

MGA MID-GRID 2035 – Phase 2 Kick-Off Meeting Biographies - Panel Discussions

Panel Discussion: Stakeholder Perspectives, Part 1

Matt Ellis, Great River Energy

Matt Ellis is the Regional Transmission Development & Policy Program Manager at Great River Energy. Matt's primary role is to serve as co-executive director of the CapX2020 initiative, leading Great River Energy and its nine partners in developing the projects and strategies for a transmission system characterized by increased renewable generation.

Prior to joining Great River Energy, Matt was employed at MISO where he served as director, resource adequacy coordination. Prior to that role, Matt served in technical and management roles involving transmission planning and its outcomes, including regional transmission planning, business case development, and regulatory policy & approval. Matt has a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University and is a professional engineer in Minnesota.

Patrick Hayes, LS Power

Pat Hayes is the Manager of Transmission Policy for LS Power. Pat is responsible for executing the company's transmission policy goals in the MISO and SPP regions with a particular focus on FERC Order 1000. Prior to joining LS Power, Pat spent 18 years with Ameren working in both markets and transmission business segments. Pat held various transactional, analytical, and managerial roles in asset optimization with Ameren's utility and merchant affiliates. Pat was also responsible for implementing Ameren's transmission policy goals related to FERC Order 1000 in the MISO, PJM, and SPP regions. Pat holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Andy Kellen, WPPI

Andy joined WPPI Energy in 2006 and currently serves as Vice President of Power Supply Resources. He is responsible for the management of WPPI Energy's long-term power supply resources, including the operation and maintenance of existing WPPI Energy-owned generating facilities, development and acquisition of new generating facilities, and origination and negotiation of long-term agreements for power purchases from conventional and renewable generating facilities. He is also responsible for overseeing compliance with environmental regulations. Prior to joining WPPI Energy, Andy worked as a project manager for Calpine Corporation, where he was responsible for the development and construction of a number of simple cycle and combined cycle power plant projects. Andy received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dennis Kramer, Ameren Services Company

Dennis Kramer is Sr. Director of Transmission Policy and Stakeholder Relations for Ameren Services Company headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Kramer has over 40 years of electric industry experience in multiple areas including corporate strategic planning and policy development, transmission planning and operations, nuclear and fossil power plant engineering, as well as providing management consulting services to clients throughout North America.

He has extensive knowledge of and experience with Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) processes, procedures and stakeholder process having held several leadership positions including: Chair and Vice Chair of the Transmission Owner Committee, Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee, Chair of the Steering Committee and Chair of the Energy and Ancillary Services Market Readiness Task Force. Mr. Kramer is also a member of the SERC Reliability Corporation Board Compliance Committee.

He has provided testimony at FERC and several state Regulatory Commissions on transmission policy and planning topics.

Robert Shields, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation

Matt Prorok, Facilitator on Behalf of MGA

Matt Prorok joined the Great Plains Institute in November 2015 and is a senior policy manager. His work focuses on the development of electric transmission infrastructure and market mechanisms to enhance the development of low-carbon energy technologies in the Midcontinent region. In addition, Matt contributes to GPI's research and analysis work and is a facilitator for the Midwestern Governors Association's Grid Security & Modernization initiative. As part of his work at GPI, he also served on the steering and policy committees of the Minnesota Energy Storage Alliance. Matt has a background in engineering and sustainability. He obtained his BS in mechanical engineering from Penn State with a minor in earth systems and an MS in science, technology, and environmental policy from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. His work at the University of Minnesota focused on assessment of greenhouse gas emissions attributable to electric vehicle charging in Minnesota based on policy incentives intended to direct charging to specific hours of the day.

Panel Discussion: Stakeholder Perspectives, Part 2

Scott Blankman, Clean Wisconsin

Scott Blankman, Director for Energy and Air Programs is responsible for state and regional policies on energy and air issues that advance the environmental mission of the organization. He serves as the technical lead for the analysis of environmental topics and policies to inform advocacy and action.

Prior to joining Clean Wisconsin, Mr. Blankman was a Director for 13 years at Alliant Energy Corporation, an investor owned utility with operations in Iowa and Wisconsin. His experience at Alliant Energy included time as the Assistant Controller for the company's utility operations, financial support of Alliant's generation business unit, oversight of the organizations energy procurement, long term resource planning, and environmental functions. In addition, during his last two years at the company, he oversaw the company's strategic planning efforts.

Prior to Alliant Energy, Mr. Blankman served in a variety of financial and leadership roles with Rayovac Corporation, an international consumer product company, and ABS Global, Inc., an international bovine genetics company. Mr. Blankman is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Master of Business Administration degree, with an emphasis in Finance, from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from the University of Northern Iowa.

Daniel Hall, America Wind Energy Association (AWEA)

Daniel Hall serves as Central Region Director, Electricity and Transmission Policy for the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), a thousand-member national association of wind focused utilities, transmission owners, power producers, developers and vendors. In this role, he is responsible for leading AWEA's efforts in MISO and SPP to develop and implement policy to expand transmission, promote transmission alternatives and enhance market design to enable growth in wind energy. Duties also include leading and managing relevant AWEA committees and task forces; and representing the wind industry before federal and state regulators, at conferences, in the media and through the RTO stakeholder process.

Prior to this position, from 2013 to 2019, Hall served as a Commissioner on the Missouri Public Service Commission, and as Chairman from 2015 to 2018. His policy focus included: agency reorganizations; financial and regulatory assistance for small water and sewer companies; progressive rate design mechanisms such as low income tariffs, time of use rates and inclining block rates; distribution infrastructure efficiency incentives; revision of the Commission's ex parte/extra record rule; replacement of customer owned lead service lines; increased penetration of renewables and distributed energy resources; and sharing of rate case expense.

While on the Commission, Hall served in the following leadership positions: President, Executive Committee Member and Board Member of the Organization of MISO States; Member of the MISO Advisory Committee and Planning Advisory Committee; Member of the NARUC Board of Directors; Member of the Board of Directors for the National Regulatory Research Institute; Vice Chairman of the NARUC Water Committee; Vice Chairman of the NARUC Education and Research Subcommittee; Member and Chairman of the Financial Regulatory Institute Advisory Committee; Board Member of the Public Council for the Water Research Foundation.

From January of 2009 until his appointment to the Commission, Hall served as Legislative Director to Governor Jay Nixon, overseeing efforts to advance the Nixon Administration's legislative agenda and serving as lead liaison between the Governor and members of the Missouri General Assembly. Prior to that, Hall served as Senior Counsel and Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Missouri Attorney General Nixon, Senior Policy Adviser to Governor Bob Holden, and Chief of Staff to Missouri House Speaker Steve Gaw.

Hall was awarded a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri School of Law in 1993, and Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in history from Carleton College in 1988. Hall makes his home in Columbia, Missouri, with his wife, Cindy, and their three children, Elly, Kate and Keaton.

Holly Lahd, Target Corp. & Clean Energy Economy Minnesota

Holly Lahd is an Energy Program Manager at Target Corporation, where she analyzes utility rates, regulatory policy, and emerging energy trends to advance Target's expense reduction and clean energy goals across the country. Prior to joining Target she directed the energy markets program at the Minnesota non-profit Fresh Energy and as served as a utility rate analyst with Minnesota Department of Commerce. Holly serves on the Board of Clean Energy Economy Minnesota and on the Advisory Board of the Renewable Energy Buyers Alliance.

Jim MacInnes, Michigan Utility Consumer Participation Board

Jim MacInnes is Chairman of the Board and CEO of Crystal Mountain Resort near Traverse City, Michigan. Prior to that, Mr. MacInnes worked as a power engineer for Ebasco Services, Inc., the company that designed Michigan's Ludington Pumped Storage facility. MacInnes later developed renewable power plants under newly enacted PURPA legislation for Irvine, California based Ultrapower Incorporated. In 1985 he and his wife, Chris, moved to Michigan and joined Crystal Mountain.

Under MacInnes' leadership, Crystal Mountain became the first Michigan ski resort to purchase wind energy offsets to cover the energy use of a new high-speed chairlift in the late 1990s. When Crystal Mountain added a spa, it was designed to achieve certification in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. Their newly constructed 25 room Inn is heated and cooled using a closed-loop geothermal heat pump system and uses low-energy LED lighting. Crystal was also among the first places in Northern Michigan to install public charging stations for electric cars.

Jim served on the Great Lakes Offshore Wind Council and in 2011 was appointed by Governor Snyder to chair the Michigan Utility Consumer Participation Board representing residential consumers in electrical utility rate cases. Jim also serves on the Leadership Council of Michigan Conservative Energy Forum. He is a licensed professional engineer and life senior member of the IEEE. Jim holds BSEE and MBA degrees from the University of California, Irvine.

Doug Scott, Facilitator on Behalf of MGA

Doug Scott joined the Great Plains Institute in early 2015 and is vice president of electricity and efficiency. Doug focuses on GPI projects related to his work as a former state official, including the Midcontinent Power Sector Collaborative, state energy and environmental regulator groups, the Carbon Capture Coalition and State CO2 Work Group, and utility business model/grid modernization, including the e21 Initiative. Doug was appointed chair of the Illinois Commerce Commission in March 2011 by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn. During his tenure with the Commission, he served as a

member of the Energy, Resources, and Environment Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and on the Task Force on Environmental Regulation. Doug also previously served as director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency from 2005 to 2011. During those years, he chaired the Illinois Governor's Climate Change Advisory Committee and represented Illinois in the development of the Midwestern Governors Association's energy accord. Doug was a member of the Air Committee for the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) and the US EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board. He was also elected and served as mayor of Rockford, IL from 2001 to 2005, after serving as a state representative in the Illinois General Assembly between 1995 and 2001. A native of Rockford, Doug received his undergraduate degree with honors from the University of Tulsa in 1982 and a juris doctorate with honors from Marquette University in 1985.