

## Speaker Bios for September 28 Roundtable in the PJM Footprint



**Jesse Jenkins** is a PhD candidate in Engineering Systems at MIT's Institute for Data Systems and Society and a researcher with the MIT Energy Initiative. He earned a S.M. in Technology & Policy at MIT in 2014 and previously directed the Energy and Climate Program at the Breakthrough Institute, a public policy think tank. He has published peer-reviewed papers in the journals *Applied Energy*, *The Energy Journal*, *Energy Policy*, and *WIREs: Climate Change*. His research and writing has been featured in invited testimony before the US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and in major media outlets. Jesse has received fellowships from the National Science Foundation, MIT Energy Initiative, and Martin Family Society of Fellows for Sustainability and serves as co-president of MIT's Electricity Students Research Group.



**Jeffrey Roark** is a Technical Executive at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). His primary responsibilities include extending the EPRI/DOE Cost/Benefit Analysis Methodology for Smart Grid Demonstration Projects, and managing projects demonstrating operational and economic characteristics of intelligent devices deployed at various sites in the U.S. and abroad. Jeff has 40 years of experience in the electric utility industry, including generation and reliability planning for both Southern Company and TVA, and strategic planning and power-market analysis for Mirant. Jeff holds a BA and an MA in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University and an MBA from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.



**Paul Centolella** has more than 35 years of experience in energy economics, law, and regulation. A former Commissioner on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Paul currently serves on the U.S. Secretary of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on the Determinants of Market Adoption of Advanced Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy Technologies, the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Smart Grid Advisory Committee, and the MIT Utility of the Future Advisory Committee. Paul is co-author of a Tabors Caramanis Rudkevich White Paper, prepared for NYSERDA in the New York REV proceeding, on Developing Competitive Electricity Markets and Pricing Structures. He is also a member of the Committee that authored the recent National Academies report, *The Power of Change: Innovation for Development and Deployment of Increasingly Clean Electric Power Technologies*.



**Ann McCabe** is a commissioner at the Illinois Commerce Commission, where she focuses on the future of the electric utility/regulatory model, electric grid modernization, retail electric choice, nuclear waste and cyber security issues. She chairs the NARUC Nuclear Issues Subcommittee and is a member of the Energy Resources and the Environment and Critical Infrastructure Committees. Ann is president of the Mid-America regional commissioners' conference (14 states) and past president of the Organization of PJM States board (13 states and Washington, DC).

Her prior experience includes policy analysis and advocacy on energy and environmental issues as principal of two consulting firms. Earlier, she managed state and federal environmental and fuels regulatory issues at Amoco and BP, worked on the Clean Air Act Amendments, energy and natural resource issues in the State of Illinois' Washington, DC office and was an assistant to ICC commissioners. Ann holds an M.A. in public policy from the University of Chicago and a B.A. in political science from Williams College.



**Kathleen Barrón** is Senior Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs and Wholesale Market Policy, for Exelon Corporation. Prior to joining Exelon, Kathleen was the Deputy General Counsel at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), having previously served as the FERC's associate general counsel for energy markets. Before joining FERC, Kathleen was in private practice with the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP, where she represented utility and independent power producer clients in proceedings before FERC, U.S. Courts of Appeals, and state utility commissions.



**Joe Kerecman** is Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs at Calpine, representing the company's interests throughout the PJM footprint. His 25-year career in the energy industry includes experience in project development and operations, legislative & regulatory affairs, private equity/venture capital & structured finance investment, as well as wholesale power and environmental markets.

Previously, Joe worked with APX, PJM Interconnection, and Exelon Capital Partners. Prior to the formation of Exelon, he held positions with PECO Energy, Raytheon Engineers and Constructors, and Bechtel Power. Joe has a B.S. in Engineering from Penn State, an M.S. in Engineering Management from Drexel, and an M.S. in Organizational Dynamics from Penn. He also attended the Wharton School's Executive Development Program.



**Jessica Lovering** is the director of the energy program at the Breakthrough Institute, a pioneering research institute changing how people think about energy and the environment. As the director of the energy program, Jessica explores how policies can jumpstart innovation to create the disruptive technologies needed to mitigate climate change and increase modern energy access. Jessica holds a BA in Astrophysics from the University of California, Berkeley and Master's Degrees in Astrophysics and Environmental Policy from the University of Colorado, Boulder.