



Bryn Baker

Senior Director for Policy and Market Innovation, Clean Energy Buyer's Association

Panel: Tell Me More: Transmission Perspectives
Thursday, April 11th at 12:15 p.m.

Bryn Baker is Senior Director of Policy and Market Innovation for the Clean Energy Buyers Association, a community of over 400 members representing \$7 trillion in U.S. revenues and 18.5 million U.S. employees, seeking to break-down market and policy barriers for customers to drive a carbon-free power system. Bryn leads CEBA's federal affairs, as well as CEBA's cross-cutting work to expand regional transmission, and CEBA's state chapter, the Texas Energy Buyers Alliance. Prior to CEBA, Bryn led the corporate renewable energy program at WWF, and prior to that, she worked on international clean energy deployment with USAID. Bryn holds a Masters in Environmental Policy from the London School of Economics.



João S. Barreto

Chief Commercial Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer, EDPR NA DG

Panel: Development on our Minds: Looking Ahead at Trends for 2025
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Mr. Barreto is the Chief Commercial Officer at EDPR NA Distributed Generation (EDPR NA DG), the distributed generation business of EDPR North America, responsible for overseeing teams working in investments, M&A, business development, and community solar. He joined EDP's Global M&A and Corporate Development Team in 2014, where he eventually worked as a Senior Manager leading multidisciplinary teams in M&A transactions, including acquisitions and divestments across multiple geographies and business segments, capital markets operations, and strategic partnerships. He holds a Master's Degree in Finance and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Nova School of Business and Economics in Portugal.



Nayan Bhakta

Senior Vice President, Preconstruction, McCarthy

Panel: It's all Local: Permitting Challenges & Community Relations
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Nayan Bhakta has been involved in the renewable energy industry for over 13 years, and has been involved in estimating, designing, and building several dozen utility scale PV and Energy Storage facilities ranging from 1MW to over 750MW and in many geographical areas of the US. Nayan has been a part of the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Southwest Power Pool team for the past 9 years in various capacities supporting McCarthy's Renewable Energy business unit. In his current role as Sr. Vice President of Preconstruction, Nayan oversees McCarthy's team of preconstruction experts who manage the bidding & estimating, design, and procurement efforts for McCarthy's Renewable Energy team while also providing strategic input for the organization.



Stephanie Buway

Director of Development for the Central Region, EDPR NA

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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.



Mike Casey
President, Tigercomm

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For 39 years, Mike has focused on the design, staffing and strategies for winning communications programs. As Tigercomm's founder and president, he has counseled cleantech executives, investors, and philanthropists at 170 client organizations on communications strategies to meeting their business objectives. Mike is a top U.S. innovator and strategist on cleantech marketing, PR, community acceptance, and public affairs. He has presented at more than a dozen major conferences, and he has trained more than 2,200 people on interview techniques, message development and public relations program management. Mike writes frequently on LinkedIn, Recharge and CleanTechnica. He also co-hosts Renewable Energy World's popular weekly news roundup show, "This Week In Cleantech," as well as the Scaling Clean podcast.



Casey Cathey, P.E.
Senior Director, Grid Asset Utilization, Southwest Power Pool

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Casey is a 20-year veteran of the power industry and a subject matter expert for energy markets, grid operations, and transmission planning. He was a leader in two energy market starts, the SPP Energy Imbalance Services market and the Integrated Marketplace. He has also operated and supported the Balancing Authority, Reliability Coordination, Tariff and Scheduling, Transmission Planning, Modeling, Reliability Assurance & Compliance, Research & Development, and Transmission Operations functions. Casey and his team are currently responsible for Generation Interconnection, Transmission Service, and Resource Adequacy. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the Louisiana State University, has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and has held a Professional Engineering license for fifteen years.



Casey Cathey, P.E.
Vice President, Energy Marketplace, LevelTen Energy

Panel: Deal Flow, Transaction Structuring, and the Current State of Commercial PPAs
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Rob Collier is Sr. Vice President of Transactions at LevelTen. In this role, Rob oversees all aspects of LevelTen's PPA transactions business, ensuring renewable energy buyers, advisors, and sellers connect and transact efficiently. Rob joined LevelTen before its first software product launched in 2017, and led the company's developer engagement team for 5 years. Prior to LevelTen, Rob worked in renewable energy project development and policy.



Sandhya Ganapathy
Chief Executive Officer, EDPR NA

Panel: Looking at the Grid Backwards and Forwards
Thursday, April 11th at 11:00 a.m.

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 the evaluation of renewable energy acquisitions and investments.



Rob Gramlich

President, Grid Strategies LLC

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Rob Gramlich is Founder and President of Grid Strategies. Grid Strategies provides expert input to state commissions, consumer groups, renewable energy associations, grid operators, clean energy companies, national labs, and others on bulk power transmission and markets topics, mostly related to reliable, low-cost, and low carbon power systems. Rob and his Grid Strategies colleagues testify frequently at state commissions, FERC, and Congress and have produced a series of white papers available on their website. Rob has a BA with honors in Economics from Colby College and a Master of Public Policy degree from UC Berkeley.



Suedeem G. Kelly

Former Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Commissioner

*Panel: Regulatory Insights from Washington
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Suedeem represents a variety of clients in the electric and natural gas industries on business, regulatory, litigation, enforcement, and policy matters, such as electricity and gas markets, renewable energy, electricity transmission, hydrogen, off-shore wind, distributed generation, energy projects on Indian lands, natural gas and oil infrastructure, electricity reliability standards, hydro licensing, smart grid, and energy efficiency. Suedeem helps clients make the challenging decisions they face through understanding, navigating, complying with, and as needed, changing federal, state, and local energy law and policy.



Amy Kurt

Director of Development, Eastern, EDPR NA

*Panel: Development on our Minds: Looking Ahead at Trends for 2025
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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. She obtained a BA in Earth and Environmental Sciences from Wesleyan University and currently resides outside of Chicago with her husband, two kids and pup, Rocky.



Dmitri Jarocki

Energy and Infrastructure Team, Google

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Dmitri Jarocki is a member of Google's Energy and Infrastructure team, responsible for supplying carbon free energy to Google's global fleet of data centers. Prior to joining Google, he led wholesale energy procurement at Pacific Gas & Electric Company and Hawaiian Electric Company. Dmitri earned a B.S. in General Engineering and a M.S. in Engineering from the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.



Ian Lawrence

Manager, Zeigo Network by Schneider Electric

*Panel: Deal Flow, Transaction Structuring, and the Current State of Commercial PPAs
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Ian Lawrence leads the Zeigo Network business at Schneider Electric, a digital platform connecting like-minded companies on the journey to decarbonization and facilitating clean energy transactions through a robust directory of solutions, in-person events, webinars, and more. A 14-year veteran with Schneider Electric, Ian has been working in corporate renewables since 2016, primarily advising renewable developers on the corporate PPA space. As a curious problem solver and lifelong learner, Ian leverages his access to the Zeigo Network solution provider Network and the industry-leading SE advisory business to stay on top of a wide variety of decarbonization technologies and trends. His specialties include data analysis and product development. Ian lives in Louisville, KY.



Tom LoTurco

Executive Vice President, Eastern Region & Canada and Government Affairs, EDPR NA

*Panel: Development on our Minds: Looking Ahead at Trends for 2025
Friday, April 12th at 11:00 a.m.*

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 and Public Affairs 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 a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Engineering from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.



Sylvia Leyva Martinez

Principal Analyst, North America Utility-Scale Solar, Wood Mackenzie

*Panel: On Track for IRA Success? A Market & Technology Overview
Friday, April 12th at 9:00 a.m.*

Sylvia is a Senior Research Analyst in Wood Mackenzie's Power & Renewables Practice and leads the North America Utility-scale Solar service. Her research coverage includes market dynamics, business models, market developments, and financial strategies of utility-scale solar PV projects in the United States and Canada. Sylvia holds a Master's degree in Traditional and Renewable Energies from EPF - École d'Ingénieurs (France) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics from ITESM Monterrey (Mexico). She is fluent in English, Spanish, and French.



Julia McPherson

Lead, Community Relations, EDPR NA

*Panel: It's all Local: Permitting Challenges & Community Relations
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Julia McPherson leads Community Relations at EDP Renewables North America and has been with the company for more than four years. She began her tenure with the External Communications team, eventually shifting roles to establish and scale up the Community Relations function to focus on proactively building and safeguarding the community relationships essential to building utility-scale clean energy projects. Prior to joining EDPR NA, Julia earned a B.A. in Rhetoric & Media Studies from Lewis & Clark College. Beyond her professional responsibilities, Julia participates with her alma mater around sustainability and renewable energy topics, as well as career mentorship.



David Mindham

Director, Regulatory Affairs, EDPR NA

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David Mindham is currently Associate VP, Regulatory & Market Affairs for EDP Renewables. In that role, he oversees a team covering RTO and regulatory strategy for North America. He also coordinates with FERC, DOE, NARUC, and various trade associations. He is active in several RTO stakeholder forums, including chair of the MISO Interconnection Process Working Group, a member of the SPP Strategic Planning and Members Committees, and a member of the ERCOT Protocol Revisions Subcommittee. Before his current role, he has held positions in RTO strategy, FERC strategy, and transmission planning at ITC Holdings Corp. He has successfully negotiated interconnection agreements that have brought over 3 GW of resources online throughout the Midwest.



Gustavo Monteiro

Chief Executive Officer, EDPR NA Distributed Generation

*Panel: EDPR Introductions
Thursday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m.*

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 holds a degree in Economics from NOVA School of Business and Economics.



Jon Moore

Chief Executive Officer, BloombergNEF

*Panel: State of the Renewables Market
Thursday, April 11th at 9:15 a.m.*

Jon is CEO of BloombergNEF taking on this role at the end of 2013. BloombergNEF (BNEF) is a strategic research provider covering global commodity markets and the disruptive technologies driving the transition to a low-carbon economy. BNEF assesses pathways for the power, transport, industry, buildings and agriculture sectors to adapt to the energy transition, helping commodity traders, corporate strategists, finance and policy professionals navigate change. Jon joined New Energy Finance in 2008, which became BloombergNEF in 2010. Prior to 2008, Jon spent two decades in capital markets, the first decade at JPMorgan and then Accenture, the second decade as co-founder and CEO of a capital Markets management consulting firm, based in London and New York.



Dan Shugar

Founder and CEO, Nextracker

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For over 30 years, Dan Shugar has led world-class solar companies to successful outcomes and advanced solar technologies in the U.S. and around the globe. As founder and CEO of Nextracker (Nasdaq: NXT), Dan brings together solar expertise and technology innovation in a way few cleantech leaders have. Mr. Shugar earned his Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA from Golden Gate University. He currently sits on the boards of the American Clean Power Association (ACP) and the Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA) and on numerous cleantech advisory boards. He holds multiple U.S. patents and has published over 50 technical papers.



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.



Tom Starrs

Vice President of Government Relations & Public Affairs, EDPR NA

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Mr. Starrs serves as Vice President of Government Affairs for EDP Renewables North America, where he is responsible for managing EDPR'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. 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.



Pat Wood III

Former Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) & CEO, Hunt Energy Network

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Pat Wood III has been the chief executive of the Hunt Energy Network since February 2019. He is an evangelist for the decentralized, decarbonized, democratized and digitized future of power. Best known for his role in setting up competitive utility markets while serving as chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Texas and of the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, today Pat and his team are building batteries and peaking generation across Texas, with more than twenty facilities operating today. They are also integrating customer-owned generation into the ERCOT market. Pat is a past Board Chairman of Dynegy, and a past director of SunPower Corp., Quanta Services, Memorial Resource Development, Inc., Spring Valley Acquisition Corp. and TPI Composites. He is Chairman of LUMA, the joint venture rebuilding and operating Puerto Rico's power grid, and he is a member of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's External Advisory Council.



Gabriel Yamal

Senior Director of Development, Western Region, Mexico, & Energy Storage, EDPR NA

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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.