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Panel II: Perspectives on Municipal Gas Bans



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Albert Wynn (Moderator)

Albert R. Wynn is a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Maryland's 4th Congressional District. While in the House, he served on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, most recently as Chairman of its Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, and as a member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality. While on the Energy and Commerce Committee, Albert also served on the Health and Telecommunications Subcommittees. In the early part of his congressional career, he was a member of the Financial Services Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee. He was appointed a Senior Democratic Whip and served as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Political Action Committee (PAC).

Judy Chang

Judy Chang is an energy economist and policy expert with a background in electrical engineering and over 20 years of experience in advising clients in planning, including improving designs for wholesale electricity markets; developing transmission and generation projects; and organizational/corporate strategic planning. Before joining EEA, she was the co-lead of The Brattle Group's Energy Sector Consulting practice, and is a founding Director of New England Women in Energy and the Environment.

Chang has served as an expert witness in regulatory proceedings and litigation settings, and has submitted expert testimonies to arbitration panel and regulatory agencies in the U.S. and Canada on topics related to transmission access, transmission pricing, renewable energy development, contract disputes, and power market designs.

Chang holds a Master of Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from University of California, Davis.

Richard Cowart

Richard Cowart has deep experience on state and national energy and environmental issues in the U.S., across Europe, in China, and several other nations, with a particular focus on climate policy for the past decade. He launched and directed RAP's Europe program from 2009-2018. He served for a decade on the Executive Committee of the International Energy Agency's demand-side management program, and

was appointed to three terms as chair of the Electricity Advisory Committee of the United States Department of Energy. His recent work focuses on power markets, climate policy, and energy efficiency programs throughout Europe.

A highly-experienced regulator, Mr. Cowart served as commissioner and chair of the Vermont Public Service Board from 1986 to 1999. He was elected president of the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners and chair of the U.S. Regulators' Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment. He also served for four years as chair of the National Council on Competition and the Electric Industry, the association of the state and federal officials and legislators responsible for power sector reform in the United States.

Mr. Cowart has worked closely with industry as a member of the Board of the Electric Power Research Institute, and now serves on the Environmental Advisory Committee of the New York Independent System Operator and is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation.

Mr. Cowart was previously assistant professor and director of the Program in Planning and Law at the University of California (UC), Berkeley (1980-85), and executive officer and general counsel of the Vermont Environmental Board (1978-80). He received his bachelor's degree from the Honors College at Davidson College and his juris doctor and master of city planning degrees from the UC Berkeley, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Ecology Law Quarterly*, a leading journal of environmental law and policy.

Paul Hibbard

Mr. Hibbard has both public and private sector experience in energy and environmental technologies, economics, market structures, and policy. He has provided technical and policy analysis as well as strategic advice to clients in such areas as power system planning, electricity market design, natural gas commodity and transportation contracting, energy infrastructure needs, energy facility siting, the design and performance of market-based emission control policies, utility structure and procurement practices, and the administration of renewable development programs. Mr. Hibbard's work has addressed the implications of new renewable and emission portfolio standards for retail suppliers; the impacts of transmission congestion management on power purchase contract pricing; the evolution of electricity market structures; utility ratemaking practices; and the transfer of U.S. federal and state emission control programs to other countries. He served as chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities during a period of major change in utility ratemaking practices and state energy policy.

Mr. Hibbard also has written on a wide variety of energy and environmental topics for such publications as *Public Utilities Fortnightly* and *The Electricity Journal*, and has authored numerous white papers and reports for foundations, commissions, and industry organizations. - See more at:

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Tamara C. Small

Tamara Small serves as CEO of NAIOP Massachusetts, The Commercial Real Estate Development Association. NAIOP represents the interests of companies involved with the development, investment, ownership, and management of office, multifamily, industrial, retail, lab, mixed-use, and institutional properties in Massachusetts. Tamara guides the organization's advocacy efforts, ensuring that NAIOP is actively involved in the development of laws, policies and regulations affecting commercial real estate

development in Massachusetts. A registered lobbyist, she serves on numerous regulatory working groups, regularly testifies before the Legislature, and is the chief spokesperson for the organization. Tamara serves on the board of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau and on the Advisory Committee at the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Northeastern University. She is the co-chair of a statewide business coalition and is the co-founder of the Boston Women Lobbyists Network.