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### Speaker Bios

#### **Eric Krathwohl (Moderator)**

Eric J. Krathwohl, a managing director and member/shareholder of Rich May, P.C., concentrates on energy, telecommunications and regulatory matters, including renewable energy projects and corporate and finance work for electric, gas water utility, and telecommunications companies. For over thirty years, Eric has had an active practice before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and Department of Telecommunications and Cable and many other regulatory commissions, having represented energy and telecommunications companies in scores of adjudicatory and rulemaking proceedings throughout the northeast U.S. and beyond. Also, his practice has included representation of clients in numerous commercial transactions. He has been active in matters relating to restructuring of the electric, gas and telecommunications industries, and increasing competition in those industries. Eric has represented clients in several matters before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and has been a speaking panelist with top industry and government officials at conferences on a variety of energy, telecommunications, and water issues. He also has considerable experience in a variety of corporate and contractual matters in the telecommunications and energy fields. He is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Connecticut and has a law degree from Cornell Law School and is a member of the academic honorary societies, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Phi. He served as a member of the Massachusetts Net-metering and Solar Task Force and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Solar Energy Business Association of New England. Mr. Krathwohl is the Co-Chair of the NECA Retail Markets Committee and on NECA's Board of Directors.

#### **Gretchen Fuhr**

Gretchen is the Senior State Government Affairs Manager for Constellation in New England where she represents Constellation's interests before all state regulatory and legislative bodies. Gretchen has nearly a decade of experience in the energy industry. Since joining Constellation, she has testified before legislative committees and served as an industry representative, advocating for positive market reforms, in various regulatory workshops across the northeast. In addition, she serves as the Second Vice President on the Executive Committee of RESA, the Retail Energy Supply Association, and as the Chair of RESA's New England lobbying and regulatory caucuses. Prior to joining Constellation, Gretchen was the Director of Regulatory Affairs at Just Energy, where she oversaw the regulatory activities across the United States. Outside of Constellation, Gretchen has served as an Associate Board Member for Boston Cares. Gretchen is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Western New England University School of Law.

### **Robert Munnelly**

Robert Munnelly is a Shareholder at the Boston law firm of Davis Malm in the Regulatory and Administrative Law area. He has extensive experience with legal, regulatory, and local taxation issues faced by energy and communications companies in New England and nationally. Rob's practice in these areas includes representing companies in all six New England states in obtaining utility commission and local licenses, ensuring ongoing compliance with applicable state, local and federal laws, advocating for changes in existing regulatory requirements and market design, obtaining approvals or disclosing corporate change transactions and transfers, and supporting permitting of communications and energy facilities.

Rob also has substantial experience working with companies in other regulated industries, including data security and in the emerging Massachusetts recreational-use cannabis market, and in appellate practice in state and federal courts.

Rob has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Energy and Commerce Association, Inc. (NECA) since 2015 and currently serves as Corporate Secretary. He has served as Co-Chair of NECA's Retail Markets Committee since 2014 and has been an active participant in NECA events and conferences since 2001. He also is a co-chair of the New England Chapter of the Federal Communications Bar Association.

Rob is a contributing author to Law Practice Guide: Massachusetts Administrative Law and Practice, LEXISNEXIS (2014) and a frequent panelist at energy, information security, telecommunications and administrative agency law seminars and events. Before entering private practice, Rob served as Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for the New England Cable and Telecommunications Association and as Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General in the Administrative Law Division of the Government Bureau.

### **Heather Takle**

Heather Takle is an industry veteran and leader in the advanced energy sector. Heather Takle is President and CEO of PowerOptions, a nonprofit energy-buying consortium which provides cost savings to more than 450 nonprofits and municipalities in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Throughout her career in the advanced energy sector, she has sought to help organizations develop and offer holistic energy solutions that help reduce energy costs while providing more sustainable and reliable energy. Working across strategic planning and operational roles, she has helped organizations, small to large, for-profit to government, build strategies for growth and execute for success. Her cross-cutting experience across the advanced energy sector includes cutting-edge technologies, including solar, energy storage, microgrids, other distributed generation, energy management systems, and demand management.

Most recently, Takle was CEO of 2ndPath Energy, a firm she started to serve companies in the advanced energy sector with strategy and development. As Vice President of Energy Services at Patriot Energy Group, she developed a portfolio of clean energy product offerings and also managed all of back office operations. Prior to Patriot, she guided strategic planning, new business development and led all merger and acquisitions as Director of Corporate Development at Ameresco. As a Principal Consultant at the Parthenon Group, Heather helped clients solve their toughest strategic problems using data-

based analysis, including work in sustainability and renewable energy where she began her career in the sector.

A grateful veteran and consummate supporter of transitioning veterans to clean energy careers, Heather was selected as a Fellow for the Atlantic Council's Veterans' Advanced Energy Program. She served as a Captain and Logistics Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps where she deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom and supported the start-up of the Department of Homeland Security as the Anti-Terrorism Officer for Marine Corps Base Quantico. She earned a BS from Boston University, an MBA from Harvard Business School and completed the Climate Change and Energy Policy program at Harvard Kennedy School.

When not in the office, Heather enjoys a good bike ride with the family, eating Latin food, exploring the world through international travel, and serving those in extreme poverty around the world through her volunteer work.