



# Transformers Summit 2023

## Speakers and Panelists

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### **Stephanie Buway**

Director of Development for the Central Region,  
EDP Renewables North America



Panel:  
Top 5 Development Trends in 2024  
Friday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Stephanie Buway is the Director of Development for the Central Region at EDPR NA. She has been in the renewable energy industry since 2005 and has worked on the development of thousands of megawatts across the country during her career. In addition to renewable energy development, she has also been part of renewable business development, green tariff creation and implementation, and distributed generation. Stephanie graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a B.A. and M.A. in Geography and holds an MBA from Wayne State University.

### **Gia Clark**

Senior Director of Developer Services,  
LevelTen Energy



Panel:  
The Evolution of Corporate Energy Commitments: Innovative Customer Stories  
Thursday, May 4th at 11:15 a.m.

Gia Clark is Senior Director of Developer Services at LevelTen Energy. Gia helps developer customers find successful energy contract opportunities, maximize their project returns, and access market intelligence to make strategic business decisions on energy contracting and buying and selling of energy facilities. Prior to joining LevelTen Energy, Gia was VP of Development at OneEnergy Renewables, where she led a robust portfolio of utility-scale PV assets to late-stage development and project sale.

### **Kris Cheney**

Executive Vice President, Central, West & Mexico,  
Environmental Affairs and Energy Storage  
Analytics, EDP Renewables North America



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Kris Cheney serves as Executive Vice President of EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA) for the Central, West & Mexico, Environmental Affairs and Energy Storage Analytics. In his role, Kris leads the company's wind, solar, and storage development across SPP, ERCOT, western and southern MISO, WECC, and Mexico, as well as oversees Environmental Affairs and Energy Storage Analytics for the platform. He is also a member of EDPR NA's nine-person Executive Team and has been with the company since 2009.

Kris leads a team who has successfully developed more than 27 wind and solar projects totaling more than 5,000 megawatts (MW) in operation or under construction and has a robust project pipeline to deliver additional growth in the 2020s. He is also responsible for engaging state and local governments and stakeholders to attain an optimal policy, tax, and incentive environment for each new project and is accountable for the overall P&L of the regions.

Prior to joining EDPR NA, Kris served as an associate at Ropes & Gray, LLP, where he performed all aspects of litigation involving intellectual property matters. Kris received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Kenyon College in 2002 and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2005.

# Michelle Davis

## Principal Analyst, Wood Mackenzie

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Michelle Davis is a Principal Analyst at Wood Mackenzie Power & Renewables. She leads the U.S. distributed solar practice at Wood Mackenzie, including the quarterly publication of the Solar Market Insight report in collaboration with SEIA (the Solar Energy Industries Association). She also leads research coverage of the commercial solar market and tracks the competitive landscape of installers, financiers and technology providers. Prior to joining Wood Mackenzie, Michelle held various research positions focused on renewable energy, covering topics ranging from the energy-water nexus to utility investments in electric-vehicle charging stations. She holds a BS in biology from Arizona State University and an MBA from Antioch University with a focus on sustainability. Michelle is based in Tempe, Arizona.

# Jason Evans

## VP Energy and Utility Infrastructure, EdgeCore

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Jason is based in Seattle and is responsible for power delivery, energy supply, renewables, and sustainability strategy across EdgeCore.

Jason has worked in the renewable energy industry since 2008, both in generation and supply for large-scale loads. Prior to joining EdgeCore, Jason was a Principal at Amazon Web Services, where he worked on renewables and energy supply strategies for new and existing regions across the Americas. Jason worked with utilities and independent power producers to provide clean, cost-effective power to AWS' data centers, supporting Amazon's Climate Pledge. Prior to Amazon, Jason co-founded a utility-scale solar developer, focused on delivering 20-150MW solar projects to utilities and wholesale markets.

Jason holds a BA in Physics from Pomona College, and a JD from the University of Chicago.

# Sandhya Ganapathy

## Chief Executive Officer, EDP Renewables North America

Panel:  
EDPR Introductions  
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Sandhya Ganapathy is the Chief Executive Officer for EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA) and a member of the Management Team of EDP Renewables (EDPR), the fourth largest renewable energy producer in the world.

Sandhya joined EDPR in 2012 as Head of Investments and M&A North America. From 2017 to her CEO appointment in early 2022, she served as Global Head of Investments and M&A, responsible for M&A, investment and capital allocation decisions, and asset rotation for EDPR across all of its geographies. She was also a member of EDPR's investment committee. Sandhya has extensive experience in renewable energy evaluations as well as leading acquisitions and evaluation of investments enabling geographical and asset class diversification. She ran EDPR's asset rotation or self-financing strategy, thereby being at the helm of one of the company's core income generators and critical enablers of future growth.

Prior to joining EDPR, Sandhya worked as an investment banker for more than a decade with regional and global banks across multiple geographies. She holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Carnegie Mellon and is a Chartered Accountant from India.

# Mike Hooper

## Chief Operating Officer and President, Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO)



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Mike Hooper serves as Chief Operating Officer and President of Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO), NiSource's natural gas and electric utility in Indiana. He is responsible for NiSource's gas and electric business segments, including its advanced energy and renewable portfolio strategy.

Prior to assuming this role in June 2020, Mike served as Senior Vice President, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs & Strategy at NIPSCO since October 2018, with responsibility for the company's regulatory and legislative activities and for formulating NIPSCO's strategic vision and plans.

Mike joined NIPSCO in 2011 and has served as its Senior Vice President of Electric Operations and as Vice President of Major Projects after a 15-year career at American Electric Power, where he served in various roles within the electric utility's power generation and capital project management divisions.

Mike holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He graduated from the Strategic Leadership program at Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business.

# Amy Kurt

## Director of Development, EDP Renewables North America



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Amy Kurt is the Director of Development for EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA)'s Eastern Region and Canada. She's been at EDPR NA since 2017 and currently leads a development team of 43 individuals, developing more than 12 GW of projects including 1 GW+ of assets under construction and 1 GW+ going into construction within the next year. Amy previously was the Senior Manager of Government Affairs driving positive renewables policy changes throughout IL, IN, OH, NY and Maine.

Prior to EDPR NA, she was the Director of Development for Clean Line Energy Partners, developing interregional HVDC Transmission lines in MISO and PJM. Amy began her career with an environment NGO and later on as the Director of Public Affairs for the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel representing customers on utility issues.

She obtained a BA in Earth and Environmental Sciences from Wesleyan University and currently resides outside of Chicago with her husband, two kids and new pup, Rocky.

# Tom LoTurco

## Executive Vice President, Eastern Region & Canada and Government Affairs, EDP Renewables North America



Panel:  
Keeping Business On Schedule: Global Supply Trends & What to Expect in 2024  
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Tom LoTurco serves as Executive Vice President of EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA) for the Eastern Region & Canada and Government Affairs. Tom and his team focus on development of wind, solar, and storage projects in eastern U.S. markets such as PJM, NYISO, SERC, ISO-New England, and MISO (ITC, central, and south), as well as across Canada. Tom also supports EDPR NA's Government Affairs and Communications teams. In addition to his duties for the EDPR NA utility-scale platform, Tom serves on the Management Committee for EDPR NA Distributed Generation and on the Board of Mayflower Wind, an offshore wind joint venture between Ocean Winds and Shell.

Tom has more than 16 years of experience in the renewable energy industry, 15 of which have been with EDPR. Tom joined Horizon Wind Energy, now EDPR NA, in 2007 in Houston as a Civil Engineer. Between 2010 and 2015, Tom served as EDPR's Deputy Project Director and Project Director of the Moray Offshore Renewables wind project in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 2015, he returned to North America to assume the role of Director of Development for Canada, and in 2018, his role expanded to include responsibility for EDPR NA's Eastern Region development activities.

Prior to joining EDPR, Tom spent five years as a Design Engineer for CHA Companies in upstate New York. Tom has a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Engineering from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

# Gustavo Monteiro

## Chief Executive Officer, EDPR NA Distributed Generation



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Mr. Monteiro is the Chief Executive Officer of EDPR NA Distributed Generation (EDPR NA DG), the distributed generation business unit of EDP Renewables North America.

He has been a Board member of EDP Comercial, the retail unit of the EDP Group in Portugal, since 2018. Within EDP Comercial, Mr. Monteiro was responsible for the solar distributed generation and community solar business. He had specific oversight of the businesses' B2C segment, business sales channels, field operations and overall customer digital interface strategy.

Mr. Monteiro began his professional career as a consultant at Mercer Management Consulting (currently Oliver Wyman), between 1997 and 2000. He later worked in Corporate Development and in Investor Relations for ParaRede, during the IT company's turnaround period between 2001 and 2003. Between 2004 and 2017, Mr. Monteiro joined the Portugal Telecom Group where he worked in several areas, ranging from product management and field services to international business development and digital transformation. In 2015, he assumed the role of Head of Planning and Control, and in 2017, became CFO of the Group in Portugal. During this period, Mr. Monteiro was also a member of the Board of Directors of several subsidiary companies. He holds a degree in Economics from NOVA School of Business and Economics.

# Ana Quelhas

## Managing Director, EDP Renewables



Panel:  
Hydrogen on the Mind  
Friday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Ana Quelhas is the Managing Director for Hydrogen at EDP Renewables (EDPR), leading the Group's renewable hydrogen business. Prior to that, Ana was the Head of Energy Planning at EDP, being responsible for supporting the Executive Board of Directors in the decision making processes, contributing with a long term perspective of the energy sector and an integrated vision of the company across businesses (renewables, conventional electricity generation, retail and distribution) and geographies (mainly Europe, US and Brazil).

Before joining EDP, Ana worked in the Directorate-General for Research of the European Commission, in Brussels, supporting the development of the strategic research agenda in the field of energy. Prior to that, she was at the California Independent System Operator providing strategic energy consultancy to the wholesale power market and grid operator in the State of California.

Ana holds a PhD with distinction in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University. She also holds a master's degree in Economics and a master's degree in Engineering from the same university, being graduated from the University of Porto with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

# Dawson Rauch

## Director of Sales, Qcells USA



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Dawson has spent the last 7 years at QCELLS and currently serves as the Director of Sales within QCELLS' Utility Solution Sales division, with a specific focus on QCELLS' turnkey EPC and Module offering within the US utility market. His career within the solar industry spans 14 years, primarily working at two module manufacturing companies, and he has worked within the main market segments: residential, C&I and the utility-segment.

# Christopher Rittenhouse

## Head of Project Finance, EDPR NA Distributed Generation



Panel:  
Tell Me More: Evolving DG Project Finance Models  
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At EDPR NA Distributed Generation (EDPR NA DG), Mr. Rittenhouse leads the team's project finance group which includes origination, business development, M&A, and capital markets. His day-to-day responsibilities include overseeing successful transactions, rigorous diligence processes, and ensuring sustainable returns for the firm. He has spent eight years in the energy and finance industries, drawing from experiences with structured and project finance, the oil and natural gas sectors, and both traditional and renewable power generation.

Over his career, Mr. Rittenhouse has managed the electricity and natural gas portfolios of Fortune 100 commercial and industrials, advanced EU retail energy market development, and built proprietary wholesale power and natural gas price analytics. During his tenure at EDPR NA DG (and formerly C2 Energy Capital), he has developed, acquired, or financed over \$650MM of distributed renewable energy assets—including sitting first chair in 2021 for the acquisition of a \$164.8M / 143MWDC portfolio of operating solar distributed generation.

Mr. Rittenhouse holds a B.S. in Business Administration concentrating in Finance with additional focuses in Sustainable Business and Environmental Economics from Fordham University's Gabelli School of Business.

# Catherine Robinson

## Executive Director, Global Gas, LNG, & Low Carbon Gas, S&P Global



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Catherine Robinson, executive director on the Gas, Power, and Climate Solutions team at S&P Global Commodity Insights, leads gas and power research in Europe and global analysis on hydrogen and low-carbon gases. Ms. Robinson is a specialist in European gas and power markets and, in her current role, is responsible for the development of S&P Global coverage of the low-carbon hydrogen value chain from production to end use. Her expertise also includes long-term supply and demand modelling and analysis of European energy policy. Ms. Robinson was the research lead for a number of Multiclient Studies looking at the long-term future of the European energy systems, including "Strategies for a Lean Europe: Meeting the Energy Efficiency Challenge," "Beyond the flame: The transformation of Europe's heat sector," and "Steady at 50: Balancing Europe's power grid, a study of European ancillary service markets." Before joining S&P Global, Ms. Robinson held posts at Centrica and in HSBC's Capital Markets division. She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science from the University of Glasgow and a Master of Science from the University of London, both in the United Kingdom.

# JC Sandberg

## Chief Advocacy Officer, American Clean Power Association (ACP)



Panel:  
Crystal Ball Session: Policies Driving Innovation  
Friday, May 5th at 11:15 a.m.

JC Sandberg is the Chief Advocacy Officer at the American Clean Power Association (ACP). He leads ACP's state and federal advocacy and regulatory policy work as well as ACP's legal and research teams. Prior to joining ACP, Sandberg led global government affairs and policy at GE Renewable Energy. In this role, JC was instrumental in the global growth of the company's onshore and offshore wind, grid, hydro, and storage businesses. Sandberg played an active role in the establishment of policy and regulatory frameworks enabling the accelerated deployment of renewable energy in domestic and foreign markets.

Sandberg began his policy career in 2001 as Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works where his portfolio included surface transportation, federal government response to the 9/11 attacks and a range of environmental issues. During his Senate tenure, Sandberg was a lead Senate negotiator on the \$300 billion reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Following his work on the Hill, he served as Counsel to the law firm of Baker Donelson where he advised clients on energy and infrastructure issues.

Sandberg earned his B.S. in Accounting from Brigham Young University and his J.D. from the University of Arizona.

## Travis Secrest

### Director of Procurement, EDP Renewables North America

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Travis joined EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA) in 2021 and has focused primarily on EPC sourcing and strategy for the North American business unit. Prior to joining EDPR NA, Travis worked for multiple renewables focused general contractors with oversight of the procurement function focusing on Subcontract Management and Commodity strategies. Outside of work, Travis enjoys hiking, mountain biking, and generally spending as much time outdoors as possible.

## Colin Silver

### Chief of Staff & Chief Content Officer, Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)

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Colin Silver serves as SEIA's Chief of Staff & Chief Content Officer. In this capacity, he works directly with SEIA's President & CEO, and the rest of the Executive Team, to manage strategic projects and initiatives, support the SEIA Board of Directors, advance long-term planning and ensure that internal resources are in place to achieve success. As an advisor to the CEO, Colin provides counsel on a number of policy, management and communications issues. As Chief Content Officer, Colin oversees the development, refinement and delivery of high-quality content through various mediums, including web and digital resource management, video and graphic design, and events and education programming.

Colin is originally from Northampton, Massachusetts. He earned a B.A. in Global Environmental Policy at American University, and has lived in DC ever since. Before joining SEIA, Colin worked as a consultant for the US Agency for International Development (USAID) on a project to curb climate change by reducing deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries. In his spare time, Colin enjoys cooking, singing and watching baseball.

## Kelly Snyder

### Senior Director of Origination, EDP Renewables North America

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At EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA) Kelly leads the Origination team for the US and Canada. She has over 14 years of experience in the renewable industry. She is responsible for leading the origination team that develops and maintains key relationships with utilities and offtake partners, including commercial and industrial clients. The origination team leads PPA negotiations, develops pricing strategies for renewable projects under development, and analyzes the impact of current and potential renewable market rules. Kelly's team also examines market trends and identifies new customers within the renewable industry. Her depth of market knowledge spans into the US markets and in Canada and she has executed over 2GW of PPAs at EDPR NA.

Before EDPR, Kelly held numerous energy trading roles specializing in renewables and origination at ACES, Great River Energy, and Split Rock Energy.

Kelly is the Co-Founder of the Women IN Energy Conference which hosted the first annual event in 2017 bringing over 250 women in energy together.

In 2019, the Women in Renewable Energy awarded Kelly with the Wind Power Woman of Distinction for her leadership in the industry.

## Shankari Srinivasan

### VP Global Lead for Gas, LNG and Hydrogen, S&P Global

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Shankari Srinivasan, Vice President, Energy, S&P Global, leads the global gas, LNG and hydrogen team. She has specific expertise in global gas market fundamentals analysis, price forecasting, company strategy, and scenario planning. Prior to joining S&P Global, Ms. Srinivasan was head of Energy Fundamentals at Centrica in the United Kingdom. Ms. Srinivasan has covered the European gas market for many years and authored a number of reports as researcher and then leader of the European gas practice at CERA, which was later acquired by IHS. She has also assessed the European and Russian gas markets with the International Energy Agency. Ms. Srinivasan previously worked at a New York brokerage firm as a corporate equity analyst. She holds a BA from Brown University, an MSc from New York University, an MSc from the University of Pennsylvania (PhD candidate), and an executive MBA from the Cranfield School of Management in the UK.

## Ryan Sweezey

### Principal Analyst, Wood Mackenzie

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Ryan Sweezey is a Principal Analyst at Wood Mackenzie Power & Renewables covering North American power markets. He is a leader in producing long-term fundamental forecasts of power, capacity, and REC prices as part of the North America Power Service. While he covers all North American power markets, his emphasis is on the New York ISO market. Ryan frequently engages with clients to communicate and defend Wood Mackenzie's view. Prior to Wood Mackenzie, Ryan worked for EDP Renewables where he worked to develop the company's long-term view of market fundamentals, conducted risk analysis and provided market and strategic analysis for the executive team. Before EDP, he also supported supply-side generation planning as part of Entergy's system planning organization. Ryan has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Science from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX.

## Tom Starrs

### Senior Director of Government and Public Affairs, EDP Renewables North America

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Mr. Starrs serves as Vice President of Government Affairs for EDP Renewables North America, where he is responsible for managing EDP's government and regulatory affairs throughout North America. He leads companywide policy analysis, policy advocacy, PAC management, political engagement, and trade association and NGO representation. Mr. Starrs is widely recognized as a leading strategist on renewable energy market development, business strategy, and policy analysis for both distributed and utility-scale renewables applications.

He has more than 25 years of experience in renewable energy, including senior management positions with SunPower Corporation, Iberdrola Renewables (now Avangrid), PPM Energy, the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, and RWE Schott Solar.

Mr. Starrs serves on the boards of the Solar Power Industries Association (SEIA), the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (CEERT). He also serves on the advisory board of Electricity Lab (eLab), a project of the Rocky Mountain Institute. In the past, he served on the Boards of the American Solar Energy Society, Solar Foundation, Wind Solar Alliance, Smart Electric Power Association, Solar Alliance, and Vote Solar.

Mr. Starrs holds a Ph.D. from the Energy and Resources Program at the University of California, Berkeley; and a J.D. from the School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

## Adam Woda

### Community Solar Lead, EDPR NA Distributed Generation

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Mr. Woda is a lead in the EDPR NA Distributed Generation (EDPR NA DG) community solar group where he structures community solar offtake, creates new market strategies, and optimizes the efficiency of operating assets. Adam is the main point of contact for third party agencies such as utilities, regulatory groups, and vendors for matters related to EDPR NA DG's community solar projects.

He has three years of experience in the solar industry. During his prior roles at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Customized Energy Solutions (CES), he assisted developers throughout the development lifecycle to overcome siting issues and other roadblocks to bolster project economics. He prides himself in his ability to intersect policy with project finance to create innovative solutions.

He holds a BS in Finance and Marketing from Binghamton University and a MS in Sustainability Management from Columbia University.

## Gregory Wetstone

### President & Chief Executive Officer, American Council on Renewable Energy

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Gregory Wetstone is President and CEO of the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE). ACORE is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing renewable energy through finance, policy and market development.

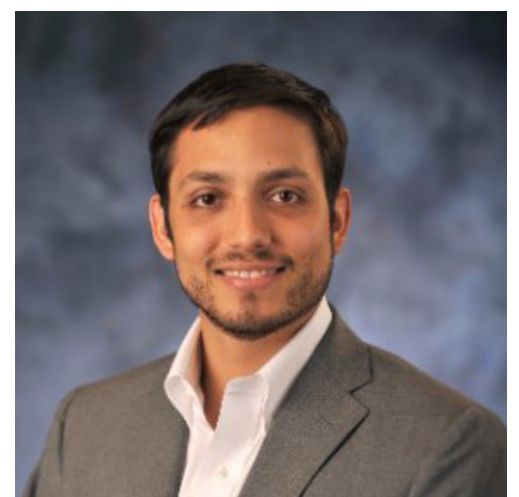
Prior to joining ACORE Greg oversaw government affairs as VP for Terra-Gen Power LLC, a renewable energy company with utility-scale wind, solar and geothermal energy facilities. Prior to his six years with Terra-Gen, he served as Senior Director for Government and Public Affairs at the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) and Director of Programs at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), where he founded the legislative program. Earlier in his career, Greg was Senior Counsel to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and played an important role in crafting several important laws including the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

Greg has written and spoken widely on energy and environmental issues. His writings have appeared many outlets across the nation and online. He has a J.D. from the Duke University School of Law and a B.S. from Florida State University.

## Gabriel Yamal

### Senior Director of Development, EDP Renewables North America

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Gabriel Yamal is EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA)'s Senior Director of Development, Western Region and Mexico and has been at EDPR for 15 years. He leads EDPR's project development activities in the Western US markets, project development and PPA origination in Mexico, as well as energy storage business development across North America. While at EDPR NA, Gabriel has held positions focused on strategy, finance, development, M&A, PPA origination and project execution. He led EDPR NA's entrance into Mexico, where he founded the office, built a local team and led development, contracting and execution of 500 MW of wind and solar. He graduated from Rice University, majoring in Mathematical Economic Analysis and Statistics.