



2026 RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 18 | Tufts University, Medford, MA

The renewable transition is entering its “delivery” era: interconnection queues, procurement timelines, and siting constraints are shaping outcomes as much as ambition. This event spotlights what it takes to get projects built while protecting customers and maintaining reliability. You’ll hear concrete perspectives on rate design, storage policy, emerging resources, and forecasting the loads and grid needs that are changing faster than anyone predicted.

<p>8:45 am Registration and Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsor: Rath Young Pignatelli</i></p>	<p>12:15 pm Luncheon <i>Sponsor: Sustainable Energy Advantage, LLC</i></p>
<p>9:15 am Welcome & Introduction</p> <p>Carissa Sedlacek, Director of Transmission Interconnections & Solutions, <i>Eversource Energy</i> (Conference Co-Chair)</p> <p>Cal Brown, Senior Policy Analyst, <i>Sustainable Energy Advantage, LLC</i> (Conference Co-Chair)</p>	<p>1:00 pm Keynote Address: Powering Maine’s Energy Future</p> <p>Speaker: Dan Burgess, Acting Commissioner <i>Maine Department of Energy Resources</i></p> <p>Introduction: Jesse Reyes, Senior Counsel <i>Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP</i></p>
<p>9:30 am Panel I: Renewables, Rates and Reality – Building a Least-Cost Grid</p> <p>Moderator: Danielle Powers, CEO <i>Concentric Energy Advisors</i></p> <p>Claire Coleman, Consumer Counsel <i>Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel</i></p> <p>Philip Bartlett, Chair <i>Maine Public Utilities Commission</i></p> <p>Destenie Nock, Assistant Professor, <i>Carnegie Mellon University</i> & Founder and CEO, <i>Peoples Energy Analytics</i></p> <p>Dan Roberts, Director, <i>Frontier Economics</i></p>	<p>1:45 pm Panel III: New Kids on the Block – From Buzz to Bankability</p> <p>Moderator: Meg Howard, Senior Program Director, <i>MassCEC</i></p> <p>Hafiz Bello, Director, <i>NYSERDA</i></p> <p>Delaney Carey, Business Development Associate <i>CTC Global</i></p> <p>Maryette Haggerty Perrault, Senior Policy Manager, <i>Bloom Energy</i></p> <p>Pat O’Brien, Director, Government Affairs and Communications, <i>Holtec International</i></p>
<p>10:45 am Coffee Break <i>Sponsor: Freedom Energy Logistics</i></p>	<p>3:00 pm Afternoon Break <i>Sponsor: Klavens Law Group, P.C.</i></p>
<p>11:00 am Panel II: State Leadership in the Deployment of Renewables in an Evolving Environment</p> <p>Moderator: Bob Grace, President <i>Sustainable Energy Advantage LLC</i></p> <p>Rebecca Behrens, Director, Policy and Market Development, <i>Flatiron Energy</i></p> <p>Sarah Bresolin, VP, Government & Regulatory Affairs, <i>ENGIE North America</i></p> <p>Tim Snyder, VP, Public Policy & Government Affairs, <i>The Alliance for Climate Transition (ACT)</i></p> <p><i>Students & Young Professionals Sponsor: Michaud Law Group</i></p> <p><i>Pens & Notepads Sponsor: StoneTurn</i></p>	<p>3:15 pm Panel IV: The Grid We’re Becoming</p> <p>Moderator: Hannes Pfeifenberger, Principal <i>The Brattle Group</i></p> <p>Christian Bilcheck, Principal <i>Breakthrough Innovations, LLC</i></p> <p>Stephen Marien, Manager - Transmission Line and Civil Engineering, <i>Eversource Energy</i></p> <p>Jeremy McDiarmid, Chair <i>Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities</i></p> <p>Marianne Perben, Director, Planning Services <i>ISO New England</i></p>
	<p>4:30 pm Closing Thoughts with Conference Chairs & Networking <i>Sponsor: Robinson + Cole</i></p> <p><i>Carbon Offsets Sponsor: BSC Group</i></p>

Registration Fees (will increase \$25 after 3/11):

- NECA Members - \$425
- Non-members - \$475
- Young Professionals* - \$150
- Non-profits & Government Agencies - \$150
- Full-time Students - \$75

*Working in the energy industry less than five years

Substitutions are allowed at any time. There is no refund for no-shows.

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