



Spring 2021 Meeting Program May 13, 2021 1-4PM EST

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INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS- 1:00PM

Steve Griffith Industry Director, NEMA's Transportation System Division
Jim Hoecker, REC Counsel, Husch Blackwell LLP and Hoecker Energy Law,
former FERC Chairman

RAILROAD ROUNDTABLE: SHORT LINE/REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES- 1:15PM

PANELISTS: **

Fred Oelsner, Assistant Vice President of Data and Technology, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association. Fred Oelsner joined the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association in 2019 as AVP of Data and Technology. He serves as the staff liaison to the Technology Committee and leads rail industry data research, and outreach to industry technology groups, such as Railinc, for the association. Previously, he worked for a DC-based consulting firm supporting the advocacy efforts of ASLRRRA as well as other railroad companies and associations.

Don Itzkoff, Chief Policy Officer, Patriot Rail Company LLC. Don Itzkoff joined Patriot Rail and Ports in December 2020 as Chief Policy Officer. Itzkoff's public service includes more than five years as deputy administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration. He also formerly was a senior counsel to the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee. In March 2021 Surface Transportation Board Chair Martin Oberman appointed Itzkoff to the federal Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. Before joining Patriot, Itzkoff was vice president government relations and public affairs for Wabtec Corporation and led U.S. government affairs for GE Transportation. Itzkoff is a co-founder of the OneRail Coalition and a contributing editor for Railway Age.

BLACK & VETCH PANEL & DISCUSSION- 2021 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS: MEGATRENDS REPORT- 1:45PM

PANELISTS: **

Brian Sifton, Sustainability Program Manager, Black & Veatch. Brian leads the Sustainability team at Black & Veatch. He works at the intersection of sustainability, strategy and innovation and directly supports Black & Veatch's mission of "Building a world of difference through innovation in sustainable infrastructure." Brian collaborates across Black & Veatch's businesses to drive outcomes for their clients' most challenging sustainability objectives, and he manages Black & Veatch's corporate sustainability program.

Paul Stith, Director, Global Transportation Initiatives, Black & Veatch. Paul Stith is director of global transportation initiatives for Black & Veatch's Growth Accelerator where he develops ecosystems needed to plan, finance, deploy and operate sustainable transportation and distributed clean energy infrastructure at scale. Paul leverages a decade of involvement in vehicle electrification and infrastructure supporting investors, utilities, fleets, energy, and transportation providers to electrify and automate ground, aviation, and marine fleets. Paul serves on the board of directors at Forth, a leading clean transportation organization, and the North American Council for Freight Efficiency.

REPORT FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL GRID INNOVATION CAUCUS- 2:45PM

Mike Davin, the Senior Legislative Assistant for Rep. Bob Latta (OH-05), covering an issue portfolio that focuses on Energy and the Environment, Financial Services, Defense, and Veterans Affairs. Originally from southeast Pennsylvania, Mike has been a Member of Rep. Latta's staff since 2014 and has helped the Congressman write and pass several pieces of legislation, including bills to promote the security of the electric grid and to address the threat of vehicular terrorism. He currently handles Rep. Latta's Energy Subcommittee portfolio.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ENERGY OFFICES (NASEO)- TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION AND THE STATES- 3:00PM

David Terry, Executive Director. David Terry is the Executive Director of the National Association of State Energy Officials and has worked with NASEO in a variety of capacities since 1996. Mr. Terry leads NASEO's policy actions and programs in support of the 56 governor-designated state and territory energy directors and their offices. NASEO communicates the states' views on virtually all national energy issues. Mr. Terry has participated in governor-led policy meetings, testified before U.S. Congressional Committees, and presented at White House and international energy forums. Mr. Terry has 25 years of experience working on a range of energy issues for such organizations as the Governors' Wind and Solar Energy and Coalition and Energy Services Coalition.

Cassie Powers, Managing Director, Programs. Cassie Powers leads program staff covering regional coordination, state energy planning, transportation policy, and other initiatives. Ms. Powers also provides research, analysis, and facilitation support for State Energy Offices on transportation and clean energy issues, and acts as a resource on state, local and federal transportation policies. Prior to NASEO, Ms. Powers was an Electric Vehicle Program Coordinator with Georgetown Climate Center and worked with state governments to support the development of electric vehicle policies and programs. She was a lead author on NASEOs [EV policy rubric](#).

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL- 3:10PM

Accomplishments in 2020, Planned Activities for 2021

Steve Griffith, Industry Director, NEMA's Transportation System Division

UPDATE ON THE MACROGRID INITIATIVE (<https://acore.org/macro-grid-initiative/>) - 3:25PM

Tracy Warren, Director of the Macro Grid Initiative, which seeks to expand and upgrade the nation's transmission network to deliver job growth and economic development, a cleaner environment, and lower costs for consumers. Tracy has more than twenty years of communications and advocacy experience in the public policy arena and more than ten years in the electric utility industry. Tracy served as external communications lead for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, focusing on grid modernization, renewable energy development, and beneficial electrification.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATES- 3:35PM

Clean Futures Act, American Jobs Act, California Air Resources Board (CARB) Workshop, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Stacy Tatman, Senior Manager, Government Relations and Legal Analysis, NEMA

Jim Hoecker, REC Counsel, Husch Blackwell LLP and Hoecker Energy Law, former FERC Chairman

ADJOURNMENT- 4:00PM

***Questions from attendees will be invited*

Presentations from today's meeting will be made available to all attendees