

Background Panel Biographies

Jeffery S. 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*.

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Mr. Addepalli has been with the New York State Department of Public Service for over 28 years and worked in many offices and areas in the organization. He testified in Public Service Commission cases many times as an expert witness on issues such as ratemaking, competitive markets, cost of capital, and service quality. He also testified before the New York State legislature on electric wholesale market issues and most recently on Hudson Transmission Partners Transmission Project and Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant issues.

He has a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering, a Masters Degree in Business Administration, a Master's Degree in Economics and a Doctoral Degree in Management. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).