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Speaker Bios

Emily Duncan is Vice President, Government Relations and the Head of the Washington, DC office of National Grid, an electric and natural gas company with customers in Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island. She is Chairman of the Board of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) and is a past President of the DC Chapter of the Women's Energy Network.

Lisa Jacobson serves as the President of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE), a 55 member trade association representing the energy efficiency, renewable energy and natural gas industries. Ms. Jacobson has advised states and federal policymakers on energy, tax, air quality and climate change issues. She is a member of the Department of Energy's State Energy Efficiency Steering Committee, the United States Trade Representative's Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee and Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisory Committee.

Bill Parsons is Vice President for Federal and State Affairs at the American Clean Power Association. In that capacity, he oversees ACP's federal policy team in Washington, D.C. and state policy team across the country. Prior to joining ACP, Bill was Chief Operating Officer at the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE) with responsibility for managing ACORE's day-to-day operations, including policy, programs, and strategic communications. A 14-year Hill veteran, Bill served as Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for Congressman Chris Van Hollen, where his portfolio included climate, energy, tax, financial services, and the environment. He ran the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus for eight years and was a founding Board Member of the Montgomery County Green Bank.

Vincent Barnes is Senior Vice President of Policy and Research for the Alliance to Save Energy, and he is the organization's primary policy lead, responsible for working to ensure that the Alliance to Save Energy is the leading voice on energy efficiency policy in Washington, D.C. As a respected government affairs professional with over 20 years of policy and executive leadership experience, Vincent has an extensive track record engaging members of Congress, participating in regulatory rulemaking, legislative development, and stakeholder engagement.

Erin Duncan is SEIA's Vice President Of Congressional Affairs where she leads SEIA's congressional affairs team in their work to influence energy, tax, trade, appropriations and other policies in support of the solar industry. Prior to joining SEIA, Erin spent eleven years as a lobbyist with the National Education Association, the largest union and professional association in the United States. Erin began her Washington career as a staffer in the House of Representatives, including six years as Legislative Director for Congressman Tom Osborne (R-NE).

Mark Lessans is Director of Regulatory and Environmental Affairs at Johnson Controls, where he helps lead the company's sustainability strategy. In this role Mark manages JCI's response to critical market and regulatory trends impacting building decarbonization, energy performance and optimization, and more. Previously Mark has held roles working in energy efficiency policy at Trane Technologies, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Alliance to Save Energy.

