

**Rhode Island Power Sector Transformation Technical Meeting
Beneficial Electrification Meeting I:
Introduction and Focus on Electric Vehicles**

*Hosted by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, Division of Public Utilities and Carriers,
and Office of Energy Resources*

**Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island
May 31, 2017, 9:00 AM – 1:15 PM**

Agenda

9:00 Welcome and Introduction – *Marion Gold, Commissioner, RI Public Utilities Commission*

9:10 Electrification and Utilities – *Jurgen Weiss, Principal, The Brattle Group*

9:40 State and Local Goals, Policies, and Programs

In this session, we will explore the goals Rhode Island has developed for electrification. We will address questions such as: What policies and programs are in place and who is responsible for implementing the programs and tracking their progress? How is this work coordinated with utility planning, utility administered energy efficiency programs and public education efforts?

Moderator: *Todd Bianco, Principal Policy Associate, RI Public Utilities Commission*

Panelists:

Meredith Brady, Administrator of Planning, RI Department of Transportation

Carol Grant, Commissioner, RI Office of Energy Resources

Mark Huang, Director of Economic Development, City of Providence

Amy Pettine, Executive Director of Planning, RI Public Transit Authority

Frank Stevenson, Supervising Air Quality Specialist, RI Department of Environmental Management

10:30 BREAK

10:45 Models for Utility Engagement

As the market for electric vehicles grows, regulatory commissions around the country are trying to determine the appropriate role for utilities. Some see utility investment in electric vehicle supply equipment as a necessary enabler for electric vehicle adoption while others are concerned about ratepayer impacts, risks to the private market and the potential for stranded costs. Across the country, both utilities and regulators are taking a measured approach through implementation of pilots and phased-in programs to accommodate and promote electric vehicle adoption. Over time, as electric vehicle market penetration increases, integrating this flexible resource could contribute to cost effective grid management and accommodation of greater amounts of intermittent renewable energy sources. This panel will look at investment and ownership models and provide an opportunity for stakeholder groups to weigh in on these issues.

Moderator: *David Farnsworth, Senior Associate, Regulatory Assistance Project*

Presentations:

Brian Jones, Senior VP, MJ Bradley & Associates

Ari Kahn, Project Specialist, EV Demonstration Projects, ConEdison

Responses from Stakeholders:

John Gilbrook, Director, Northeast US/Eastern Canada, ChargePoint Inc.

Megan Herzog, Staff Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation Massachusetts

John Howat, Senior Policy Analyst, National Consumer Law Center

12:00 BREAK – Light Snack

12:15 Facilitated Panel and Audience Discussion

In this session, we continue to explore questions related to the appropriate role of public utilities in the nascent electric vehicle market with panelists and workshop attendees. Possible questions include: Where is the monopoly edge for utilities in this context? What are the near-term investment opportunities and challenges? When should utilities use shareholder versus ratepayer funds to promote electric vehicles? How should investments made with ratepayer funds be evaluated in determining the public good? How can the utility incorporate electric vehicle deployment into distribution system planning? What should expectations be regarding the utility's role in program management to deploy electric vehicles and integrate them into the grid?

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Panelists:

Al Dahlberg, Assistant VP Government and Community Relations, Brown University

John Howat, Senior Policy Analyst, National Consumer Law Center

Mark LeBel, Staff Attorney, Acadia Center

Macky McCleary, Administrator, RI Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

Kayte O'Neill, VP Regulatory Affairs, National Grid

Jurgen Weiss, Principal, The Brattle Group

12:55 – 1:00 Synopsis and Close – Marion Gold