
MGA Transmission Summit 2021 - Virtual November 16, 2021 Speaker Biographies

Dr. James McCalley, Iowa State University

Dr. McCalley received the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Georgia Tech in 1982, 1986, and 1992 respectively. He is an Anson Marston Distinguished Professor and the London Professor of Power Systems Engineering in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Iowa State University (ISU) where he has been employed since 1992. He was elected as an IEEE Fellow in 2003. Dr. McCalley was employed with the Atlanta Gas Light-Company from 1977-1982 and with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Francisco, from 1985 to 1990. At PG&E, he was a transmission engineer where he performed planning, design, and operating studies of the Western US interconnected power grid. He was a registered professional engineer in California.



Chair Julie Fedorchak, North Dakota Public Service Commission

Julie Fedorchak has served on the Commission since 2012. She heads the business operations; pipeline, electric transmission and energy conversion siting; railroad; and consumer affairs portfolios and is the agency's lead for issues relating to the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO).

Whether seeking a solution to mitigate red lights on wind farms that pollute North Dakota's night sky, or pushing for innovative ways to connect rural areas to natural gas service, Julie is constantly seeking to make government more responsive to North Dakota citizens. She led efforts to enhance the Commission's pipeline reclamation program; she developed and received legislative approval for a state rail safety program; and she is a tireless advocate for reliable, affordable utility services. She also reinstated the Commission's consumer affairs portfolio to provide greater public awareness, participation and transparency in the work of the PSC.



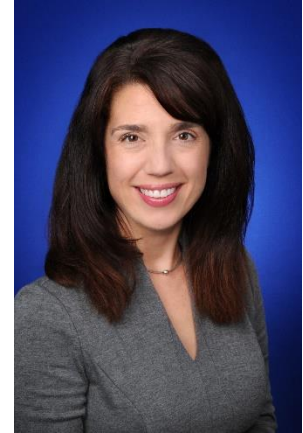
Julie is president of the Organization of MISO States, vice-chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Gas Committee and vice president of the Gas Technology Institute's advisory board. She is a member of the Aspen Institute's Rodel Class of 2015.

Julie was appointed to the Public Service Commission in December 2012 by Gov. Jack Dalrymple. In 2016 she was elected to a full six-year term. Julie is married to Mike Fedorchak of Minot. They have three children and live in Bismarck where they are involved in a number of activities and organizations.

Commissioner Sarah Freeman, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Sarah Freeman was appointed by Governor Mike Pence as Commissioner on September 19, 2016, and was reappointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on December 29, 2017. Commissioner Freeman chairs NARUC's Subcommittee on Education and Research and is a member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications. Commissioner Freeman is Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Organization of MISO States (OMS) and serves on the Board of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company as well as the Advisory Board for the Financial Research Institute at the University of Missouri. She previously represented the Commission on the Board of Directors for the Organization of PJM States (PJM).

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Freeman served as a senior staff attorney with the nonpartisan Indiana Legislative Services Agency for 16 years, where she drafted utility and transportation legislation and served as counsel to numerous legislative committees.



A native Hoosier, Commissioner Freeman earned her undergraduate degrees in psychology, French, and political science from Indiana University – Bloomington and her juris doctor degree from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Chairperson Andrew French, Kansas Corporate Commission

Andrew French was appointed to the KCC on June 12, 2020 by Governor Laura Kelly and approved by the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee on June 24, 2020. He was elected Chairperson on January 14, 2021. His term expires March 15, 2024.

Before his appointment to the KCC, French practiced law with the firm of Smithyman & Zakoura, Chartered, in Overland Park, Kansas. His law practice focused on energy policy and the regulation of utility rates and services. French represented a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including large industrial energy customers, local school districts, and a natural gas utility company. He also advised a diverse clientele in general corporate, business, and civil litigation matters.



Prior to his time in private practice, French worked in Kansas government. He began his legal career as a research attorney with the Kansas Court of Appeals before accepting a staff position with the KCC. During his tenure at the KCC from 2012 to 2017, French held a number of positions within the agency, including Senior Litigation Counsel representing the KCC Staff in litigated administrative proceedings. He also advised the Commission on legal, electric reliability, and cost-recovery issues associated with actions of the Southwest Power Pool, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

French has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Kansas and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kansas School of Law.

A lifelong Kansan, French is originally from Reno County, where he grew up working on his family's farm. French and his wife, Niki, currently live in Lenexa, Kansas.

Chair Dan Scripps, Michigan Public Service Commission

Dan Scripps was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Public Service Commission on February 21, 2019 and was designated as Chair in July 2020. His term ends July 2, 2023. Mr. Scripps has been an active participant in a number of state energy advisory groups, including the Upper Peninsula Energy Task Force, the Michigan Dam Safety Task Force, and the Michigan Council on Climate Solutions.



Chair Scripps is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on the Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resiliency. He is active with its Committees on Critical Infrastructure, Gas, and International Relations, and the Washington Action Program. In addition, he serves on the executive committee of the Organization of MISO States, is chair of MISO's Regional Expansion Criteria and Benefits (RECB) Working Group, and serves on MISO's Advisory Committee, Steering Committee, and Planning Advisory Committee. He is also a past president and the current secretary of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC).

Mr. Scripps previously served in the Michigan House of Representatives, where he chaired the Banking and Financial Services committee and served on committees dealing with energy, telecommunications, and environmental protection.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Scripps worked for the Energy Foundation, where he coordinated policy and grantmaking strategies in the Midwest and Plains. He previously served as president of the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council, and as a Vice President with Advanced Energy Economy, focusing on energy finance. As an attorney, Mr. Scripps practiced law in the Washington D.C. office of Latham & Watkins LLP, advising regulated utilities, project developers, and financial institutions on cutting-edge domestic and international energy projects.

Mr. Scripps is a graduate of Alma College and the University of Michigan Law School. He lives with his family in northern Michigan.

Marcus Hawkins, Organization of MISO States

Marcus Hawkins was promoted to Executive Director of the Organization of MISO States effective January 1, 2019, after serving as Director of Member Services & Advocacy since September 2016. Prior to OMS, he was a Senior Engineer in the Division of Regional Energy Markets at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. He has additional power market experience from working as an Analyst at PA Consulting Group. Marcus received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering and a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He also earned certificates in Technical Communication and Energy Analysis & Policy while at UW.

