



2016 NHA NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING AGENDA

June 1 - 2, 2016

Exelon Facilities, Philadelphia, PA

Wednesday, June 1 - *Mezzanine Foyer, The Warwick Rittenhouse Square, 220 South 17th Street*

5:30 – 7:00 PM **NHA Welcome and Networking Reception**

Thursday, June 2 – *Energy Hall, Exelon, 2301 Market Street*

7:30 – 8:30 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 – 9:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - William Swahl, Mid Atlantic VP, Exelon

9:00 – 9:30 AM **NHA Washington Update** - Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director, NHA

9:30 – 10:30 AM **Fish Passage: Update on Shad**

Shad populations and passage continue to be a primary focus of a variety of hydropower stakeholders throughout the Northeast. With a focus on the Susquehanna River, this panel will review current trends in east coast shad populations, as well as proposed fish passage enhancement measures resulting from recent relicensing proceedings.

Moderator: Jim Gibson, HDR

Panelists:

Stephen Arnold, HDR

Tim Brush, Normandeau Associates

Kim Long, Exelon

10:30 – 11:00 AM **AM Break**

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Army Corps Development**

This panel will focus on unlocking the tremendous hydro potential located on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers infrastructure. Panelists will examine the Corps' 408 application process in three parts: an overview of the hierarchy of Federal laws and regulations that await an applicant; a developer will provide his perspective and current on-the-ground experiences; and the Corps New England District will describe the operational complexity of balancing the Corps mission requirements and responsibilities with hydropower applications.

Moderator: Colonel (ret) Curt Thalken, Normandeau Associates

Panelists:

Don Louzan, Rye Development

Frank Fedele, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District

- 12:00 – 1:00 PM **Networking Lunch**
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM **Relicensing: TLP vs ILP**
With a large number of projects entering relicensing in the next 15 years, this panel discussion will delve into one of the key early strategic decisions a licensee must make, whether to select the ILP or TLP licensing process. The seasoned panelists will discuss the structure of these processes and some of the pros and cons of each.
Moderator: Chuck Sensiba, Van Ness Feldman
Panelists:
John Suloway, Gomez & Sullivan
Kevin Webb, ENEL Green Power
Jay Ryan, Baker Botts
- 2:00 – 2:30 PM **NHA's Operational Excellence Program - Update & Results to Date**
NHA's Operational Excellence (OpEx) program is a voluntary event reporting system that receives, distributes, and catalogs hydro operating experiences, best practices, and lessons learned. The presentation will share OpEx's results to date and discuss opportunities for involvement.
Presenter: Dave Zayas, National Hydropower Association
- 2:30 – 3:00 PM **Networking Break**
- 3:00 – 4:30 PM **Valuing Hydropower in Today's Markets**
The hydropower industry confronts a multitude of operational and regulatory challenges when deciding how or whether to expand hydropower's footprint in various regions of the country. How often are electricity markets, both compliance and voluntary, and environmental programs factored into these decisions? Are hydropower's clean and renewable attributes valued by these markets and programs? Hear how states, FERC and regional market operators treat hydropower, and consider what the industry can do to raise awareness of hydropower's benefits.
Moderator: Becky Blood, Wexler Walker
Panelists:
Thomas Jacobson, Blue Delta Energy, LLC
Sam Robinson, Office of the Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Jon Norman, Brookfield
John Lilyestrom, Hogan Lovells US LLP
- 4:30 – 4:45 PM **Meeting Wrap-up**
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM **Industry-Only Forum & Roundtable**

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