



NGA 2021 Regional Market Trends Forum – “Natural Gas’s Pathway in the Region”

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

WELCOMING REMARKS

Thomas M. Kiley
Northeast Gas Association

Tom Kiley is President and CEO of the Northeast Gas Association (NGA). Tom became president of NGA on January 1, 2003, when the organization was formed as a result of the merger of The New England Gas Association and the New York Gas Group. He previously served as president of The New England Gas Association from 1985 to January 2003; and as Acting Executive Director of the New York Gas Group from April 2001 to January 2003. He is a graduate of Holy Cross College and has done graduate work in Northeastern University's MBA program. Tom is a Past President of the Society of Gas Lighting, is Secretary of the Guild of Gas Managers and is a Past Chairman of the New England Society of Association Executives.

SESSION 1

Hon. Diane X. Burman
New York State Public Service Commission

Diane X. Burman serves as a Commissioner of the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission). The Commission regulates the state's electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water utilities and oversees the cable industry. In addition, the Commission exercises jurisdiction over the siting of major gas and electric transmission facilities and is responsible for ensuring the safety of natural gas and liquid petroleum pipelines. Bipartisan by law since 1970, the Commission consists of up to five members, each appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. Ms. Burman's term runs through February 2024.

Ms. Burman is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Committee on Gas, International Relations, Washington Action Program, the Committee on Critical Infrastructure, the Special Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety and Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity. Ms. Burman is also the Chair of the NARUC-Department of Energy Natural Gas Partnership Initiative. She was recently appointed by the NARUC President as Co-Vice Chair of the Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity and to the Taskforce on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery and Resiliency as well as the Task Force's Special Subcommittee on Lessons Learned from COVID 19.

Ms. Burman was selected to be a part of the USAID and NARUC Women Global Development and Prosperity Initiative helping to both foster women's economic empowerment and advancing women leaders in energy. Ms. Burman was the 2020 recipient of the NARUC International Terry Barnich Award. She served on the NARUC Board of Directors from February 2018-December 2020 and is immediate past Chair of the NARUC Gas Committee.

Ms. Burman serves as the Vice Chair of the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee. She also serves on PHMSA's Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee. She is also a member of the National Petroleum Council. Ms. Burman was a Founding Board member of the Greater Albany Chapter of the Women's Energy Network. She previously served as the NARUC President appointee to the Gas Technology Institute Public Interest Advisory Committee and as the Chair of PHMSA's Voluntary Information Sharing Working Group.

She has served in several high-level positions within state government, including Assistant Counsel with the Department of Economic Development, Assistant Attorney General in the Department of Law, Senior Court Attorney with the Unified-Court System, and as a judicial clerk for the New York State Court of Appeals. She was also an adjunct legal professor at Hofstra University and Adelphi University.

Ms. Burman obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Molloy College and her Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law. Ms. Burman was admitted to the bar in 1992. A life-long New Yorker, Ms. Burman currently resides in the Capital District with her family.

SESSION 2

Paul J. Hibbard ***The Analysis Group***

Paul J. Hibbard is Principal with the Analysis Group.

Mr. Hibbard is an expert on economics, strategy, regulation, and policy in the electric and natural gas industries. He has a comprehensive background merging business development, technical analysis, resource planning and development modeling, economics, and public policy in the energy and environmental fields. Throughout his career, he has administered and promoted an agenda of advanced ratemaking and policy initiatives for energy companies. Mr. Hibbard has also provided technical and strategic advice to government, industry, business, public interest groups, and trade organizations on energy market structure, electric and natural gas infrastructure planning and siting, utility resource solicitation and procurement, emission allocation and environmental policy, renewable resource program design and administration, transmission pricing, climate change policy, utility ratemaking practices, and the transfer of US federal and state emission control programs to other countries.

Prior to joining Analysis Group, Mr. Hibbard was chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. During his tenure, he carried out a forward-looking ratemaking and policy agenda to advance energy efficiency and renewable resources, coordinate regional efforts in the development of energy resources and associated infrastructure, and promote the administration of fair and efficient transmission pricing models in regional and national contexts. He also provided testimony on resource planning, competitive electricity markets, and transmission pricing in hearings before committees of the Massachusetts legislature and the US House of Representatives, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and state and regional planning councils. Mr. Hibbard has also served as a member of many energy-related boards and committees.

He holds an M.S., energy and resources, University of California, Berkeley; and a B.S., physics, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

SESSION 3

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. He is the current First Vice Chairman of the New Jersey Utilities Association Board of Directors and a member of the Advisory Committees of the New Jersey Utility Stockholders Association and New Jersey Energy Coalition. Mr. Kahrer was also a former member of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of Saint Peter's University where he also served as the former Chairman of the Board of Regents and former President of the Alumni Association.

Keith Rooney ***National Grid***

Keith Rooney is National Grid's Director of Customer, Government Relations & Community management for the downstate New York business.

Keith has over 30 years' experience with National Grid. His experience includes Manager of Gas Control for Long Island and Upstate New York. In this role, his responsibilities included managing twenty rotating shift operators, over thirty power generators, LNG, CNG, compliance, gas supply and ran the gas network for the state.

He is a St. Joseph's College graduate with a Bachelor's in Business and an Executive MBA. He completed the United Way's Loaned Executive program in New York City. This role included customer management, marketing, project management, public speaking and driving a positive change in the communities we serve. He served on the NGA Gas Control Managers Board and the Deer Park School Board as Vice President. Keith is a David Rockefeller Fellows leadership Program graduate, completed Executive Leadership Boot Camp in 2020 and is currently enrolled in Energeia Leadership. Additionally, he is a former United States Marine.

His most recent role, National Grid's Jurisdictional Director of Customer, Government Relations and Community Management, included responsibility for all major customer accounts, stakeholders, government relations and community activities in Downstate New York. He managed a team of Jurisdictional Managers in Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island and reported to the President of NY state.

In 2020, Keith was asked by senior executive leadership to lead National Grid Energy Management as Interim President. National Grid Energy Management provides 24/7 emergency service, generator installs, heating plant services, energy efficiency, solar design, new green technologies, install, preventive maintenance, contracts, repairs and burner service to over 100 large boilers across Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx (NYCHA). His role as President is to lead and manage the company and its 60 employees (Union and Management). He is responsible for all areas of the business including managing a multimillion-dollar budget, field safety, contracts, fleet, and driving the business. He manages key stakeholders, such as NY City agencies. Additionally, he is responsible for VAMCO Company (Rhode Island). VAMCO is a domestic appliance rental company serving the Rhode Island area. VAMCO offers affordable natural gas water heater rentals to both homeowners and tenants.