



**NGA 2022 Regional Market  
Trends Forum -  
“Emerging Issues for the Northeast  
Energy Market”**

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## ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

### WELCOMING REMARKS

**Charles C. Crews**  
*Northeast Gas Association*

Charles Crews is President and CEO of the Northeast Gas Association (NGA). He became president of NGA on September 1, 2021. A Michigan resident, Charles was most recently President and Principal Consultant of FPH Consulting Services, LLC. He has 25 years of leadership experience in the natural gas industry at multiple investor-owned natural gas distribution and transmission utilities. From 2013 to 2019 he worked for Consumers Energy Company (CMS) in several positions including Vice President, Gas Operations. Prior to CMS he worked for NiSource, Inc. for 20 years, holding numerous operations, customer service and strategy positions. Charles graduated from Ohio University with a BS, Industrial & Systems Engineering and earned an MBA from Capital University.

### SESSION 1: The Recent Winter & System Operations

**Michael J. Dirrane**  
*Enbridge*

Mike Dirrane is Director of Marketing for Enbridge. He is responsible for the company’s Northeast marketing efforts on Algonquin Gas Transmission and Texas Eastern Transmission Company.

Mike has held various positions at the company including Gas Control, Regulatory Affairs and the Marketing department.

He earned his Bachelor of Science in Marketing at Boston College and his MBA at Babson College.

**Richard Delaney**  
*National Grid*

Rich Delaney is the Director National Grid’s Gas Control Center Operations team with Control Rooms in NY and MA covering all of National Grid’s Gas Pipeline assets. Rich has 33 years with National Grid, 29 in Control Centers both Electric and Gas. Rich is the most recent past chair of the NGA GOCON and currently 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair of the AGA’s Gas Control Committee.

**Mike Knowland**  
*ISO New England*

Mike Knowland is the Manager of Operations Forecast and Scheduling at ISO New England. His team is responsible for gas/electric coordination and energy analysis and reporting, in addition to producing the daily load forecast which is used in the commitment and dispatch of generators to meet system reliability requirements. Mike has been with ISO New England since 2005, starting as a control room operator, and in his current role since 2016.

**Karen Lampen**  
*Repsol*

Karen Lampen leads Repsol's GTNA - Trading and Origination business in Houston, Texas.

She previously served as Director, NE Origination for Repsol. She joined Repsol Gas and Power organization in 2009 just prior to the commissioning of the Canaport (now Saint John) facility in Saint John, New Brunswick as an Origination and Regulatory Affairs Manager, focusing primarily on New England and Eastern Canadian regions. Prior to joining the Repsol Gas and Power team, Karen was the Manager, Logistics at Emera Energy Services in Halifax, NS involved in the setup and growth of trading operations there from 2002 to 2009. She has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

## **SESSION 2: Responsibly-Sourced Gas (RSG)**

**Jeff Formica**  
*Seneca Resources*

Jeff Formica is VP-EHSQ with Seneca Resources Company, LLC.

Jeff has been helping develop EHS, Compliance, and Sustainability efforts for 8 years now with Seneca. He has had several leadership and staff positions with large independent domestic operators in upstream, midstream, EHS, compliance, and sustainability. He also has international diversified upstream field experience with a large multinational service company. With over 38 years of experience, he is a registered Professional Petroleum Engineer, and a graduate of Penn State.

**Andrew Swinick**  
*Kinder Morgan*

Andrew is Director of Commercial on the North Region for Kinder Morgan which includes Tennessee Gas Pipeline, Stagecoach and KMLP assets. He joined Kinder Morgan after the acquisition of Stagecoach Gas Services where he was Sr. Director of Marketing and Business Development. Prior to getting into the midstream business with Stagecoach, Andrew worked in marketing and trading of power and natural gas.

**Hugh Gleason**  
*Equinor*

Hugh Gleason is Principal Originator, Natural Gas Origination, Market and Trading, with Equinor Natural Gas LLC.

Hugh joined Equinor (formerly Statoil) in 2012. He is currently the US marketing lead in Equinor's originations team and is responsible for evaluating certification and continuous methane monitoring on natural gas production.

He has over 20 years' experience in Natural Gas originations. Previously he managed natural gas transportation groups and started in the industry as exploration geologist. He specializes in structuring nascent natural gas markets, products, and services.

He holds a BS in Geoscience from Montclair State University and a BA in History from Hobart College.

## SESSION 3

### **Melissa Bartos** ***Concentric Energy Advisors***

Melissa F. Bartos, Vice President, is a financial and economic consultant with twenty-five years of experience in the energy industry. She focuses on natural gas markets issues, including developing detailed demand forecasts for gas distribution companies for regulatory, planning, and due diligence purposes, as well as conducting comprehensive market assessments for various clients considering investments. Ms. Bartos has also designed, built, and enhanced numerous financial and statistical models to support clients in asset-based transactions, energy contract negotiations, asset and business valuations, rate and regulatory matters, cost-of-service analysis, and risk management. Ms. Bartos also provides expert testimony regarding natural gas demand forecasting and supply planning issues, marginal cost studies, and incentive ratemaking. Ms. Bartos previously consulted with Reed Consulting Group and Navigant Consulting, Inc.; she has an M.S. in Mathematics (Statistics) from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, a B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, and is a member of the American Statistical Association.

### **Mark G. Kahrer** ***New Jersey Natural Gas***

Mark G. Kahrer serves as Senior Vice President-Regulatory Affairs, Marketing and Energy Efficiency at New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG), where he oversees all aspects of the company's regulatory affairs, gas supply, environmental services, marketing and energy efficiency functions.

Mr. Kahrer joined NJNG in 2017 as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and was promoted to his current role in 2020. Prior to joining NJNG, he spent 34 years with Newark, NJ-based Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) and its parent, Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG). Throughout his tenure with PSEG, he served in numerous capacities, including Vice President of Finance for PSE&G and PSEG Power, Assistant Treasurer and Senior Director – Business Performance and Improvement for PSE&G and PSEG Long Island. Mr. Kahrer was instrumental in starting up PSEG's corporate risk management function, lean six sigma efforts and was instrumental in the development of the performance metric program at PSEG Long Island.

Mr. Kahrer received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Saint Peter's College and a Master of Business Administration in finance from Seton Hall University. He is a certified public accountant, and a member of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, as well as a member executive committee of the New Jersey Utilities Association and the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of Saint Peter's University.