

The Role of Net Metering in the Evolving Electricity System

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Marissa Gillet, Connecticut's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Marissa Paslick Gillett is Chairman of Connecticut's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). Governor Ned Lamont nominated Gillett to serve on the three-member regulatory authority on April 26, 2019. Prior to her appointment, Gillett was the Vice President of External Relations for the Energy Storage Association – the national trade association representing the energy storage industry. In that role, Gillett served on the association's executive team contributing to the organization's overall strategic vision and direction. From 2011 to 2018, Gillett worked at the Maryland Public Service Commission, an independent agency within the Maryland state government that regulates public utilities, where she most recently served as the senior advisor to the chairman. Gillett received a Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law in Baltimore, Maryland.

Daniel Scripps, Michigan Public Service Commission

Daniel Scripps was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Public Service Commission on February 21, 2019 and was designated as Chair in July 2020. His term ends July 2, 2023. Mr. Scripps has been an active participant in a number of state energy advisory groups, including the Upper Peninsula Energy Task Force, the Michigan Dam Safety Task Force, and the Michigan Council on Climate Solutions. Chair Scripps is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on the Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resiliency. He is active with its Committees on Critical Infrastructure, Gas, and International Relations, and the Washington Action Program. In addition, he serves on the executive committee of the Organization of MISO States, is chair of MISO's Regional Expansion Criteria and Benefits (RECB) Working Group, and serves on the FERC-NARUC Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission. He is also past president and current treasurer of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC). Prior to his appointment, Mr. Scripps worked for the Energy Foundation, where he coordinated policy and grantmaking strategies in the Midwest and Plains. He previously served as president of the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council, and as a Vice President with Advanced Energy Economy, focusing on energy finance. As an attorney, Mr. Scripps practiced law in the Washington D.C. office of Latham & Watkins LLP, advising regulated utilities, project developers, and financial institutions on cutting-edge domestic and international energy projects. Mr. Scripps is a graduate of Alma College and the University of Michigan Law School.

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Karl Rábago, Rábago Energy LLC

Karl R. Rábago operates Rábago Energy LLC from his home in Denver, Colorado. He has more than 30 years of experience in the electric utility industry across the country and around the world. Karl has been a public utility commissioner, a federal executive at the US Department of Energy, a utility executive, a researcher, an advocate, and a member of the RMI team. Most of Karl's experience has been in working with issues at the distribution edge. He is one of the few people in the world to have held a title of vice president of distributed energy services at a major municipal utility. He was a co-author of RMI's book "Small Is Profitable," and he is the inventor of the "Value of Solar" tariff for distributed solar. At Austin Energy, Karl developed and managed rates and programs for distributed solar, municipal solar, public electric vehicle charging, low-income weatherization, commercial and residential energy efficiency and demand response, the building energy code, key utility accounts, climate protection, minority contracting, technology RD&D, ratemaking, tariff development, and others. Karl led the prestigious Pace Energy and Climate Center in White Plains, New York, for five years, where his team was actively involved in the NY "REV" proceeding and regional distributed energy resource policy and development, and was an active public interest intervenor in major utility rate cases. Karl has testified as an expert witness in some 150 utility cases across the U.S., many involving rates for customer-sited generation. He was a co-author of the National Standard Practice Manual for Benefit-Cost Analysis of Distributed Energy Resources.

Matthew Freedman, Utility Reform Network

Matthew Freedman is a public interest advocate with over 25 years of experience working on energy policy issues at the state and national level. Since 2000, he has served as a staff attorney for The Utility Reform Network (TURN) representing the interests of residential customers at the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Legislature and other state agencies. Mr. Freedman's practice involves a wide array of electricity regulatory, legal, and policy issues relating to rate design, renewable energy, distributed generation, conventional and nuclear resources, wholesale markets and retail competition. Prior to working for TURN, Mr. Freedman served as a policy analyst for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group and spent five years as a senior energy policy analyst and consultant with Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy Project in Washington, D.C. He originally hails from the historic town of Marblehead, Massachusetts and the dense urban core of New York City.