The Pacific Northwest Economic Region

Co-Chairs:



Dave Robertson

President

Portland General Electric

Dave Robertson oversees PGE's Corporate Communications, Government Relations, Environmental Policy, Corporate Social Responsibility, Business Continuity – Emergency Management Operations, Records and Security. He joined PGE in 2004. Before taking on the role of vice president in 2009, Robertson served five years as director of PGE's Government Affairs department. Robertson has 25 years of experience in the energy policy area. Before joining PGE, he served as director of government relations-west for

Pacific Gas & Electric's National Energy Group. Robertson was a member of U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield's legislative policy staff in both Washington, D.C., and Oregon, and was a consultant at Robertson Grosswiler & Co. as well. Robertson is a member of the Portland Business Alliance Executive Committee, the Oregon Business Association Board and a member of the Governor's Transportation Vision Panel. He is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum of Oregon and completed the Utility Executive Course at the University of Idaho.



Rep. Jeff Thompson

House Representative

Idaho Legislature

Previously Jeff worked for a Fortune 500 corporation as a Regional Manager responsible for Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. His position included working with several local school districts, businesses, and universities. Jeff has also worked as a consultant for INL.

Jeff has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Finance from Liberty University as well as a Master's Degree in Human Resource Training and Development (HRTD)

from Idaho State University. Jeff also completed his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) in July of 2009. Both he and his wife are avid readers and enjoy spending time exploring the great State of Idaho.

Speakers:



Curt Kirkeby

Technology Strategist- Electric Utility Sector

Avista

Curt Kirkeby is a registered professional engineer in the State of Washington and has extensive experience in the electric and gas utility industry; 6 years in substation design, 18 years in GIS, outage management, asset management, advanced metering systems, and engineering modeling, and 8 years in research and development. Mr. Kirkeby is currently responsible for applied research and development, focused on emerging technologies. He has the role of principal

investigator for the Avista smart grid project in Pullman, WA which is a subproject of the Department of Energy sponsored Pacific Northwest Smart Grid Demonstration led by Battelle as well as the energy storage project also located in Pullman, WA. Mr. Kirkeby is also responsible for the application of innovative design thinking efforts at Avista.



Betsy Spomer

President & CEO

Jordan Cove LNG

Betsy Spomer joined Jordan Cove LNG as President and Chief Executive Officer in November 2014. Betsy has over 30 years of experience in the energy industry, having the majority of her career in the LNG industry. Betsy has extensive experience in commercial activities and developing new growth opportunities. Most recently, Betsy was Senior Vice President,

Global Business Development with BG Group PLC where she spent the last 12 years. Betsy has also held senior leadership positions with BP and Amoco. Over Betsy's career, she has been involved in LNG projects worldwide, including LNG export projects in Trinidad and Tobago, Egypt, Australia, Western Canada and the United States Gulf of Mexico and LNG import projects in the United States, China, Singapore and Chile.



Charles Marcinkiewicz

Director of Marketing

NuScale Power

Charles Marcinkiewicz is the Director of Marketing for NuScale Power. He is responsible for commercialization processes including advertising, proposal development, and market research efforts. He also supervises all forms and media of marketing related communications for NuScale. Mr. Marcinkiewicz has degrees in Chemistry and Environmental Sciences. He has over 40 years' experience servicing commercial clients in the nuclear power industry, DOE prime contractors, and government agencies, such

as DOE, DOD, and EPA. His expertise ranges in QA/QC services, environmental and waste management consulting, laboratory services, training, and custom manufacturing.

Mr. Marcinkiewicz has had responsibility for all forms of marketing communications in his various corporate roles. He has designed marketing campaigns for several companies including brochures, booth and meeting displays, video productions, photography, and animations. He has authored press releases, public correspondence, educational briefs, and editorial and advocacy publications.



Gary Bauer

Director of Government & Community Affairs

NW Natural

Gary Bauer is Director of Government Affairs for NW Natural and in this role is responsible for public policy issues at the federal, state and local government levels. NW Natural operates in 102 cities in Oregon and Southern Washington.

Prior to joining NW Natural in 2000, Bauer served as the Executive Vice President of the Oregon Telecommunications Association from 1992 to 2000. While at the OTA, he assisted Oregon's 32 local telephone companies sort through the policy issues resulting from the federal deregulation of the telecommunications industry. From 1976 to 1992 he served in successive roles as public affairs representative, legislative affairs manager, and manager of government affairs for Portland General Electric. He also served in various staff roles at the Oregon Legislature.

Bauer serves on the Board of the Oregon Business and Industries Association and on numerous business and industry committees. In the past he has served on the boards of the Oregon Food Bank and Northwest Energy Coalition.



Lee Hall
Smart Grid Program Manager
Bonneville Power Administration

Lee Hall is the Manager for Distributed Energy Resources at Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, Oregon. His team spearheads programs and research for Demand Response, Energy Storage and Distributed Generation. He has been at BPA for 14 years, and has held leadership

positions in Information Technology, IT Project Management, Power Services, Security and Emergency Planning. Lee also served in the US Navy as a submarine officer. He has a BS in physics from the US Naval Academy, an MS in engineering science and an MBA.



Rep. Jeff Morris

Washington

Rep. Jeff Morris represents the 40th Legislative District in Washington State, which includes San Juan County and parts of Skagit and Whatcom Counties.

A fourth-generation native of the San Juan Islands, Morris is one of the preeminent sources of critical thought on policy issues in the public and private sectors in the areas of energy, critical infrastructure, biotechnology, and commercialization.

He's been named one of the 13 most Tech Savvy Legislators in the United States by Governing Magazine. In addition, Morris has been selected by his North American peers to head two regional policy organizations in the Council of State Governments West and the Pacific Northwest Economic Region. He currently Co-Chairs the NCSL National Energy Task Force, co-founded Northwest Energy Angels (now Element 8) and created the Legislative Energy Horizon Institute.

Morris owns his own business, Energy Horizon Corporation, where his private sector work specializes in assisting Cleantech Companies in commercializing their intellectual property.