



## **NHA Northeast Regional Meeting Agenda**

September 9 – 10, 2015

Sheraton Burlington Hotel & Conference Center  
870 Williston Road, Burlington, VT 05430

### **Wednesday, September 9**

- 1:00 p.m. Meet in lobby of Sheraton to load tour buses
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Green Mountain Power's Essex Station Facility Tour
- 3:30 p.m. Return to Sheraton
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Welcome Networking Reception – *Sheraton G's Restaurant*

### **Thursday, September 10**

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Networking Breakfast & Registration – *Sheraton Emerald III Ballroom*
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **NHA Washington Update**  
Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director, National Hydropower Association
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Welcome & Keynote**  
Mary Powell, President and CEO, Green Mountain Power
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Policy and Trends in Renewable Portfolio / Energy Standards:** The Northeast has been very active in the past few years in modifying and passing RPS standards – how is hydro treated and what is the impact?
- Moderator: David Zayas, National Hydropower Association
- Panelists:
- Chris Cole, Director of Market Operations, Green Mountain Power
  - Steve Hickey, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Enel Green Power, North America
  - Mike Sale, Executive Director, Low Impact Hydropower Institute

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

AM Break

10:45 – 12:15 p.m.

**The Future Picture of Energy, Energy Infrastructure & Markets in the Northeast:** The landscape is changing in the Northeast and this panel will explore trends in the renewable energy credit (REC) markets, the impact of the Vermont Yankee closure, the interest in increasing Canadian hydro imports, and NY's Reforming the Energy Vision, among others. Combined with President Obama initiatives, such as carbon regulations for existing plants under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, will the hydropower industry benefit from this changing landscape?

Moderator: John Suloway, NHA Board & Executive Committee Member

Potential Panelists:

- Mark Slade, New York Power Authority
- New England ISO – TBD
- Others: Pending

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Networking Lunch - *Sheraton Emerald I & II Ballrooms*

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

**Hydro Relicensing in the Northeast:** Between 2015 and 2030, 412 projects equaling nearly 19,000 MWs of capacity will enter relicensing across the country. New England and New York's share includes 184 projects amounting to just over 4,000 MWs. How is the industry preparing? How is FERC preparing? What are the trends and major issues?

Moderator: Sarah Verville, Senior Consultant, TRC

Panelists:

- Nick Jayjack, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- John Ragonese, TransCanada
- Aaron Levine, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Pending

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

**An Update on American Eel:** This panel will explore upstream passage on the Connecticut River, review the latest research on downstream passage, and discuss the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 12-month status review.

Moderator: Dave Coughlan, Senior Fisheries Scientist, Normandeau Associates

Panelists:

- Steven Shepard, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley Field Office
- Steve Leach, Normandeau Associates
- Pending

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

PM Break

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Update on New Hydro Development & Capacity Additions**

Moderator: Jim Gibson, HDR

Panelists:

- Dave Youlen, Eagle Creek Renewable Energy
- Michael Scarzello, Green Mountain Power
- Michael Maley, Hydro Green Energy

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**NHA's Operational Excellence Program – Update & Results to Date**

Dave Zayas, NHA

5:00 p.m.

**Wrap-Up / Adjourn**

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