

Competitive Procurement Dialogue
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Panelist Notes for Panel 1
For Commissioner Wise

Panel 1: State Procurement Perspectives

Facilitated by the Honorable Stan Wise, Georgia Public Service Commission

Our first panelist is Commission Hatch-Miller, of the Arizona Corporation Commission. Jeff has a strong track record of protecting customers in his state. He worked to increase protections against security fraud; the largest fraud cases in Commission history have been resolved during his tenure. While serving in the Arizona House of Representatives, Jeff gained national recognition for establishing “Do Not Call” Lists and for giving citizen online access to their government.

Jeff also understands the importance of a strong business community. While at the University of Arizona, he helped towns improve their economic climate, keeping businesses healthy and creating employment.

These achievements pale, though, in comparison to some of his personal achievements. He and his wife, Anita, recently celebrated 25 years of marriage. They have twin sons, Mark and Robert.

Arizona procures generation through a competitive bidding process, which Jeff is going to explain.

- The Honorable Jeff Hatch-Miller, Arizona Corporation Commission: Competitive bidding process with independent reviewer

Our next panelist is Jimmy Ervin, a Commissioner with the North Carolina Utilities Commission. Jimmy tries to hide his exceptional education, but I think few are deceived. He attended Davidson College, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude, and Harvard Law School, where he again received his degree cum laude. Jimmy chairs NARUC’s electricity committee, co-chairs the NARUC/FERC collaborative on Demand Response, and serves on the National Council on Electricity Policy. Jimmy is also married, to Mary Temple Ervin, and has two stepchildren and two children.

Jimmy will talk with us about the informal generation process used in North Carolina.

- The Honorable Sam (Jimmy) Ervin, North Carolina Utilities

Commission: Informal procurement practice

Our third panelist is Jeanne Fox, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. Jeanne also serves as a member of Governor Corzine's cabinet. She serves on the NARUC and NRRI boards, and on a number of NARUC committees, and chairs the National Council of Electricity Policy. In her spare time, she serves in a number of other capacities with organizations ranging from the National Academy of Science, Harvard Electric Policy Group, EPRI, the Electric Grid Working Group of the United States – Canada Joint Task Force on the Aug. 14, 2003 Power Outage, as well as Rutgers, the Girl Scouts, and the National Women's Political Caucus.

She also served as Regional Administrator of the US EPA, and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy.

Jeanne will speak to us about New Jersey's auction process.

- The Honorable Jeanne Fox, President New Jersey Board Public Utilities:
Load auction

Kirk House graduated from Temple Univ. School of Law in 1980. After four years of private practice in Philadelphia, he joined the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in 1984. Mr. House has served as an attorney with the Commissions Law Bureau and the Office of Special Assistants. In 1997, Mr. House was appointed Chief of Staff and Counsel for Commissioner Nora Mead Brownell, focusing on energy issues. When Commissioner Brownell was appointed to the FERC, Mr. House returned to the Office of Special Assistants where he is a senior attorney concentrating on energy issues.

Kirk will talk about how Pennsylvania approaches procuring renewables and alternative generation.

- Kirk House, Lead Counsel, Office of Special Assistants, Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission: Procuring renewable/alternative resources