

OHIO'S ENERGY FUTURE TOUR: COLUMBUS
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MODERATOR

Eric Thumma. Director, Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Iberdrola Renewables

Eric A. Thumma is an energy and environmental professional with nearly twenty years of experience in senior management positions with Iberdrola Renewables, LLC and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Thumma joined Iberdrola Renewables in 2007 as Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs. He supports the development and origination business teams by working on state policies, legislation, and regulations supportive of renewable energy development, focusing especially on renewable portfolio standard legislation and policy, tax issues, and environmental permitting. In concert with the Iberdrola Renewables team, he has participated in the development of over 1,000 megawatts of wind energy projects in six states.

Prior to joining Iberdrola Renewables, Mr. Thumma was the energy director for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Thumma earned a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) and Master of Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh.

Terrence O'Donnell. Member, Dickinson Wright

Terrence O'Donnell's represents companies, trade groups and nonprofits before the General Assembly and state executive agencies. He brings twelve years of experience to his state government relations and administrative law practice, representing all manner of interests, including the advanced energy industry, a major national brewer, health care clients, financial institutions, and education and workforce development interests. He also has significant election law experience.

Mr. O'Donnell represents the Wind and Solar industries and served as lead advocate for Ohio's landmark Renewable Portfolio Standard, requiring the state's investor-owned utility companies to utilize renewable and advanced energy such as wind, solar, biomass and energy efficiency. He then served as industry lead as the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio drafted implementing regulations. He represents candidates, political parties, and issue committees on matters of state election law, contests and recounts, ethics, and ballot issue campaigns. Mr. O'Donnell received his BA from Miami University and JD from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

THE BUSINESS OF CLEAN ENERGY: CREATING JOBS, REDUCING COSTS AND DRIVING INNOVATION

Dennis Bollinger. Vice President of Business Development, Energy Developments, Inc.

In his role at EDI, Dennis Bollinger is responsible for EDI development activities in North America. He brings 20 years of renewable energy development and senior management experience in commercial and industrial markets. Since 2010 Dennis has managed \$63M in expansions and new project activities for EDI. Over his career, Mr. Bollinger has managed the development and implementation of more than 25 Landfill Gas to Energy projects producing in excess of 200 megawatts and the equivalent of 5 million cubic feet per day of natural gas from renewable resources.

Mr. Bollinger holds BS in Business Administration and a minor in Economics from Lincoln University. He and his wife Denise live in Franklin, Tennessee.

Tom Roberts. Senior Director of Operations, Nationwide Energy Partners

Tom Roberts is passionate about bringing energy solutions to the multi-family housing industry. He believes there are tremendous opportunities to save energy and conserve resources by applying innovative thinking to traditional models and incentives for energy supply and consumption.



Mr. Roberts has more than 10 years of experience in the multi-family industry, including leading the technology strategy efforts for Nationwide Energy Partners. As a Certified Energy Manager, he uses an energy management discipline and a comprehensive knowledge of residential energy distribution, building efficiency and consumer behavior to leverage emerging technologies into new products and services. His expertise uniquely qualifies him to discuss the opportunities that exist to bring innovative energy management strategies to the multi-family industry, from transforming communities to micro-grids to providing analytics on community and residential consumption performance.

Mark Schuetz. Founder and President, Replex Plastics

As the founder, owner and president of Replex Plastics, an Ohio-based optical plastics manufacturer, Mark Schuetz uses his industry expertise, technical acumen, and customer-oriented approach to create eco-friendly and technologically advanced products and processes that serve a variety of consumer needs. As Replex Plastics' leader for more than 20 years, Schuetz has shaped the culture of the business, and established their reputation as a company known for technologically advanced manufacturing, eco-friendly processes and unrivalled integrity.

Prior to founding Replex in 1991, he served as Vice President for operations at Plaskolite, where he managed all manufacturing operations, including polymerization, extrusion, thermoforming, logistics, maintenance, and engineering. Mr. Schuetz began his career at Owens Corning Fiberglass as a senior engineer with responsibility for developing new business opportunities based on innovative technologies. He received his BS and MS in mechanical engineering from MIT.

Matt White. General Counsel, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, IGS Energy

In his role at IGS, Matt White oversees the regulatory/legal and legislative activities for IGS Energy and its affiliate companies. His responsibilities include developing and executing IGS' legislative and regulatory strategies throughout the country. Prior to working at IGS, Mr. White practiced law as an energy and utilities attorney at the law firm Chester Wilcox & Saxbe. He currently serves on the Board of Ohio Advanced Energy Economy. Mr. White received a JD/MBA from the College of William & Mary and a BA from Ohio University.

IGS is a diverse energy company headquartered in Dublin, Ohio. IGS serves over 1 million customers nationwide. IGS and its affiliated companies conduct business in approximately 15 states. IGS offers a wide range of products and services including retail natural gas and electric; combined heat and power; residential and commercial solar; compressed natural gas refueling (CNG) and demand response.

THE NEW ENERGY ECONOMY: POSITIONING OHIO TO LEAD

Ryan Hodum. Vice President, David Gardiner & Associates

Ryan Hodum has more than a decade of experience helping clients understand complex sustainability challenges and opportunities in the private and non-profit sector. As Vice President of DGA, he guides small businesses and Fortune 500 companies to make smart sustainability decisions. His principal areas of expertise include energy policy, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Prior to DGA, Mr. Hodum worked at the U.S. Department of State, supporting an international program with events in India, Japan and Australia in support of a project portfolio to expand renewable energy and energy efficiency in China and India. He provided significant research assistance to the World Resources Institute on global supply chain bottlenecks in the wind turbine industry. He has a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Hispanic Studies from the College of William and Mary, and has earned Master of Arts in Global Environmental Policy from American University. He speaks fluent Spanish.

Dan Litchfield. Senior Project Developer, Iberdrola Renewables

Paving the way to a new energy vision



As Senior Project Developer for Iberdrola Renewables, Dan Litchfield led the development of the operational 304 MW Blue Creek Wind Farm and additional advanced development projects nearby. He also led the successful effort to obtain County Special Use Permits, Township and County Road Agreements, land leases and preliminary engineering for the 200 MW Otter Creek Wind Farm in Illinois, which has not yet been constructed. His work has included M&A due diligence efforts on other wind projects in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

Prior to his work for Iberdrola Renewables, Mr. Litchfield was employed by Combined Fluid Products and Northrup Grumman. Mr. Litchfield received his BS in engineering from the University of Illinois. A native Ohioan, he lives in Chicagoland with his wife, two daughters and hound dog.

John Seryak. Founder and CEO, Go Sustainable Energy

Founded in 2006, Go has grown to eleven staff with offices in Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland. John Seryak has led development of Go's unique business strategy of being an industry leader in energy auditing, energy simulation, commissioning, and M&V, while pioneering next-stage, state-of-the-art consulting services such as net-zero energy studies, micro-grid consulting, and developing innovative utility efficiency programs. Prior to founding Go Sustainable Energy, he served as a project engineer and project manager for an energy efficiency consulting firm in the New England and New York region.

In addition to his work at Go, Mr. Seryak is a board member of Ohio Advanced Energy Economy, and serves as the energy-efficiency expert to the Ohio Manufacturers' Association. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Dayton, and is a licensed professional engineer. Mr. Seryak actively participates in the advancement of energy efficiency analysis techniques and methods, publishing and presenting frequently in energy efficiency conference proceedings.

THE IMPACT OF CLEAN ENERGY: IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OHIOANS

Chris Allwein. Partner, Williams Allwein and Moser, LLC

Christopher J. Allwein is an attorney with Williams Allwein and Moser, providing counsel, advocacy and administrative support for clients in various proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and for the development of other renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. His casework includes several energy efficiency, renewable energy and electric security plan cases at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. He has represented environmental groups, clean energy businesses and worked with large energy users to employ energy efficiency and distributed generation.

As an attorney for the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Mr. Allwein's focus was primarily electric cases, and in particular cases involving energy efficiency and renewable energy program development, pricing, cost recovery and savings verification. Mr. Allwein has been involved in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy fields for several years, as an installer, a case manager for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, and as field monitor for the Ohio Department of Development.

Rick Hicks. Environmental Planning and Sustainability, Columbus Public Health

Mr. Hicks joined the Columbus Public Health department in 1992, where he's served as section chief for the Environmental Health Division and Director of the Office of Health Planning. During much of this time, he worked with organizations and stakeholders to develop community-based initiatives to improve public health. He's recently been asked to develop a new office of Environmental Protection and Sustainability for the department, with the goal of helping people better understand the link between our health and the health of our environment.



Prior to joining Columbus Public Health, Mr. Hicks worked for the Columbus Finance Department. Before joining the City of Columbus, he spent five years as a newspaper journalist in Southeastern Ohio. Rick holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from The Ohio State University, and a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from Ohio University in Athens.

Brandon Kern. Director of State Policy, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

In his role as Director of State Policy for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Brandon Kern represents Farm Bureau before the Ohio General Assembly and various state agencies and departments. He also provides legislative and regulatory analysis aimed at strengthening policy objectives established by OFBF's members. Mr. Kern's areas of focus include energy and public utilities, transportation and infrastructure, state budget and appropriations, as well as education.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau, Mr. Kern held various public policy positions at both the state and federal level. He has served under former U.S. Senator George Voinovich, several state senators, and the Senate Majority Caucus under former Senate President Tom Niehaus. He holds a degree in Social Science and Political Science from Wright State University. He lives with his wife Amie and their two children in Canal Winchester.

Christina O'Keeffe. Director of Energy & Air Quality, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Ms. O'Keeffe directs efforts on connecting local governments, businesses and residents to financial and program resources on air quality, housing, community development and energy in transportation, infrastructure and built environments. She leads a staff of more than 25 technical and programmatic professionals to deliver more than \$6 million in federal, state and private funds.

Prior to her current role, Ms. O'Keeffe served in the senior leadership in the State of Ohio energy office located in Ohio Development Services Agency. She managed more than \$300 million in federal and state funding that invested in energy efficiency, distributed generation, alternative fuels and clean coal projects. She developed several innovative financial resources for investing in energy-saving projects, including the \$50 million Energy Loan Fund and \$18 million in the Ohio Energy Loan Loss Reserve program. Ms. O'Keeffe is a Certified Economic Development Finance Professional and holds a BS in Natural Resources from The Ohio State University.