



Briefing Notice

Electric Transmission 301: Grid Resilience, Gas-Electric Coordination, New Business Models

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

210 Cannon House Office Building

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WIRES and the **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invite you to a briefing about the key challenges and opportunities facing electric transmission infrastructure development. In light of **Super Storm Sandy**, the **attack on the Metcalf Substation** in California, and growing **cyber threats** to the grid, transmission owners, planners, and operators are devising new approaches to ensure high levels of reliability and grid security. Second, the magnitude of the current need to ensure efficient power markets and access to diverse energy resources makes development of robust transmission infrastructure a national priority. The **shale gas revolution** provides an additional reason to strategically plan the expansion and modernization of the grid while addressing pipeline constraints and access to renewable resources. Finally, these developments are being dealt with in a **more competitive bulk power environment**, including competition to own, build, and construct important new transmission facilities. New entities and joint ventures are emerging to augment the historical role of incumbent load-serving entities with respect to strengthening the grid regionally and inter-regionally.

Speakers for this forum are:

- **Anne George**, Vice President of External Affairs, ISO-New England; former Connecticut DPUC Commissioner
- **Charles Berardesco**, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, North American Electric Reliability Corp.
- **Joseph McClelland**, Director of the Office of Energy Infrastructure Security, FERC
- **Harry Vidas**, Vice President, ICF International Energy Advisory & Solutions
- **Cary Kottler**, General Counsel, Clean Line Energy Partners
- **Steven Burtch**, Senior Vice President of Business Development, AltaLink
- **Moderator, James Hoecker**, Husch Blackwell LLP, WIRES Counsel and former Chairman of FERC

This program follows our "Transmission 201: How the Grid Works" in March and is held in conjunction with the forthcoming briefing by EESI and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) on June 18. WIRES is a national non-profit association of investor-, cooperatively-, and publicly-owned companies that promote investment in the high-voltage electric transmission system, to ensure reliable, reasonably priced electricity, access to diverse resources, and competitive markets (www.wiresgroup.com).

This event is free and open to the public.

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