

Panel 2 Biographies

Wesley J. Yeomans is the Vice President of Operations for the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), which operates New York's high-voltage transmission system, manages the state's wholesale electricity markets, and conducts comprehensive power system planning. Mr. Yeomans is responsible for NYISO Grid Reliability and Market Operations. He has 25 years of experience in the bulk power industry. He joined the NYISO as Director of Operations in July 2009, after having worked for National Grid and the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation since 1984. He had most recently served as Director of business Development for National Grid-New York. Mr. Yeomans earned a Bachelors of Science in electrical engineering from Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY and a Masters in business Administration from Syracuse University.

Charles Wesley is a Program Manager in the Energy Analysis Office at NYSERDA. He is responsible for energy planning, market intelligence, energy assurance, and policy analysis activities related to all petroleum fuels, natural gas, and alternative fuels. This includes tracking and analyzing energy prices, supply and demand trends, and policy issues related to the energy sector in New York State. He is a contributing author to the New York State Energy Plan. He is also responsible for energy emergency planning and response activities for petroleum fuels and coal. He is the NYS Office of Emergency Management, NYSERDA "Point of Contact" for emergency notification. Prior to joining NYSERDA, Charlie held positions at New York State Energy Office, Department of Public Service, and Department of Taxation and Finance. Charlie holds a Masters Degree in Economics.

Steven Parisi is the General Manager of System Operations for Consolidated Edison Company of NY. Mr. Parisi graduated from Polytechnic University (NYU Poly) as an Electrical Engineer and joined Con Edison in 1989 as a management intern. He has held numerous positions of increasing responsibility with operating organizations for Con Ed. These positions include Shift Supervisor and Technical Manager at the East River Generating Station in Manhattan. He served as the General Manager of Brooklyn/Queens/Staten Island Substation Operations. This position involved responsibility for all operations, maintenance and capital improvements in Transmission and Distribution substations. He has also worked in electric distribution as the General Manager for Bronx Westchester Electric Operations. In this capacity he was responsible for all aspects of Overhead Construction, Contract Management, Distribution Line Clearance, and Unit Substation Maintenance. As the General Manager for System Operation his organization is responsible for the safe and reliable operation of the Electric (transmission & distribution) system as well as the Steam distribution system. System Operation has responsibility for the Central Information group which communicates operational information with all of our stakeholders. The organization also manages all Control Center computer systems and other cyber assets. He is a member of the NYISO Operating Committee (OC).

Cortney Madea is Senior Counsel for Regulatory issues at NRG Energy. Cortney Madea joined NRG in 2012. She handles regulatory activities before FERC, the ISOs and State agencies. She also serves as counsel to the Regulatory Compliance group. Prior to joining NRG, Ms. Madea worked in the energy group at Dickstein Shapiro LLP. Ms. Madea holds a Juris Doctor, Master's Degree in Environmental Policy, and a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Government & Politics from the University of Maryland.

Richard Truxell is the Manager of Pipeline Control for Transco. He is responsible for control room operations providing safe and reliable transportation of natural gas on the Transco, Gulfstream, and Cardinal pipeline systems.

Michelle Bloodworth is the Senior Director of Power Generation at America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA). In this role, Ms. Bloodworth develops and executes ANGA's power generation strategies to build natural gas demand. Michelle works with ANGA's Market Development Committee, as well as utilities, regulators, organized market managers (ISOs and RTOs), and the owners of independent power production, to communicate the economic and environmental benefits of natural gas and allow natural gas to find its optimal position in the complex and dynamic U.S. power generation market. Prior to joining ANGA, Ms. Bloodworth was Vice President of Marketing, Sales and Communications for Energen's Alabama Gas Corporation (Alagasco). This position was preceded by work in multiple areas of that organization over two decades, including Director of Residential, Industrial and Commercial Marketing; Director of Research and Development; and Director of Power Generation, Transportation and Distributed Generation Markets. Ms. Bloodworth has been active in multiple trade groups, including the Council for Responsible Energy (as a founding member), the American Gas Association, the Southern Gas Association and the Southeastern Energy Society, and has served on the boards of the Energy Solutions Center, NGV America and the Gas Technology Institute's Utilization Technology Development Program. The nature of Ms. Bloodworth's work, both for ANGA and prior to ANGA, has required expertise in strategic planning, business development, sales and marketing, pipeline and supply project management, research and development, communications, economic development, electric power markets, regulatory policy, and governmental affairs. Ms. Bloodworth earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Auburn University and is a registered power generation, industrial and commercial gas consultant.

Kevin Rooney is the CEO of the Oil Heat Institute of L.I., Hauppauge, NY. He has a B.A. in Political Science and a M.A. in Political theory, both from L.I. University.