

## **Speaker Bios**

### **Mike Gregerson, Transmission Consultant, Midwestern Governors Association**

Mike Gregerson has over 35 years of executive management and consulting experience in the electric utility arena including environmental and regulatory affairs and customer service. As an energy policy consultant, Mike has worked to advance clean energy initiatives and electric transmission development. As VP of Customer Care for Xcel Energy, he managed customer service for 3 million electric and gas customers. As Director of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs for Northern States Power (now a unit of Xcel Energy), he led company efforts to deal with acid rain, power plant and high voltage transmission line impact issues. Gregerson holds a BS degree in engineering and Master of Public Health degree from the University of Minnesota.

### **Tristan Vance, Chief Energy Officer for the State Indiana & Director, Indiana Office of Energy Development**

Tristan Vance is the Chief Energy Officer for the State of Indiana and Director of the Office of Energy Development. In this role, he is charged by Governor Mike Pence with the development and implementation of a comprehensive energy policy for the state.

Additionally, Vance also oversees the Center for Coal Technology Research at Purdue University and serves on the boards of the Indiana Society of Mines and Reclamation and the Indiana Recycling Market Development Board.

Prior to his reappointment by Governor Pence in 2013, Vance served in various capacities for Governor Mitch Daniels and Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman. He is a native of Paoli, IN and a graduate of Hanover College.

### **Clair Moeller, Executive Vice President of Transmission and Technology, MISO**

As an executive leader of the office of the Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Moeller is responsible for MISO's transmission planning functions, transmission services and information technology. He is a well-respected industry expert with more than 25 years of experience in the operation of power systems in the Upper Midwest.

Mr. Moeller is skilled at identifying and implementing best practices in transmission planning and operations. His current focus is infrastructure planning in collaboration with the utilities that serve the 15 states and one Canadian province that comprise the MISO region. Under his guidance, transmission planners in the region have begun to explore transmission infrastructure value by utilizing techniques borrowed from generation and strategic planners in an effort to give policymakers context for the decisions they will face as the electric energy future unfolds.

Mr. Moeller completed the Oxford Advanced Management and Leadership course at Oxford Said Business School, the Executive Management program at the Carlson School of Business, University of Minnesota, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Iowa State University.

### **David Boyd, Commissioner, Minnesota Public Utility Commission**

David Boyd holds a B.A. degree with majors in biology and chemistry from St. Olaf College, and a Ph.D. degree in chemistry from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Boyd is the 2013 recipient of the prestigious Terry Barnich Award for his contributions in building regulatory relationships across the world.

Dr. Boyd is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Board of Directors and Chair of the NARUC Committee on Electricity. He is also a member of the NARUC Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration, Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal and is a member and Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on Education and Research. He also serves as Chairman of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition.

Dr. Boyd serves as Vice Chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER). He currently serves as President of the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council (EISPC), and the Subcommittee Steering Committee (SSC) of the Eastern Interconnect Planning Collaborative (EIPC). He is a member of the Organization

of Midwest ISO States (OMS) Board of Directors, and is a member of the Mid America Regulatory Conference (MARC). He also serves as a member of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council. He previously co-chaired the Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative (UMTDI).

Dr. Boyd was appointed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission by Governor Tim Pawlenty on July 10, 2007, was reappointed on December 18, 2008, and currently serves as Vice Chair. His term as Commissioner also included three years served as Chair. Dr. Boyd's current term expires January 5, 2015.

### **Jim Hoecker, Senior Counsel and Advisor, WIRES**

A nationally recognized energy advisor, Jim primarily concentrates his practice on emerging markets in the wholesale electric and natural gas areas. Inside and outside government, Jim has focused his representations on electric utilities, utility investors, transmission companies, and gas and oil pipelines on issues of infrastructure development and rate regulation, demand response and environmental law. He is also the founder and principal of Hoecker Energy Law & Policy PLLC, where he serves as outside counsel to WIRES, a national business alliance of companies advocating investment in electric transmission, including transmission-dependent wind and solar energy firms as well as transmission developers. He has advised foreign countries and utilities on energy industry reconstructing and has served as an expert witness throughout the United States and Canada. He has given testimony before committees of Congress and administrative tribunals.

Jim's significant work on behalf of clients in the energy industry has included:

- Representing a national nonprofit trade association comprising transmission providers and customers, before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the U.S. Department of Energy and Congress in contested and generic rulemaking matters, policy making and legislation.
- Representing a Canadian independent system operator in structuring an Order No. 888-compliant tariff for export of electric power into the U.S. wholesale power market.
- Advising an independent transmission developer seeking transmission rate incentives and rate-based treatment under the Federal Power Act for new electric transmission facilities
- Advising a developer of green-field transmission in New Mexico.

Prior to rejoining private practice, Jim was FERC chairman from 1997 to 2001. During the nearly eight years he served as FERC chairman and, before that, FERC commissioner, he was responsible for instituting regional transmission organizations to administer the wholesale electric power system and streamlining regulatory processes. In the 1980s, Jim was assistant general counsel for gas and oil litigation at FERC, as well as assistant general counsel for rulemaking and legislative analysis.

### **Dan Kline, Director of Strategic Transmission Initiatives, Xcel Energy**

Daniel Kline is Director of Strategic Transmission Initiatives for Xcel Energy. In this role, he is also Co-Executive Director of CapX2020, a coalition of utilities in the upper Midwest developing several high voltage transmission projects.

Dan's responsibilities include oversight of major capital project implementation efforts at Xcel Energy. His prior work includes leading Xcel Energy's Order No. 1000 compliance efforts, which involves activity in MISO, SPP, and the non-RTO western interconnection as well as FERC policy and transmission tariff and cost allocation matters.

A graduate in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State with a Master's of Engineering from the University of Idaho, Dan is also a registered professional engineer in the state of Minnesota.

### **Gregory Ioanidis, Vice President, ITC Holdings Corp. and President, ITC Michigan**

Gregory Ioanidis, Vice President of ITC Holdings Corp. and President, ITC Michigan, is responsible for the strategic direction, planning, reporting, and operating and financial performance of the ITC Michigan business unit. Previously, he was Vice President of Business Strategy responsible for regulatory affairs, transmission pricing, state governmental and legislative affairs, stakeholder relations, community and government affairs and internal and external communications. Prior to joining ITC Holdings Corp., Mr. Ioanidis was the principal analyst in the Transmission/Business Development and Strategy Department at Detroit Edison, where he worked on the transmission strategic business plan, culminating with the formation of subsidiary ITC, and supported regulatory strategy and advocacy efforts related to the independent transmission company business model.

Mr. Ioanidis is a member of the Board of Directors of the new Michigan Science Center and the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition. He also is a member of the Economic Development Leadership Council of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ioanidis earned an Honors' Bachelor of Mathematics in actuarial science with a minor in statistics from the University of Waterloo. He also earned an MBA with a minor in production/operations from the University of Windsor.

#### **Kip Fox, Director of Transmission Asset Strategy, AEP**

Kip Fox is the Director, Transmission Asset Strategy and Grid Development for American Electric Power and of Transource Energy, LLC a subsidiary of American Electric Power and Great Plains Energy, supporting development and construction of competitive electric transmission infrastructure projects across the United States.

Prior to his role as Director, Mr. Fox held positions of increasing responsibility throughout the past 6 years within AEP in Transmission Regulatory and RTO Policy for Southwest Power Pool (SPP), Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), and Mid-continent Independent System Operator (MISO). Mr. Fox has been a strong advocate in the Stakeholder process for AEP.

Prior to his roles in the transmission organization of AEP, Mr. Fox was a consultant specializing in the transition of traditional transmission and generation operations to a Day Ahead market in place today. Mr. Fox has 20 years management experience in market operations and transmission with Tennessee Valley Authority and Entergy Corp.

Mr. Fox earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research from Virginia Tech and master's degree in Business Administration from The Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania.

#### **JT Smith, Director of Policy Studies, MISO**

JT Smith is the Director of Policy Studies at MISO. JT has been with MISO since 2006 where he has worked in the development of a long-term economic transmission planning process utilizing resource expansion models and production cost models. JT was project manager for the Regional Generation Outlet Study, has supported the MISO and eastern interconnect regulators through the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council and is currently focusing much of his time towards issues around generation fleet compliance with the recently finalized and proposed EPA rules and natural gas/electric coordination. Prior to MISO, JT worked for American Electric Power as a Transmission Planning Engineer. JT received his BSEE from Mississippi State University and an MBA from Oklahoma State University.

#### **Mike Mooney, Manager of Corporate Planning, Hoosier Energy REC**

Mike Mooney is Manager, Corporate Planning at Hoosier Energy REC, Inc. In this role, Mike's primary responsibility is to manage the company's strategic planning process, including tasks associated with risk management and generation resource planning. Mike also leads the transmission policy efforts and is the primary point of contact for both FERC and state regulatory matters. Mike began work at Hoosier Energy in 1996. Prior to that, Mike worked for 6 years in the Electricity Section of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Mike earned a MBA degree from Indiana University and a BSEE degree from the University of Evansville.

#### **Jeffery Dennis, Director of Division of Policy Development, FERC**

Jeff Dennis is Director, Division of Policy Development, in the Office of Energy Policy and Innovation at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. In that role, he leads efforts to evaluate the effectiveness of existing Commission policies and to identify new and emerging policy issues impacting the Commission's statutory responsibilities.

Previously, Jeff served as a Legal Advisor to Commissioner John R. Norris at FERC, where he provided legal and policy advice to the Commissioner on all aspects of FERC's regulation of the electricity and natural gas industries. Before joining Commissioner Norris' staff, Jeff was Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs, at Edison Electric

Institute (EEI), the trade association representing investor-owned electric utilities. Earlier in his career, Jeff was an Attorney-Advisor and Appellate Attorney at FERC, where he advised the Commissioners on electricity regulatory matters, and defended the Commission on appeal before the United States Circuit Courts of Appeals. Jeff has also been an attorney in private practice, representing electricity generators and large power users in federal and state regulatory proceedings.

Jeff has held several leadership positions in the ABA's Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, including Young Lawyers Division liaison, committee chair, and member of Council. He is also an active leader in the Energy Bar Association. In addition, he has published several articles in trade and scholarly publications, and is a frequent speaker on topics in energy and environmental law and policy. Jeff has a J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law, Order of the Coif, where he earned a certificate in natural resources and environmental law, and a B.A. from Marymount University (Arlington, VA), *summa cum laude*.

#### **Commissioner Ann McCabe, Illinois Commerce Commission & OPSI President**

McCabe has over 25 years of experience in energy and environmental policy in government, non-profit and the private sector. Prior to her appointment she was a principal in her own consulting firm, analyzing policies and regulations affecting fuels and refiners in Illinois, Indiana and the Midwest. She previously served as Midwest regional director for The Climate Registry, recruiting companies and organizations to voluntarily track and report greenhouse gas emissions. As a partner in Policy Solutions Ltd., she did policy analysis, outreach and advocacy on environmental and energy issues for trade associations, non-profits and foundations.

McCabe's private industry experience includes managing regulatory issues for BP and Amoco. Early in her career she worked as an Illinois budget analyst, an assistant to ICC commissioners and as an associate director of the state of Illinois' Washington D.C. office, where she focused on amendments to the federal Clean Air Act.

She has been a board member of the Illinois Environmental Council and a founding member of the Foresight Sustainable Business Alliance. She earned a bachelor's degree from Williams College and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Chicago.

#### **Commissioner Eric Callisto, Wisconsin Public Service Commission & OMS President**

Eric Callisto has been a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin since May of 2008, when he was appointed by Governor Jim Doyle. He was Chairperson of the Commission from the time of his appointment through February of 2011.

He is the President of the Organization of MISO States, Co-Chair of the FERC-NARUC Sunday Morning Collaborative, Chair of the NARUC Committee on International Relations, and a member of the NARUC Electricity Committee. He was Co-Chair of the Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative, and has served as a Wisconsin representative on the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council (EISPC), where he was one of the EISPC's representatives on the Stakeholder Steering Committee of the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative.

Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, he was the top aide to the Chairperson of the PSC. His previous Wisconsin state government positions include Chief of Enforcement at the Department of Regulation and Licensing and serving as a legal advisor to the Governor.

From 1997 through 2003, he was an Assistant Attorney General at the Wisconsin Department of Justice, in both the Environmental Protection and Civil Litigation units. He has worked as a public defender in New York City and Philadelphia, and as a policy advisor at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington D.C.

He has a law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a B.A. in Environmental Sciences from the University of Virginia.

#### **Thomas E. Wright, Attorney, Morris Laing Evans Brock and Kennedy**

Thomas Wright is currently an attorney with Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock and Kennedy in Topeka Kansas where he focuses on utility and energy issues. He recently severed two terms as a Commissioner with the Kansas Corporation Commission. Wright served as Chair of the Governor's Gaming Committee and of the Consolidation Commission of

Topeka-Shawnee County in 2005. He was Chair of the Washburn Board of Regents from 1986 to 1988, beginning as a Board Member in 1982. Throughout his career, he has taught classes at Washburn University Law School and in the NITA program at Loyola Law School in Chicago. He has recently been named to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on International Relations and Committee on Electricity.

He additionally served as the Kansas delegate to the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council and the Southwest Power Pool.

Wright was elected President of the Kansas Bar Association (KBA) beginning June of 2008. He was a member of the Board of Governors for the KBA from 1998 to 2005. He served on the KBA Committee on Prevention of Legal Malpractice and chaired the Legislative Committee. He was on the Civil Justice Reform Advisory Group of the Federal Court from 1992 to 1998 and the Federal Bench/Bar Committee from 1990 to 1998. Wright also served on the Kansas Supreme Court Nominating Committee from 1995 to 2003.

Wright, originally from Harper, Kansas, earned a degree in mathematics from Wichita State University in 1961. He graduated from Washburn University School of Law in 1964 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in German from Washburn University in 1979.

### **Bill Smith, Executive Director, Organization of MISO States**

William H. Smith, Jr., began as Executive Director of the Organization of MISO States in January 2004. OMS is the regional state committee for states served by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator. Previously, he was Government Relations Manager for the Iowa Utilities Board, and coordinated the Board's legislative positions and its representation before federal agencies. He earlier directed the Board's rate and safety staff. Before 1986, Smith served as a legal advisor to commissioners of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and practiced energy law in a Washington, D.C. firm. He writes the state regulatory column for Natural Gas & Electricity, a monthly industry journal. He is a member of the Energy Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar. He holds a B.A. degree in Economics from Yale University and a J.D. degree from Cornell University.

### **Skila Harris, Senior Advisor to Secretary Moniz, U. S. Department of Energy**

Skila Harris is a Senior Advisor in the Office of the Secretary of Energy reporting directly to Secretary Moniz. She began her forth tour of duty at the Department when she re-joined in July 2013. Her responsibilities include matters related to the Power Marketing Administrations and transmission issues in general such as representing the Department on the Interagency Infrastructure Steering Committee.

From February 2009– October 2010, she served as an Economic Recovery Advisor in the Office of the Secretary during the initial implementation phase of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. She also served as a member of the Obama/Biden Department of Energy Transition Team from November 2008– January 2009. In November 1999 she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as one of three full-time Tennessee Valley Authority board members. During the first seven years of her term the board functioned as chief executive officer and was responsible for operations, budgeting, financial management, strategic planning, regulatory and legislative matters, and economic development. In March 2006 the board converted to a more traditional 9 member part-time corporate board on which she served until 2008.

At the time TVA had 33,000 MW of generating capacity from coal, nuclear, hydro, natural gas and renewable resources. As a wholesaler, the power it generated served 8.7 consumers in parts of 7 states over 17, 000 miles of transmission. Key decisions reached by the board during this period including votes to re-start the Browns Ferry I nuclear reactor (\$1.8 B); initiation and adoption of a comprehensive reservoir operations study; adoption and implementation of a multi-year NOx and SOx compliance program. She also was the sponsor for the development of TVA's first comprehensive environmental policy. The policy covers TVA's entire environmental footprint including energy efficiency and demand-side management and established a framework to address CO2. She also served for three years as TVA's representative on the Board of the Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited.

Prior to TVA, she served as Executive Director of the Secretary of Energy Advisor Board under Secretaries Bill Richardson and Federico Pena. The Secretary of Energy Advisor Board was the highest ranking advisory board within the Department of Energy. Studies conducted while she was Executive Director included "Maintaining Reliability in a Competitive U. S. Electricity Industry" and "Responsible Openness: An Imperative for the Department of Energy".

From January 1993– March 1997 she worked in the Executive Office of the President - Office of Vice President as Special Assistant to Vice President Al Gore and Chief of Staff to Tipper Gore. February 1989– November 1992 she served as Vice President for Development and Compliance for Steiner-Liff Iron and Metal Company in Nashville, Tennessee. From November 1980– April 1986 she was a Project Officer with the U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation.

Her first experience at the Department of Energy was soon after it was created in 1979 when she was a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Resource Applications. Prior to that the early positions included as Research Associate with Resource Planning Associates and a Policy Analyst with Tetra Tech.

She has a Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs from the George Washington University and graduated from Western Kentucky with a BA degree in Government.

### **Ken Zagzebski, President, United States Strategic Business Unit, AES Corporation**

Mr. Zagzebski serves as President of the AES United States Strategic Business Unit, one of six business units of AES. As President, Ken leads 20 businesses across 9 states and has more than 13,000 MWs of electric generation across the country. It includes Indianapolis Power & Light Co. and Dayton Power & Light that deliver electricity to more than 970,000 customers in Ohio and Indiana and another 150,000 retail customers in Illinois.

Zagzebski is an experienced utility executive with operational and financial leadership experience, both domestically and internationally. Prior to joining AES in 2007 he was Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Field Operations at Xcel Energy where he held a number of other leadership positions including the Executive Director of the company's Asia-Pacific region with responsibility for the company's regional investments primarily located in Australia.

Zagzebski is a Certified Public Accountant, and has an MBA from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. Zagzebski currently serves as Chair, Board of Visitors, at the Marion University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership. He also serves on the Executive Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, Indiana Energy Association and the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership.

### **Joe Goffman, Associate Assistant Administrator & Senior Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

Joseph Goffman is the Associate Assistant Administrator for Climate and Senior Counsel to the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Goffman joined the agency in 2009, and during his tenure he has worked on the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, the New Source Performance Standards for the oil and gas sector, the Carbon Pollution Standards for Power Plants, the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, and related climate change and air quality rules. Mr. Goffman also serves as one of the senior agency officials implementing President Obama's Climate Action Plan. Prior to joining EPA, Mr. Goffman served as Majority Senior Counsel to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) and Legislative Director to Senator Joe Lieberman. Earlier in his career, which included stints first as Associate Counsel on EPW and then as a section chief in EPA's Acid Rain Division, Mr. Goffman played a key role in developing and drafting the landmark Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the implementing rules, which established, among other things, the first U.S. "cap and trade" program for air pollution. Mr. Goffman, who has held leadership positions in the NGO community, received his J.D. from Yale Law School and graduated from Yale College.

### **Beth Soholt, Executive Director, Wind on the Wires**

Beth Soholt is the Executive Director of the non-profit organization Wind on the Wires (WOW). Launched in 2001, WOW members include non-profit environmental organizations, tribal representatives, wind developers, wind turbine manufacturers, and businesses that provide goods and services to the wind industry. WOW's mission is to overcome the barriers to bringing wind power to market. The WOW footprint covers 9 states that stretch from the Dakotas to Indiana. WOW is a key regional partner of the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) and the groups work closely together to advance wind power development and transmission issues in the Midwest.

Ms. Soholt brings more than 15 years of experience working with the electric industry in various capacities. At WOW she directs work in the areas of technical/transmission planning, state regulatory proceedings, legislative

education and outreach. Ms. Soholt holds a seat on the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) Advisory Committee representing the Environmental Sector. She was also selected as one of three NGO representatives on the Stakeholder Steering Committee of the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative.

Ms. Soholt holds a law degree from Hamline University Law School, St. Paul, Minnesota and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

### **Daryl Maxwell, Department Manager Hydro Interconnections, Manitoba Hydro**

Daryl Maxwell is employed at Manitoba Hydro as the Department Manager of Hydro Interconnections, and is also the General Manager of a wholly owned Canadian subsidiary of Manitoba Hydro that anticipates funding US transmission assets.

Daryl's responsibilities include managing Manitoba Hydro's export business associated with Manitoba Hydro's generation development plan including long term power sale agreements and new transmission interconnections.

During his 21 year career at Manitoba Hydro, Daryl has worked in Regional Operations, Transmission System Planning, Generation Maintenance, Generation Design, and Power Sales & Operations.

Daryl is a Professional Engineer with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Electrical) and a Masters of Engineering (Electrical), both from the University of Manitoba. He enjoys playing hockey and spending time with his two boys.

### **Judy Chang, Principal, Brattle Group**

Judy Chang is an economist with a public policy background. She has expertise in the analysis of electricity power markets and advises clients on the financial and regulatory issues relating to renewable energy investment and procurement decisions. She is experienced in leading utility executives, board members, and stakeholders in making challenging strategic decisions complicated by pressures from customers, policy-makers, regulators, and wholesale and retail competitors. Ms. Chang's recent long-term strategic planning engagements have involved the development of future energy market scenarios and assisting utilities to make strategic decisions that balance regulatory requirements for renewable energy, energy efficiency, other demand-side resources, with the potential retirement of existing generation facilities due to various environmental regulations. These projects involved close analyses of relevant regulatory and economic issues surrounding system planning, including considerations for financial, operational, and market design issues.

Ms. Chang has authored numerous expert reports and submitted expert testimony before the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and state regulatory authorities regarding power market issues. She has served as an expert witness in regulatory proceedings and litigation settings. Recently, she was an expert witness in evaluating long-term power purchase agreements between renewable energy developers and electric utilities. Her other recent work includes evaluating the potential impact of integrating renewable energy onto power systems. Accordingly, she has designed and helped develop a model that estimates the operational effects and the associated costs of variable resources on a grid.

Ms. Chang has authored a number of articles and reports and presented at a variety of industry conferences. She recently spent two years in India, where she worked on evaluating and financing renewable energy investments for international and multilateral agencies. She holds a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, and the founding Executive Director of New England Women in Energy and the Environment.

### **Kari Bennett, Senior Corporate Counsel, MISO**

Kari Bennett is Senior Corporate Counsel at the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., a not-for-profit, member-based organization providing an essential link in the safe, cost-effective delivery of electric power across all or parts of 15 U.S. states and the Canadian province of Manitoba. Prior to joining MISO, Ms. Bennett was a Commissioner at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and served as President of the Organization of MISO States (OMS) during 2013. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Bennett was General Counsel of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. From 2005 to 2007, Ms. Bennett served as Policy Director for Environment and Natural Resources for Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels. She also practiced law at Barnes & Thornburg LLP,

focusing on environmental law and government services, and served in various positions at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management before and after law school. She graduated from Miami University of Ohio with a degree in environmental science, and received her J.D. from the University of Minnesota.

**Will Kaul, Vice President of Transmission, Great River Energy**

Will Kaul is Great River Energy's vice president, transmission. Great River Energy's transmission system includes over 4,500 miles of line and 100 substations covering 62 percent of the state. He has been employed by Great River Energy and one of its predecessor companies for over 32 years.

Kaul is a founder of CapX2020 and has served as its chair since its formation in 2004. CapX2020 is a collaboration of eleven utilities that have jointly planned a \$2 billion expansion of the high voltage grid serving a large region in the Upper Midwest. CapX2020 has been successful in permitting its first group of four projects and has broken ground on two of them. He is also a founder, director and past president of WIRES, a Washington, D.C.-based working group that promotes investment in the transmission grid.

Kaul has appeared before numerous state and federal legislative and regulatory bodies. He was elected in 2010 to serve as a representative of the transmission owner/developer sector in the DOE-sponsored Eastern Interconnect Planning Collaborative Stakeholder Steering Committee. Prior to his employment by the cooperative, Kaul worked at the Minnesota Legislature and for the Minnesota State Planning Agency.

Kaul holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Minnesota.