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Speaker Biographies

E&P Focus

J. Kevin Ellis

Vice President of Government Relations, Antero Resources

J. Kevin Ellis has served as vice president of government relations since January 2016. Mr. Ellis was previously Antero's director of business development and governmental affairs from 2014 to 2015 and manager, administrative and legal from 2011 through 2014. Prior to joining Antero, Mr. Ellis served as in-house counsel to Bluestone Energy Partners and practiced law at Steptoe & Johnson PLLC as a member of the firm's energy practice group. Mr. Ellis held various other management positions from 1995 until 2002. Mr. Ellis is past president of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Oil and Natural Gas Association, board member of the Harrison County, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, member of the board of trustees for the West Virginia Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Ellis holds a B.A. in Political Science from The Citadel and a J.D. from the West Virginia University College of Law.

John Dill

Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs, Chesapeake Energy Corporation

John Dill serves as vice president, government & regulatory affairs, for Chesapeake Energy Corporation, a Fortune 500 company and one of the nation's largest independent energy producers active in Wyoming, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Over the course of his career in Washington, D.C., the intermountain West and Oklahoma, Mr. Dill has held many high-profile jobs at the intersection between the public and private sectors.

From 1976 – 1995, he resided in Washington, D.C. where he was the top staffer to Oklahoma Congressman James R. Jones, a member of the tax and trade committee and chairman of the House Budget Committee. In that capacity, Mr. Dill helped pass numerous pro-energy and pro-business bills, including the business tax relief plan that formed the cornerstone of President Regan's 1981 economic program. As a partner in a Washington, D.C. law firm, Mr. Dill lobbied for diverse clients in the energy, financial services, energy, entertainment, human services and gambling fields. As the chief lobbyist for the American retail industry, he helped lead the successful national fight to defeat President Clinton's health care proposal.

From 1995-1998, Mr. Dill was director of economic development for the State of Colorado, the state's top business official and a member of the governor's cabinet. In 1998, Mr. Dill formed his own Denver-based government affairs and political consulting company representing Kerr-McGee Corporation, Lockheed Martin and Dolan Media among other local and national clients. From 2004 – 2010, Mr. Dill served as president/CEO of the Credit Union Associations of Wyoming and Colorado.

Mr. Dill opened Chesapeake's Rockies office in Denver in 2010 and assumed his current role at Chesapeake's corporate headquarters in Oklahoma City in September, 2013.

A native of Oklahoma and a graduate of Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma University's School of Law, he is married to Connie S. Mace, an oil and gas title attorney.

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David R. Hill

Past President, Ohio Oil and Gas Association

David R. Hill is the past president of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA). A long-time independent oil and gas producer and geologist based in Byesville, Ohio, Mr. Hill has been a member of OOGA for more than 30 years and has been very active in the association's legislative, business, community and media outreach efforts. Mr. Hill attended Marietta College and Muskingum College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in geology and graduated with honors. He currently serves as the Ohio regional director for the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) and is past chairman of the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program (OOGEEP). Mr. Hill also served under the Taft, Strickland and Kasich administrations on the Ohio Technical Advisory Council and is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Pipeline Infrastructure and Getting Supply to Market

David Ledonne

VP of Operations, Utica and Appalachia, MarkWest

David Ledonne has more than 30 years of experience in the energy industry. He has performed numerous functions in the electric generation and the natural gas midstream industries. Mr. Ledonne currently serves as MarkWest's vp of operations, Utica and Appalachia. He leads the operations and construction function for the MarkWest business unit responsible for gas gathering, compression, processing and natural gas liquid fractionation in Kentucky and Ohio. Mr. Ledonne plays a key role in developing and maintaining MarkWest's leading position among midstream providers in the Utica Shale play in Ohio.

A Kentucky native, Mr. Ledonne holds a BS degree in chemical engineering from the University of Dayton. He also earned an MBA in business operations and finance from Northern Kentucky University.

He is also involved in a number of civic organizations in Kentucky and Ohio. Mr. Ledonne and his wife, Suanne, have three sons.

Bob Krcek

Director, Antero Resources

Bob Kreck is a director at Antero Resources. He previously served as the general manager of midstream operations at CNX Gas where he oversaw all Marcellus midstream operations, and served as a production manager for CNX Gas, where he managed 1,800 wells in southern West Virginia and kicked off the Marcellus program in northern West Virginia.

Mr. Kreck earned his master's degree in petroleum and natural gas engineering from West Virginia University and his bachelor's degree in environmental science from Lake Superior State University.

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Shawn Bennett

Executive Vice President, Ohio Oil and Gas Association

Shawn Bennett serves as executive vice president for the Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA). In his role, Mr. Bennett is responsible for leading OOGA's advocacy efforts at the Ohio Statehouse, maintaining and establishing relationships with state officials and organizations and serving as the association's media spokesperson. He also provides day-to-day leadership for the association and serves on the executive committee. He joined OOGA in August 2014 as senior vice president.

Prior to joining OOGA, Mr. Bennett served as director of Energy In Depth-Ohio (EID), a grassroots advocacy, research and education initiative organized in support of responsible oil and gas development, since 2011. In his role as EID director, Mr. Bennett worked with business leaders, elected officials and residents in eastern Ohio regarding the safety and economic benefits of oil and gas exploration.

A native and resident of Cambridge, Ohio, Mr. Bennett earned his bachelor's degree in political communications from Ohio University.

Competitive Suppliers: What impact on today and tomorrow?

Deborah Merrill

President & Co-Chief Executive Officer, Just Energy

Deborah Merrill was appointed to her current role of president and co-chief executive officer in April 2014, and prior to this held the position of executive vice-president, commercial sales and senior vice-president, commercial sales and marketing. Before April 2010, Ms. Merrill was vice-president of Just Energy Texas LP.

Sheree M. Petrone

Executive Vice President, Retail, Dynegy

Sheree M. Petrone has served as the executive vice president, retail of Dynegy since 2015. Ms. Petrone is responsible for leading and overseeing all aspects of Dynegy's retail electric sales business, including business development, customer care and operations. She also serves as president of Dynegy Retail and Homefield Energy. Prior to joining Dynegy in 2013, Ms. Petrone held various senior leadership positions within Exelon Corporation's Commercial Integration, Energy Trading & Marketing, Fuels and Retail organizations since 1999.

Ms. Petrone also held business development roles with Trigen, a cogeneration project developer majority owned by Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux from 1987 to 1999. She received an MBA from Drexel University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry and Art History from the University of Delaware. She serves as a board member for the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, Magee Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation and the Vox Populi Artist Collective.

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Kathleen L. Barrón

Senior Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs & Wholesale Market Policy, Exelon Corporation

Kathleen L. Barrón is senior vice president, federal regulatory affairs and wholesale market policy, for Exelon Corporation. In that role, she oversees Exelon's management of federal regulatory policies and strategies and is responsible for identifying and assessing key policy issues of interest to Exelon, crafting the company's position on such issues, and developing strategies for achieving Exelon's public policy objectives. She also is responsible for managing the company's wholesale market design advocacy in each of the regional markets where the company operates. Prior to joining Exelon, Ms. Barrón was the deputy general counsel at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), where she advised the Commission on all aspects of its responsibilities and represented the Commission before Congress, government agencies, and industry groups.

Previously, Ms. Barrón was the FERC's associate general counsel for energy markets, where she led a group of about 90 lawyers on legal and policy matters related to electric power sales and transportation, electric system reliability, corporate regulation of public utilities and natural gas and oil pipeline transportation. Prior to joining FERC, Ms. Barrón was in private practice with the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP. There, she represented utility and independent power producer clients in proceedings before FERC, U.S. Courts of Appeals, and state utility commissions.

Ms. Barrón, 45, is married with three children.

Trey Griggs

Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, Calpine

W.G. (Trey) Griggs, III joined Calpine in June 2015 as its executive vice president and chief commercial officer. In this role, he leads Calpine's trading, origination, development and commercial analytics groups. Previously Mr. Griggs was a managing director at Goldman Sachs & Co., leading its North American Energy Risk Management activities and its Houston Trading Office beginning in 2011. Prior to that, he served in various roles with Goldman Sachs' commodities group in New York. From 1995-2000, he was an attorney at law firms in Houston and Greenville, S.C. Mr. Griggs holds an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, a Juris Doctorate from University of Houston School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University.

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How have Ohio, its businesses and families benefited from low cost natural gas and competition in the energy markets?

Ned Hill

Professor, The Ohio State University

Dr. Edward [Ned] Hill teaches economic development policy, public policy and public finance in both the Glenn College and the City and Regional Planning section in the College of Engineering's Knowlton School of Architecture. Before coming to Ohio State, Dr. Hill was dean of the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University for eight years and was Professor and Distinguished Professor of Economic Development.

He serves as nonresident senior fellow of The Brookings Institution, where he is affiliated with the Metropolitan Policy Program. He was chair of the Advisory Board of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) from 2007 until 2010. His appointment to the Board ended in April 2014, making him the board's longest serving member.

He has edited Economic Development Quarterly and is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of the American Planning Association. His latest co-authored book, Economic Adversity and Regional Economic Resilience, is expected to be published by Cornell University Press in 2016.

Crain's Cleveland Business recognized Hill's work in 2012 when he was listed in its Who's Who, 150, Names to Know in Northeast Ohio. Hill is listed in Crain's 2014 Power 150. Gov. Taft appointed him to Ohio's Urban Revitalization Task Force, Gov. Strickland named him to the Automotive Industry Support Council, Gov. Kasich placed Dr. Hill on the state's manufacturing task force, and former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives Bill Batchelder appointed him to the Cooperative Education Advisory Board of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Dr. Hill holds a doctoral degree in economics, urban and regional planning, a master's degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in economics and urban studies from the University of Pennsylvania.

Andy Thomas

Executive-In-Residence, Cleveland State University

Andrew Thomas is an executive-in-residence with the Energy Policy Center in the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs of Cleveland State University. His duties include administering the center, preparing grants, providing contract support for university facilities, and researching energy law and policy. He is also adjunct to the Cleveland Marshall School of Law and the College of Urban Affairs, where he teaches courses in energy law and policy. He also teaches oil and gas contracting courses internationally.

Mr. Thomas joined Cleveland State in 2008, after working as general counsel for a fuel cell company for six years. Prior to coming to Ohio, he worked in the energy industry in New

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Orleans, Louisiana, for 20 years as a geophysicist with Shell Oil Company and as a lawyer with private law firms. His biggest client was the State of Louisiana Mineral Board. He also served as an editor of the Loyola Law Review.

Mr. Thomas' current areas of policy research include: oil and gas law, electricity markets and regulation, energy/water nexus, and distributed generation. Mr. Thomas has a B.S., and a M.S., in Geology from Kent State University and a J.D. from Loyola University.

Susanne Buckley

Managing Partner, Scioto Energy

Susanne Buckley joined Scioto Energy in 2009 as a managing partner bringing over 20 years of energy experience to the team. She started her energy career at American Electric Power where she worked as an environmental engineer in support of power plant operations. Ms. Buckley was selected to join the inaugural deregulated team for AEP Energy working in wholesale energy operations, wholesale electricity trading, electricity deal structuring, and energy marketing.

Following her career at AEP, Ms. Buckley served in leadership roles at WPS Energy which later became Integrys Energy Services. She holds a Civil Engineering degree from Ohio University, is a member of The Association of Energy Engineers, a founding member of the Energy Professionals of Ohio and one of the leading energy experts to Ohio manufacturers through the Ohio Manufacturing Association.

Energy Generation: Why is Ohio Ground Zero?

Robert C. Flexon

President and Chief Executive Officer, Dynegy Inc.

Since 2011, Mr. Flexon has served as president and chief executive officer of Dynegy Inc. Prior to joining Dynegy, Mr. Flexon served as the chief financial officer of UGI Corporation, a distributor and marketer of energy products and services. In 2009, he served as President and CEO of Foster Wheeler's U.S. subsidiary and then chief executive officer of Foster Wheeler, a global engineering and construction contractor and power equipment supplier. Mr. Flexon served five years at NRG Energy, Inc. in various executive level positions including executive vice president & chief financial officer and executive vice president & chief operating officer. Mr. Flexon also has held key finance and accounting positions with Hercules, Inc. and Atlantic Richfield Company.

Mr. Flexon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Villanova University. He serves on the Board of Westmoreland Coal Company and Genesys Works-Houston, an organization that transforms the lives of disadvantaged high school students through meaningful work experiences.

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David R. Hill

Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NRG Energy, Inc.

Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NRG Yield, Inc.

David R. Hill serves as executive vice president & general counsel of NRG Energy, Inc. and NRG Yield, Inc. NRG Energy is a Fortune 250 company that has a broadly diversified portfolio of approximately 50,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity. NRG is one of the largest generators of both renewable and fossil fuel energy in the United States. The company has facilities in more than 20 states, and almost three million residential, commercial and industrial customers. Both NRG Energy and NRG Yield are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Hill joined NRG in 2012. Prior to that he was a partner at Sidley Austin LLP in Washington, D.C. where he was co-head of the firm's energy practice. From 2005 to 2009 he served as general counsel of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and for three years before that was DOE's deputy general counsel for energy policy. Earlier in his career Mr. Hill was a partner at major law firms in Washington, D.C. and Kansas City, MO.

Mr. Hill is a native of Smithville, MO. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and his Juris Doctor degree from the Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago.

Zachary Gordon

Project Manager, Advanced Power

Zac Gordon is the project manager for South Field Energy. He has experience in the energy development and banking sectors, including as the project manager of Brockton Power in Brockton, Massachusetts. Prior to joining Advanced Power, he was in the project finance group at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, where he worked on lending and advisory for energy and infrastructure construction and acquisition financings. Prior to work in the energy sector, Mr. Gordon operated a community micro-lending program in Managua, Nicaragua. Mr. Gordon holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University.

William Siderewicz, P. E.

Founder/President, Clean Energy Future, LLC

William Siderewicz is founder/president of Clean Energy Future, LLC (CEF). CEF is dedicated to implementing non-utility gas-fired electricity production facilities. By the end of 2017, CEF will have completed five such projects in Ohio representing \$ 4.5 Billion of investment. Mr. Siderewicz has been developing non-utility power projects for 17 years. To date that would include 35 such projects with a collective capacity of 14,400 MW. Prior to establishing CEF, he worked for such energy firms as: Calpine Corp, Oxbow Power, BP Gas and Wheelabrator-Frye. Mr. Siderewicz received his Masters of Science in Engineering from Cornell University. He has an MBA Northeastern University and Bachelor of Science in Engineering cum laude Merrimack College.

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PUCO Update

Asim Z. Haque

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Asim Z. Haque was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio by Governor John R. Kasich in 2013, and reappointed by Gov. Kasich to serve a second term in 2016.

Chairman Haque, an attorney, began his professional career at a large general practice firm in Columbus where he represented a broad spectrum of clients in energy and utility matters. He went on to serve as internal legal counsel for a global auto manufacturer, a role he held immediately prior to his appointment to the Commission.

Chairman Haque has represented Ohio's interests in energy and utility matters within the state, nationally and internationally. He has testified before members of the Ohio General Assembly, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and has educated regulators abroad through formal partnerships with the U.S. Agency for International Development.

He serves on the board of directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). At NARUC, he serves as vice-chair of both the NARUC Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation, as well as the Clean Coal and Carbon Management Subcommittee. He also serves on NARUC's Electric Committee and Critical Infrastructure Committee. He is the immediate past president of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC), and serves on the MACRUC board of directors. In addition, Chairman Haque was elected to serve on the Member Representative Committee of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation where he represents state government interests in maintaining reliability of the electric grid.

Passionate about public service, Chairman Haque is heavily involved in his local community. He is the immediate past president of the board of directors of the non-profit organization Community Research Partners. He also serves on the board of trustees of The Columbus Academy. Additionally, he is a graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy, and was a long-time mentor in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters school-based mentor program.

Chairman Haque is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University where he received a bachelor's degree in chemistry and political science, graduating cum laude with department honors. He received his juris doctorate from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, and received the Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award from Moritz in 2015.

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Why is all of this relevant?

Bradley Belden

Director – Support Services

Bradley Belden has been working at The Belden Brick Company since 2004. His first years were served in the EH&S Department, but his responsibilities have grown to manage other departments such as quality, purchasing, and customer service. Mr. Belden has implemented efficiencies in the manufacturing operations as they relate to energy, raw material consumption, and additive usage. He serves on various committees of the Brick Industry Association, on the board of the Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association, and the board of the Ohio Manufacturing Association (OMA) where he also chairs the OMA Energy Group. Mr. Belden also serves on the local non-profit boards of the Early Childhood Resource Center and ArtsinStark. Prior to his work at Belden Brick, Mr. Belden graduated from Boston College with a Finance Degree and worked on the Chicago Board Options Exchange and in New York City for JPMorganChase.

Ryan Augsburger

Vice President and Managing Director of Public Policy Services, Ohio Manufacturers' Association

Ryan Augsburger is vice president and managing director of public policy services for the Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA). In his role, Mr. Augsburger is responsible for leading the OMA's lobbying efforts at the statehouse, in addition to spearheading the association's member involvement in public affairs activities.

Mr. Augsburger also coordinates the day-to-day management of the OMA Energy Group, a subsidiary organization formed to advocate on energy matters at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and in other legal venues. Prior to joining the OMA in 2004, Mr. Augsburger served in the administration of Governor Bob Taft, as deputy director of the Ohio Department of Commerce and previously as personal aide to Mr. Taft. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University.

The OMA is a volunteer driven organization of 1,400 large, medium and small-sized member companies that serves as the voice of manufacturers in the Ohio General Assembly and before state regulatory agencies. The OMA is dedicated to providing services to members that enable them to work together to create a global competitive advantage for manufacturing in Ohio, establishing opportunity for all Ohio businesses to succeed, and for all Ohioans to enhance their quality of life.

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Dana A. Saucier Jr.

Managing Director, JobsOhio

Dana Saucier is a managing director with JobsOhio, where he assists existing and new companies looking to expand in Ohio understand and leverage Ohio's diverse energy markets and infrastructure. In addition, Mr. Saucier is also helping JobsOhio play a larger role in assisting and supporting Ohio's Entrepreneurs to enhance their ability create, launch, and grow new businesses here in the State. Prior to joining JobsOhio, Mr. Saucier spent over 20 years in the energy industry, including 10 years with Accent Energy, a retail energy company that he co-founded and grew to \$350 million in revenues and over 150,000 customers. Prior to launching Accent, Mr. Saucier spent 11 years at Enron leading various efforts in risk management, long-term origination, retail, and project finance. Mr. Saucier and his family reside in central Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of Maine, a recipient of the 2006 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, and an avid pilot for over 20 years.

Bruce Weston

Ohio Consumers Counsel, Chairman

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) Governing Board appointed Bruce Weston to lead the agency as Consumers' Counsel, in March 2012. Board members are appointed by the Ohio Attorney General. Previously, Mr. Weston served as the deputy consumers' counsel, also by Governing Board appointment. As deputy, he also directed the services of OCC's Legal Department.

Mr. Weston brings 35 years of experience in public utilities law to OCC. He is committed to protecting the interests of Ohio's residential utility consumers. His priorities for OCC include advocating for affordable rates, benefits of competition, and reliable service for Ohioans.

Prior to joining OCC for a second time in October 2004, Mr. Weston was in private law practice. He served as legal counsel for clients in cases involving utility rates, service quality, industry restructuring and competition.

Mr. Weston received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Cincinnati. He began his career at OCC in 1978, as a legal intern. After earning his law degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, he began a 12-year tenure as an attorney for the agency. Mr. Weston served as the chairman of the Public Utilities Law Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association for two years ending in June 2012.