



Wholesale power markets are at a crossroads. Climate goals are accelerating, data centers are fueling unprecedented demand growth, federal energy policy is shifting, and rising costs are straining household budgets and business bottom lines alike. The fundamental question facing New England—and regions across the country—is how competitive markets can continue to deliver reliable, affordable electricity amid these converging pressures.

The 2026 NECA Power Markets Conference brings together regulators, policymakers, and industry leaders for candid discussions about how markets and policy choices are shaping the balance between affordability, reliability, and decarbonization. Through three interconnected panels, the conference will explore what's driving electricity costs, how market structures are adapting to resource adequacy challenges and surging demand, and what it takes to attract investment for tomorrow's grid. Join us for a day of forward-looking dialogue on how power markets can uphold their core strengths in a rapidly transforming energy landscape.

PROGRAM

9:00 am	Registration Continental Breakfast & Networking	Ben Griffiths , Vice President, Wholesale Market Policy, <i>LS Power</i>
	Sponsor: Shell Energy North America	Steven Otto , Manager, Economic Analysis <i>ISO New England</i>
10:00 am	Welcome & Introduction Julia Frayer , Managing Director <i>London Economics International</i> (NECA President)	1:00 pm Lunch
10:15 am	Panel I: Decoding the Electricity Bill – Poles, Power & Policy Moderator: Nicholas Hutchings , Senior Business Manager, <i>NextEra Energy Resources</i> (Conference Co-chair) Dan Dolan , President <i>New England Power Generators Association</i> Ron Gerwatowski , Chairman <i>Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission</i> Sandy Grace , Vice President of US Policy & Regulatory Strategy, <i>National Grid</i> Todd Schatzki , Principal, <i>Analysis Group, Inc.</i>	1:45 pm Keynote Speaker: Matt Nelson , Principal, <i>Apex Analytics</i> and PJM Interconnection Board of Managers
		2:30 pm Panel III: Financing the Future – Can Investment Deliver Affordable Energy for All? Moderator: John Athas , Retired Vice President & Principal Consultant, <i>Daymark Energy Advisors</i> Eliza Dohoghue , Executive Director <i>Maine Renewable Energy Association</i> Josh Ryor , Assistant Secretary of Energy, <i>MA EEA</i> Additional Speaker(s) TBA
11:30 am	Coffee Break	3:45 pm Closing Thoughts with Conference Chairs
11:45 am	Panel II: Adequacy, Accreditation & Affordability - Can Markets Adapt? Moderator: Rosendo Garza , Senior Associate <i>Day Pitney LLP</i> (Conference Co-chair) Bob Ethier , Principal <i>Stickney Brook Consulting LLC and PJM Interconnection Board of Managers</i>	4:00 pm Adjourn 4:15 pm Young Professionals Networking Event at Chemist Cocktail Bar Pens and Notepads Sponsor: StoneTurn

Registration Fees (will increase \$25 after January 22)

NECA Members	\$425
Non-Members	\$475
Government & Non-Profit Agencies	\$150
Young Professionals*	\$150
Full-Time Student	\$75

*Professional working in the energy industry less than five years

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