



Candidate Profiles

Jennifer Curran

**Senior Vice President, Planning & Operations
Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)**

Jennifer Curran is Senior Vice President of Planning & Operations at MISO, where she leads transmission and resource planning, market operations, and system operations. With over 20 years of experience in wholesale electricity markets and infrastructure planning, she has played a key role in advancing reliability and economic value for customers. Since joining MISO in 2004, she has held strategic and operational leadership roles, including spearheading the Multi-Value Project transmission planning approach. Curran serves on the boards of the Energy Systems Integration Group and the Community Health Network Foundation. She holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Rice University and an MBA from Duke University.

Mark Ahlstrom

**Vice President, Renewable Energy Policy
NextEra Energy Resources**

Mark Ahlstrom is Vice President of Renewable Energy Policy for NextEra Energy Resources. He serves on NERC's Reliability Issues Steering Committee, chairs the SPP Grid Transformation Advisory Group, and has worked for two decades on the reliable integration of variable generation into power systems and markets. Earlier, he was founder of two software companies, CEO of WindLogics, and served on the NERC Essential Reliability Services Working Group and the NERC Integrating Variable Generation Task Force. Today, Mark focuses on grid transformation pathways with emphasis on reliability, economics, and innovation. Mark was elected to the ESIG Board in 2015 and has served as President of the Board since December 2016.

Cristin Lyons

**Senior Advisor
encoord**

Cristin brings more than 25 years of experience in the electric sector. She began her consulting career at ScottMadden in 1999, where she advised a variety of electric and gas clients on wide range of operational, managerial and regulatory matters. After leading the firm's energy practice since 2018, she retired from ScottMadden at the end of 2024. Since then, Cristin has served as a Senior Advisor to encoord, an integrated planning software company, and has continued to contribute to the industry through select consulting engagements. She originally joined the ESIG board in 2020.

Virginia Lacy**Founder & Principal****N+1 LLC**

Virginia Lacy is a clean energy strategist and philanthropic advisor with more than 25 years of experience advancing clean energy deployment, market transformation, and climate policy. She is the Founder and Principal of N+1 LLC, where she advises foundations, nonprofits, and companies on high-impact strategies to accelerate the clean energy transition. Previously, she served as Senior Director at Energy Innovation, leading the firm's national philanthropic advisory practice and directing more than \$350 million in clean energy and climate funding. She spent over a decade at Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) where she advised public utility commissions, utilities, and Fortune 500 companies on energy resource valuation, grid integration and modernization, market design, and regulatory reform. Virginia has also served on multiple boards and advisory groups, including the Clean Energy Buyers Institute, the Energy Action Fund, GridLab, and the Connected Grid Initiative.