2,000 megawatt wind energy goal.

Steven has Master's and Bachelor's degrees from Columbia University and was pursuing a doctoral degree at Stanford University prior to working for Massachusetts.

Megan Gates

Megan Gates is Chair of Mintz's Corporate Practice, Co-chair of the Securities & Capital Markets Practice Group, and former member of the Firm's Policy Committee. She advises publicly traded and late-stage private companies, primarily in the life sciences industry, on capital raising, SEC reporting and corporate governance obligations, and merger and acquisition transactions.

As Chair of the Corporate Practice, Megan manages more than 140 attorneys in five offices across the US. Her responsibilities include managing the strategic direction of the group and implementing its key initiatives, marketing, hiring, personnel management, professional development, performance assessment, work allocation, budgeting, and financial analysis and management.

Megan frequently speaks at conferences on securities offerings, corporate governance, and compliance matters, including at Boston Bar Association panels and industry meetings. She is also active in community organizations in Boston, including serving as a Board member of the Pine Street Inn, the Boston Bar Foundation, and the Japan Society of Boston.

Brice Soucy

Brice has been active in the infrastructure industry for over 12 years and has experience successfully financing, developing and managing assets totaling in excess of \$6 billion of enterprise value in principal and corporate finance capacities.

At Argo, Brice serves as a member of the asset management team, RPMC and on the boards of portfolio companies TierPoint, LAZ Parking and Thule Energy Storage.

Prior to Argo, Brice served as Vice President, Investments at Brookfield Infrastructure Group, the infrastructure division of Brookfield Asset Management. At Brookfield, Brice participated in due diligence in connection with over \$20 billion of investment opportunities in the utility, transportation and data sectors. Brice was a deal team member for the sale process of the Carlsbad Desalination Project and served as Director of Finance for the Huntington Beach Desalination Project.

Brice was previously the Director of Business Development at Poseidon Water, where he was responsible for originating investment opportunities in the water infrastructure sector in North America. While at Poseidon Water, he also participated in corporate development initiatives including raising over \$50 million in corporate equity commitments from investors and executing the majority acquisition of the company by Brookfield in 2015.

Brice started his career as an Analyst at J.P. Morgan Asset Management in the Infrastructure Investments Group. Brice was a member of the investment team focused on the regulated utility and renewable energy sectors and supported management of a portfolio of assets with a collective enterprise value of over \$1 billion.

Brice graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bentley University in 2010 with a degree in Economics-Finance.

Panel II: The Power of Data

Dave Crudele (Moderator & Speaker)

Dave Crudele is an Assistant Director on the Large Scale Renewables (LSR) team at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). In this role, Dave leads a team providing cross-cutting support for program strategy and operations in pursuit of the State's goal of generating 70% of its electricity from renewable resources by 2030. Prior to joining LSR, Dave led a team focused on making investments in technology to modernize the electric grid with the goal of making the New York State electric grid cleaner, more reliable, and more affordable. Dave is the former co-chair of the New York State Interconnection Technical Working Group. Before joining NYSERDA, Dave performed electric grid research and development and consulting with Nova Energy Specialists and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). Dave holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in electrical engineering and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

Riley Hastings

Riley Hastings is a lead analyst at Eversource in their energy efficiency group. She has 17 years of experience in the energy efficiency space working both for a utility and a consulting company. Her experience in energy efficiency ranges from evaluation survey design, project management, evaluation study management, and regulatory reporting and analysis. In the last several years, she has lead efforts related to the creation of publicly available Statewide platforms and databases on behalf of the Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Program Administrators. Lately, there has been a focus on equity issues and she is leading efforts to use data as a way of better targeting energy efficiency investments and outreach strategies to environmental justice communities. She is regarded as a data guru by her Massachusetts energy efficiency colleagues. She graduated from Colgate University with a BA in economics. When she is not looking at spreadsheets, you will find her spending time with her husband and 9 and 11 year old children.

Elizabeth Marino

Elizabeth Marino is the Director, Corporate Strategy at Constellation. In this role, she leads a team responsible for the development of enterprise strategy around new technologies and business models to accelerate the transition to a carbon-free economy. These opportunities include the development of the company's 24/7 carbon-free matching platform and numerous digital strategies.

Prior to this role, Liz managed an analytics team, developing in-house capabilities in the field of machine learning to drive efficiencies and enable new products and revenue streams across the organization. Liz has also held roles in Finance and Strategy, having supported numerous acquisitions and growth initiatives for the customer-facing business. She received undergraduate degrees in Economics and Sociology as well as an MBA from Loyola University Maryland. She is a cellist in the Columbia Orchestra in Maryland, an Army wife and mother of two daughters.

Panel III: Executives' Perspective on Leading Through the Energy Transition

David O'Connor (Moderator)

David O'Connor helps energy and technology companies expand their markets and accelerate their growth. He helps these companies navigate and shape emerging legislation, policies and regulations. His clients include companies that deliver energy efficiency services, develop wind, solar and biomass power plants, install transmission and smart grid technologies, and bring new low-carbon fuels and offsets to the marketplace. ML Strategies is a subsidiary of the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

Prior to joining ML Strategies, David served as the Commissioner of Energy Resources for Massachusetts from 1995 through 2007. During this time, he developed and managed many of the state's energy policies and programs. He oversaw utility energy efficiency programs and developed the first-ever state renewable portfolio standard (RPS). He represented the state in the negotiations that led to the first multi-state agreement to limit carbon emissions from power plants (known as RGGI). He previously had a distinguished career serving as a mediator of energy and environmental disputes and as a leader in the field of dispute resolution. David received his MPA from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and his B.A. from Middlebury College.

Duncan Cameron

Duncan Cameron joined Good Chemistry in 2010 as Chief Production Officer. Considered a master cultivator in the cannabis industry, Cameron's experience includes advanced propagation techniques, cultivation design, permitting, regulatory and environmental compliance, and staff training and management.

As Chief Production Officer, Cameron oversees all tasks from propagation through harvest and post-production. He designs sophisticated controlled environment facilities, ensuring the production of contaminant-free marijuana, consistent with the requirements and regulations of the States of Colorado, Massachusetts and Nevada and Good Manufacturing Practices.

Under his leadership, Good Chemistry has significantly reduced the time to harvest, increased the available gene pool from six to more than 80 strains and refined integrated pest & disease management as it pertains to cannabis.

In addition to his role as Chief Production Officer, Cameron serves as the project manager for Good Chemistry's cultivation expansions and heads up the company's R&D program. He sits on work groups in several States that pertain to issues ranging from science and policy, production management and sustainability. Cameron manages more than 100 employees in Good Chemistry's production facilities.

Cameron has a Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University. He is a member of the International Society of Horticultural Sciences (ISHS), the Minority Cannabis Business Association (MCBA), the National Black Farmers Association (NBFA), the Colorado Farm Bureau and the Massachusetts Farm Bureau.

James Cater

James Cater is the Electric Innovation Strategist at Global Partners LP. In this role, he works to develop and implement Global's EV strategy and identify and advance other opportunities to monetize electrification and sustainability. Global is an adaptive distribution energy company and is one of the largest independent owners, suppliers, and operators of gasoline stations and convenience stores in the Northeast.

Previously, James was the Program Lead of EV Infrastructure for Eversource Energy. He is a thought leader in EV site development with deep experience in the Electric Vehicle infrastructure space, having managed the deployment of utility-managed electric infrastructure programs in Massachusetts and Connecticut that have resulted in over 2,000 charging points over the past four years.

Monica Kabel

Monica Kabel is a Principal Strategy Analyst at National Grid, an electric and gas utility that serves more than 20 million people throughout New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. She joined National Grid's US Strategy team in 2020 and has focused on strategy development to drive the company toward achieving its net zero target by 2050.

Prior to National Grid, Monica worked at Bloom Energy – a solid oxide fuel cell company – for five years. She started at the company as a recruiter in the Human Resources department and spent her last 2.5 years on the Product Management team, where she managed the launch of several power modules within the Bloom Energy Server platform.

Monica holds a BS in Environmental Sciences from UC Berkeley and a dual masters in Civil & Environmental Engineering and Business from MIT. She is a proud resident of Somerville, MA alongside her husband and cat. In her spare time, she enjoys discovering new hiking trails and attempting to ski.

Matt O'Malley

As the company's first-ever Chief Sustainability Officer, Matt is responsible for leading the company's decarbonization efforts and guiding the execution of Vicinity's Clean Energy Future, Net Zero Carbon plan. Reporting to President and Chief Executive Officer Bill DiCroce, Matt officially joined the company in January 2022, following his term on the Boston City Council as President Pro Tempore.

Serving on the Boston City Council for the past 11 years, Councilor O'Malley has passed aggressive environmental initiatives, including setting bold net zero carbon building standards, delivering community choice energy, eliminating gas leaks and single-use plastic bags, and diverting organics from landfills through curbside composting in the City of Boston. He also authored the Building Energy Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO). BERDO has required buildings to report their annual energy and water use since 2013 and was recently expanded to give the city authority to set carbon targets for individual buildings.

As an environmental expert and advocate, Matt holds over 18 years of focused and visionary leadership in the public, private, and issue advocacy arenas. Matt earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and English at The George Washington University. He serves on the Charles H. Farnsworth Housing Corporation board, is a Trustee of the Boston Latin School Association, and has served on the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund. He has also raised money as a member of Boston Marathon teams for Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Project Hope, and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Lunch Keynote: The Poll Results Are In

Steve Koczela

Steve Koczela has grown The MassINC Polling Group from its infancy to a nationally known and respected polling provider. During the 2016 and 2018 election cycles, MPG conducted election polling for WBUR, the continuation of an 8-year partnership during which the WBUR poll has become the state's poll of record. Koczela frequently appears in local, state, and national media outlets discussing polling, politics, and policy. His analysis appears at CNN, WBUR, NHPR, Commonwealth Magazine, and elsewhere.

Prior to founding The MassINC Polling Group, he led survey research programs for the U.S. Department of State in Iraq, in key states for President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign, and conducted surveys and polls on behalf of many private corporations. Koczela is a frequent guest on WBUR as well as many other news and talk programs in Massachusetts and elsewhere. His polling analysis is often cited in local, state, and national media outlets. He is past President of the New England Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (NEAAPOR) and serves as Associate Editor of the Statistical Journal of the IAOS. He lives in Melrose, Massachusetts, and is a veteran of the war in Iraq.

Panel IV: The Regulator Perspective on New & Transformative Policy Changes

Eric Johnson (Moderator)

Eric Johnson is Director of External Affairs for ISO New England, the operator of the region's electric grid. He leads a team of government affairs professionals that coordinates the ISO's outreach to government officials in the six New England states. He works with state and federal policymakers and regulators to educate them on ISO initiatives related to regional system planning and wholesale electricity markets. He leads communications and training exercises to keep government officials informed during power system emergencies. He has appeared before legislative committees, public utility commissions, environmental agencies and siting boards to speak on a wide range of electricity issues.

He serves on the board of directors of the Connecticut Power and Energy Society, and is the organization's immediate past president.

When he is not at work, Eric enjoys hiking with his family and their dog, Leo, and serving as a volunteer firefighter with the Hazardville Fire Department in Enfield, Connecticut.

Abigail Anthony

Abigail Anthony was appointed by Governor Gina Raimondo to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission in 2017. Commissioner Anthony is currently the Chair of the Commission on Energy Resources and the Environment of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the President of the Board of the New

England Utility Cybersecurity Integration Collaborative. Previously, Commissioner Anthony was the director of Acadia Center's Grid Modernization and Utility Reform Initiative, and the organization's Rhode Island director. During her time as director of Acadia Center, she was appointed by Governors Carcieri and Chafee to the Rhode Island Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council, where she served from 2010 to 2017 overseeing the implementation of the state's energy efficiency programs and policies.

Philip Bartlett

Philip L. Bartlett II, J.D., was appointed to the Maine Public Utilities Commission in June 2019 by Governor Janet Mills. Prior to his appointment, he practiced law with Scaccia, Bartlett & Chabot. He also served in the Maine Senate from 2004 to 2012 and was elected by his peers to serve as Senate Majority Leader from 2008 to 2010. Bartlett chaired the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee as well as the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future and he served on the Government Oversight Committee, Natural Resources Committee and Labor Committee. He taught micro and macroeconomics at the collegiate level. Chairman Bartlett holds a juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School. He completed his undergraduate work at Tufts University, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude majoring in Economics and Political Science. His term expires in March 2025.

Matthew Nelson

Matthew Nelson was appointed Chair of the Department of Public Utilities in February 2019. Nelson began his energy career at the Department in 2007 in the Natural Gas Division. Subsequently, Nelson served as the Supervisor of Regulatory, Policy, and Planning for Eversource Energy as part of the nationally recognized Mass Save program. Returning to the Department, Nelson became the Director of Electric Power, and Regional and Federal Affairs. During Nelson's time at the Department, he has investigated a wide range of utility issues, including grid modernization investments, general rate case issues, solar and renewable energy development, energy efficiency, climate strategies, competitive supply, and storm restoration issues. Nelson's work at the Department and elsewhere has focused on reducing costs to ratepayers while improving reliability and continuing to drive down greenhouse gas emissions. Nelson is a graduate of Stonehill College and he holds a Master's degree in economics from Tufts University.

Carleton Simpson

Carleton Simpson was appointed to serve as a Commissioner of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission in November 2021. Carleton's term on the Commission concludes on July 1, 2023. Carleton has a J.D. focused on Energy and Environmental Law from Suffolk University Law School, a M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of New Hampshire. Carleton started his career at Unitil as an engineer responsible for developing regulatory compliance programs pertaining to FERC and NERC electric reliability standards. He then served as the company's Director of Government Affairs and subsequently as in-house legal Regulatory Counsel. In these roles, Carleton was responsible for leading clean energy strategy efforts before legislators and regulators in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, and federal delegations. He has served as an expert witness in numerous proceedings pertaining to solar generation development, electric vehicle infrastructure and adoption programs, and time of use (TOU) rate design. Carleton has extensive experience working on matters pertaining to electricity and natural gas distribution and transmission, cyber security, electrification, decarbonization, and energy market regulation.

Commissioner Simpson has been a member in good standing of the New Hampshire Bar and Federal District of New Hampshire Bar since 2019.

Panel V: “Tying” It All Together: The Backbone of a Decarbonized Future Grid

Gregg Therrien (Moderator)

Mr. Therrien provides regulatory strategy and financial rate case expertise to regulated and unregulated entities in the natural gas, electric, and water industries. He has performed a multitude of consulting engagements including expert testimony on the subjects of allocated cost of service, rate design, rate consolidation, alternative rate plans, decoupling, revenue requirements, and natural gas infrastructure replacement programs. Other engagements include merger and acquisition due diligence, electric power plant retirement analysis (including securitization), billing system and rate mechanism audits, natural gas storage rate analysis, solar/renewable project evaluation, line extension policies, power procurement advisory services and tariff writing and administration.

Mr. Therrien holds an M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut, a B.S. in Finance from Bryant University, and is certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

Blair Haste

Blair Haste is a member of Business Development team at Enbridge where he works to identify, conceptualize, and qualify growth projects for natural gas pipelines. In this capacity, Blair works closely to align customers and partners in order to meet the energy needs of the Northeast region. Prior to joining the Business Development team, Blair worked on the development and execution of large capital expansion projects in both western Pennsylvania and northern Canada. Blair has also worked Enbridge’s operations group, where he was responsible for the construction management of maintenance projects on midstream and mainline assets in western Canada. Blair graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Angela Schorr

Ms. Schorr has over thirty years of experience in the energy industry. She began her career at Brooklyn Union Gas, a regulated utility company, and worked for a variety of regulated and non-regulated energy companies over her career including Total Gas & Electric, Gateway Energy Services, and Direct Energy before moving over to NRG Energy in 2021.

Ms. Schorr is currently a part of the northeast Regulatory team for NRG Energy, Inc. focusing on New York and New Jersey. Ms. Schorr actively participates in rulemaking proceedings, utility rate cases, and collaborative meetings, and has been recently focused on the New York Market Reset Order. One of the NRG Companies – Green Mountain Energy offers a natural gas product that is coupled with carbon offsets to reduce the associated carbon emissions. Ms. Schorr recently presented at 2 separate Market Reset Order Stakeholder meetings to showcase available green gas products and how they can be helpful tools in reducing emissions in New York.

Ms. Schorr holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and an MBA in Quantitative Analysis from St. John’s University.

Scott Shields

Mr. Shields is a Partner at New Energy Development Company providing strategic & project development and capital driving sustainable GreenER™ Hydrogen and LNG. Following three years active duty in the U.S. Army, Mr. Shields earned a bachelor's degree with distinction and honors in finance from the Pennsylvania State University and an MBA from the University of Chicago.

He launched his career with four-years at Exxon Corporation and later traded natural gas with **Sonat Energy Marketing**. From those successes, he was identified in 1996 by **Enron Capital & Trade** as a valuable resource to develop a new, long-term structured transactions group. During his four-year tenure, his successes included re-powering project development and other structured propositions, the largest of which entailed an international structure contributing \$10 million to the company's gross margin. In 2005, Mr. Shields was recruited by **Atlanta's AGL Resources, Pivotal LNG**, where he valued and negotiated critical energy storage and balancing agreements and debottlenecked the seven owned utilities using LNG and other commodities.

Given Mr. Shields experiences in the LNG industry, he seamlessly transitioned to Vice President of **Repsol Energy North America**. Over his four years at Repsol LNG, he was integral in its successful entry into North America. Along with his team, Mr. Shields structured and negotiated the \$547mm international binding agreement to supply LNG to the \$1.2 billion Canaport LNG import facility. Downstream, he created the strategic plan, marketing plan, and negotiated long-term structured regasification contracts with natural gas utilities, consortiums, and power plants.

In 2010, Mr. Shields advanced to Managing Director for a subsidiary of **Black Hills Corporation**, where he formed and grew the East Gas Origination & Trading Group serving the same customers. While developing its North American strategy and successfully originating and negotiating a company acquisition, Mr. Shields executed two \$307 million structured transactions contributing \$7.5 million to gross margin within a year of joining the company.

Mr. Shields served on the Board of Directors of **Oasis Bank SSB**, a business he co-founded in 2005. His team successfully merged the bank with Spirit of Texas Bank, which completed an initial public offering in 2018 with \$1 billion in assets.

Mr. Shields was FINRA-licensed while heading an investment banking with the series 79, 82, and 63 qualifications. In addition to his professional pursuits, Mr. Shields was nominated to the Katy Independent School District Bond Committee, approving and recommending over \$600 million in new bond issuances.

Panel VI

Margaret Czepiel (Moderator)

Margaret Czepiel is an Associate in the Washington, DC office of Day Pitney LLP. Margaret represents energy clients in regulatory, administrative litigation, enforcement and compliance matters, predominantly in front of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and state commissions. Margaret assists a wide array of clients from municipalities, to large corporations to the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) on electric and gas-related matters. She has developed knowledge of transmission and interconnection procedures, and has worked with developers of emerging renewable and storage technologies on complex interconnection and siting-related issues. Margaret has also worked with large scale transmission developers with FERC compliance and regulatory

proceedings. Margaret has been a panelist at several Day Pitney webinars on FERC jurisdiction, transmission initiatives and offshore wind interconnection issues. Prior to joining Day Pitney, Margaret worked as a law clerk at the U.S. Department of Commerce and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). Margaret is a graduate of the George Washington University Law School and Gettysburg College.

Steven Judd

Steven Judd is the Supervisor of the Special Studies and Interregional Planning group in the System Planning department of ISO New England. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Massachusetts. Steven received his BS and MS in Electrical Engineering with a focus in power systems from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He also received his MBA from Western New England University and is a Senior Member of the IEEE.

He started his career in long-term transmission planning with the ISO, then served as a senior engineer and project manager for Burns & McDonnell before coming back to the ISO in 2017. His current role consists of leading a group performing long-range economic studies of the New England power system, representing the ISO in industry planning organizations, and working on special projects for the planning group such as study automation using cloud computing.

Sam Lines

Sam manages market development and strategy for Eolian's Eastern markets, directing investment in new projects, interacting closely with ISOs, utilities, policymakers, and various stakeholders in land development to facilitate market entry, project development, RFP bids, and project financing and sales. Sam has over a decade of experience in energy, including roles in solar development and building efficiency. He holds an MBA and an MS in Environmental Science from the University of Michigan and a BA in Political Science from Middlebury College. Sam lives in Concord, MA and his hobbies include golf, skiing, cycling, and spending time outdoors with his wife and three kids.

Carissa Sedlacek

Carissa is the Director of Transmission Interconnections and Solutions at Eversource. She has a key strategic role in the Transmission organization with the direction and oversight of all aspects of transmission interconnections, including implementing federal and state rules; negotiation with developers of wind, solar, storage and other resources; administering existing and new agreements, including financial and operational terms and conditions; and managing relationships with ISO-NE staff and third parties such as generators, utilities, public power and select large customers. Primarily, she is responsible for the early-stage development of grid solutions, including those emerging from competitive solicitations or investments to co-optimize clean energy upgrades and reliability needs. With more than 30 years of experience, Carissa is familiar with the New York and New England utility industry.

Before joining Eversource, Carissa was the Director, Planning Services at ISO New England, Inc. (ISO-NE) where she was responsible for the development of the New England Regional System Plan (RSP), Economic Studies, ten-year load forecast and Installed Capacity Requirements used in the multi-billion Forward Capacity Market (FCM). She managed long-term resource adequacy assessments, fuel diversity analyses, and resource mix evaluations to ensure reliability into the future. Between 2006 and 2019, she led the FCM qualification process with emphasis on the design and implementation of market rules for qualification of both new and existing generators and demand

response resources. Her work on generator availability has been published in the *IEEE Power Engineering Review*. Prior to joining the ISO in 1999, Carissa worked at the New York Power Authority's Niagara Power Project, providing engineering support to ensure the 2,500 MW hydroelectric facility and its associated transmission system operated reliably.

Carissa earned her Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Syracuse University and Master of Business Administration from State University of New York at Buffalo. Carissa is an active member of the New England Woman in Engineering and Environment (NEWIEE) and holds a leadership role as a member of the Mentorship Committee. She is also a member of the Society of Woman Engineers (SWE) and IEEE

Eric Thumma

Eric Thumma is Vice President for New Business Offshore Wind for Avangrid Renewables. In this role he leads the U.S. offshore businesses' commercial activities including RFP responses, offtake agreements, lease auction bids as well as external communications and state policy, legislative and regulatory affairs.

He is an energy and environmental professional with over twenty years of experience in senior management positions with Avangrid Renewables (formerly Iberdrola Renewables) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Eric joined Avangrid Renewables in 2007 as Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs. In concert with the Avangrid Renewables team, he has participated in the development of over 1,200 megawatts of wind energy in seven states.

Prior to joining Avangrid Renewables, Eric was Deputy Secretary for Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance and energy director for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He earned a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) and Master of Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh.