



## **Fall 2021 Meeting Program October 20, 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

#### **REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL, INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION- 1:15PM**

Phil Squair, VP, NEMA Government Relations

#### **RAILROAD ROUNDTABLE: 1:30PM**

#### **PANELISTS: \*\***

Kyle Mulligan, Chief Engineer, Canadian Pacific Railway. Kyle is responsible for the railway technology team at Canadian Pacific. The team executes on the following programs/activities: Wayside Detection Network; Data Mining, Machine Learning and Reliability Analytics; Derailment and Incident Investigation Analysis; Train Dynamics Simulation (Marshalling & Track Design Validation); Metallurgical Testing Laboratory; Hydrogen Locomotive Program; and Car/Track Standards and Operating Practices

Jerry E. Vest, Senior Vice President, Government & Industry Affairs, Genesse & Wyoming Railroad. Jerry Vest was appointed Senior Vice President of Government & Industry Affairs in April 2014. He joined G&W as Vice President of

Government & Industry Affairs in July 2005. Prior to joining the company, Mr. Vest worked in the rail freight industry for 20 years in marketing, sales, customer service, strategic planning, operating and development positions. Mr. Vest worked for three Class I carriers—Conrail, CSX, and CN—and was Vice President and General Manager at Great Lakes Transportation, where he was responsible for the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad and Pittsburgh & Conneaut Dock company.

Ben Chursinoff, Policy Analyst and Program Coordinator, Public & Corporate Affairs, Railway Association of Canada (RAC). Ben has several areas of responsibilities at the RAC including the Environment Committee, Safety Culture Steering Committee, and the Proximity Initiative Steering Committee. Prior to moving to Ottawa, he spent 4 years with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, as a Senior Policy Analyst, in his hometown of Regina, SK. Ben then spent a little over a year at the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) as an Analyst before joining the RAC team.

David Valenstein, Senior Advisor for Major Projects & Credit Programs, US DOT-FRA. David is the Senior Advisor for major project development. Leading Northeast Corridor planning and development of Washington Union Station. Managing collaboration with the DOT Build America Bureau. Prior to his role as Senior Advisor, he served as Division Chief of the Environmental and Corridor Planning Division in the Office of Program Delivery, where he established the environmental review and rail system planning division. With over 17 years with the FRA, David helped develop FRA into an effective organization to support a sustainable national transportation system.

**OVER THE HORIZON PANEL- 2:30PM.** Panelists from industry and government will explore ESG and the Railroads, Electric Transmission Policy Developments and Technology, and Cybersecurity

PANELISTS: \*\*

Rob Gramlich, President, Grid Strategies, Executive Director, Americans for a Clean Energy Grid, Executive Director, WATT Coalition, Former SVP, American Wind Energy Association, Former Economic Advisor, FERC Chairman Pat Wood III, Former Senior Economist, PJM

Joseph “Joe” McClelland, Director of the Office of Infrastructure Security at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where he provides leadership and expertise to the Commission on the cyber and physical security of energy delivery systems including electric transmission and fuel pipelines. Joe holds an electric engineering from Penn State University and has experience in the engineering, marketing, and regulation of electric services. He is one of the rare people who knows what and who is working on cyber security in the federal government.

**REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL- 3:30PM**

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

**REPORT FROM FERC- 3:45PM**

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

Discussion of Environment, Social, and Governance issues for railroad companies in light of recent ESG reports by major Class 1 railroads and the importance of ESG factors in today's industrial investment strategies. (Time permitting)

**ADJOURNMENT- 4:00PM**

*\*\*Questions from attendees will be invited*

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