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Joshua Macey, CT, Ratepayer

Joshua Macey is an Associate Professor of Law at Yale Law School. Macey teaches and writes about bankruptcy, environmental law, energy law, and the regulation of financial institutions. Macey's latest work focuses on the fragility of the nation's electric grid and offers strategies to improve grid reliability and accelerate the transition to new sources of energy.

In 2023, the American Bankruptcy Institute named Macey to its list of 40 Under 40 Emerging Leaders in Insolvency Practice. Macey has also won the Morrison Prize — awarded to the “most impactful sustainability-related legal academic paper published in North America during the previous year” — for three consecutive years (given, respectively, for “Zombie Energy Laws,” 73 Vanderbilt Law Review; “Long Live the Federal Power Act's Bright Line,” 134 Harvard Law Review; and “Clean Energy Through Grid Reliability,” 74 Stanford Law Review).

Prior to his appointment at Yale Law School, Macey served as an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School. He served on the University of Chicago Law School's Journal and Faculty Appointments Committees, as well as the University of Chicago Business Law Review's Faculty Advisory Board.

From 2019 to 2020, Macey was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at Cornell Law School. He previously worked at Morgan Stanley and clerked for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Macey also co-authored the sixth edition of the leading energy law casebook, *Energy, Economics, and the Environment*.

Macey holds a B.A. from Yale College and an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He earned a J.D. from Yale Law School, where he served as an Editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Jamie Talbert-Slagle, CT, Ratepayer Advocate*

With this message, I would formally like to initiate my nomination for the 2024 through 2026 term of the coordinating committee for the Consumer Liaison Group. If elected, I would serve as a Connecticut representative and as a member of a state consumer advocate office, specially, the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel, where I work as a staff attorney. In that role, I focus primarily on regional and federal issues in the energy field, representing Connecticut ratepayers in matters before state, regional, and federal entities, including the NEPOOL governing bodies and FERC. I have participated in litigation related to matters involving electric, water, and gas rate cases at the state level, administrative proceedings involving renewable resource, grid modernization, performance-based regulation, interconnection, as well as other energy-related topics, and federal formula rates proceedings, rulemakings, and appellate decisions.

Having served on the coordinating committee since April of 2024, I have enjoyed working with my fellow committee members to bring timely and informative programs to New England's regional electric customers on broad range of topics of vital importance to the region. One highlight of my tenure on the coordinating committee was collaborating with my fellow Connecticut member, Ian McDonald, to develop a session that we hosted in New London on offshore wind. Helping to educate ratepayers and other stakeholders about the important changes that are coming to the regional electric grid makes serving on the CLG coordinating committee very rewarding for me.

I hope to continue on as a member of the CLG coordinating committee for another two years.

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Cole Cochrane, ME, Ratepayer

My name is Cole Cochrane (he/him), I live in Saco, Maine and currently study Government and Economics at Harvard. I am running for the Consumer Liaison Group on the premise that we need to fundamentally convert climate issues into working class issues. We must embark on this process through several frontiers, whether that be housing, transportation, climate resilience and so forth. However, what binds all of these frontiers together is the *energy transition*. If we do not have an energy system that fulfills our climate goals and benefits the average ratepayer, we do not have a functional system at all. As a longtime climate advocate, I bring a breadth of experience to the table. I have been involved in climate policy since 2018, with a particular focus on transportation and energy sectors. I have served as an organizer in electoral politics, a Legislative Director in the Maine State legislature, and as a Policy Director for a youth climate organization, to name a few. Throughout all of these experiences, I have been instrumental in advancing legislation surrounding consumer owned utilities, public financing of clean energy, offshore wind expansion, and other energy justice-related initiatives. I also reflect my political experiences in an academic setting where I continually learn more about energy law. I hope you can consider my fierce advocacy for ratepayers and climate, as well as my deep investment in the future of our grid, when you cast your vote.

Andrew Landry, ME, Ratepayer Advocate*

Andrew Landry is Deputy Public Advocate for the State of Maine. In this role, Mr. Landry represents the interests of Maine utility customers in state, federal and regional forums, including proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and as a voting Member of the New England Power Pool Participants Committee. Prior to joining the Office of the Public Advocate, Mr. Landry was a partner at the law firm of Preti Flaherty, practicing in the firm's Energy and Telecommunications Practice Group from its Augusta, Maine office. While with the firm, Mr. Landry was consistently ranked by Chambers USA for his work in Energy Law. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Landry was in-house counsel to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, serving as General Counsel from 1996 through 2002. Mr. Landry is a graduate of Syracuse University (B.S.) and the University of Maine School of Law (J.D.). Mr. Landry has been a member of the CLG Coordinating Committee since 2019.

Robert Laraway, ME, Ratepayer

My name is Rob Laraway, and I am running for the CLG because I care deeply about helping make systems more just, sustainable, and accountable. I have worked on issues of environmental justice from a community-organizing perspective for over 5 years, including as a professional community organizer for Maine People's Alliance (2020-2022), where I regularly organized citizen-led advocacy at the Maine State House, on issues of climate policy, Indigenous rights, transportation access, housing justice, clean energy, and more. I am also about to enter my fourth year as an elected Town Councilor in Orono, ME. After working at the state and municipal level for several years, I see great value and opportunity in contributing to a New England-wide approach to the pressing issues surrounding our energy grid, where decisions will have lasting impacts far into the future. On a more personal note, in my free time I love to cook, write, and study astronomy, and I have worked for the last several years primarily as a professional musician.

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Benny Meshoulam, MA, Ratepayer Advocate

Benny Meshoulam serves as Senior Advisor for Climate and Energy in the Energy and Ratepayer Advocacy Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, where he helps lead the AGO's legislative and policy work on energy issues. He previously served as Senior Legal Counsel for MassDEP and Legal Counsel for the Massachusetts Port Authority. Before law school, he worked as an aide to a Massachusetts state representative and at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Nathan Phillips, MA, Ratepayer*

My name is Nathan Phillips. I'm an ecologist who teaches and does research at Boston University. I organize with the No Coal No Gas campaign to help replace polluting peaker plants across New England with clean energy, and I support Fix the Grid in its campaign to reform grid policy and bring environmental justice to our regional grid.

I am running for a second term on the CLG Coordinating Committee because I believe that a clean, affordable, and resilient grid is not only possible, but inevitable, when we remove artificial barriers constructed by the ISO-NE that protect fossil fuel incumbents. What's keeping clean, affordable renewable energy and conservation at bay are grid market rules that, for example, make proactive energy conservation the most expensive action ratepayers can take, more expensive than turning on dirty oil or gas "peaker" power plants. Why? Because burning fuel rather than conserving resources benefits corporate polluters off the backs of ratepayers. Thus many are experiencing soaring electricity bills and warnings of more rate hikes to come as industry seeks to build out a grid for what it forecasts to be ever-growing peak demand. In this narrative of ever-increasing consumption, tools like batteries and heat pumps are framed as devices that only increase consumption of electricity, rather than tools, like demand response, that can reduce peak demand. The tools to better manage our grid are not theoretical; they are here. I am excited to be part of a slate of candidates who are willing to disrupt the status quo to help forge energy democracy and the clean, affordable, resilient energy we can bring on the grid. I ask for your vote for another two-year term. Thank you.

Regine Spector, MA, Ratepayer*

My name is Regine A. Spector, and I'm a Massachusetts resident and ratepayer. I am also an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. I teach comparative political economy, development and energy politics courses, and do research on New England energy politics and electric grid reform, and the climate implications of our energy practices. I work in partnership with other colleagues and students at UMass, and with multiple New England organizations seeking to advance climate-friendly, democratic, cost-effective energy systems. In recent years, I've sought to learn about the work of the ISO and better understand how ratepayers and historically disadvantaged communities can be better informed of complex systems such as the grid and its impacts. In my free time, I love gardening, taking long walks and hikes, creating ceramics, and playing the piano.

Rev. Kendra Ford, NH, Ratepayer*

I live in Portsmouth NH where electricity rates continue to be very high. I am running for a second term on the Consumer Liaison Group to continue address two problems: more democratic participation in our energy systems and climate change. As a minister, I am asked to care for what

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is broken in our world and call us all back to our moral centers. We must take bold action on behalf of ratepayers and all global citizens. This moral leadership must come from every decision maker, everyone with the capacity to affect change. I would like to continue to press the ISO to lead on the just energy transition.

Don Kreis, NH, Ratepayer Advocate*

Donald M. Kreis has served as New Hampshire's Consumer Advocate since 2016, having been nominated by governors of both major parties to represent the interest of his state's residential utility customers. He was first elected to the Coordinating Committee in 2018. Since joining the Coordinating Committee, Don has worked to transform the CLG from being a series of benign gatherings at various hotels in the region to achieving what he considers to be the true purpose of the CLG: to serve as a meaningful forum for holding ISO New England accountable to the customers who pay for the grid and rely on it to sustain their homes and businesses. Because his office is a member of NEPOOL, ISO New England's stakeholder 'advisory' body, Don is well-versed in the byzantine rules and processes that inhibit change and progress. He believes the CLG can play a key role in educating the public about the obstacles confronted by ratepayers, be they residential or commercial, as they strive for a grid that is affordable, reliable, and sustainable.

Jamie Dickerson, RI, Ratepayer*

Jamie serves at Acadia Center as Senior Director, Climate and Clean Energy Programs. Since mid-2024, Jamie has also served as a member of the CLG Coordinating Committee representing Rhode Island, after having been approved by other members of the Committee to fill a vacancy. In his role at Acadia Center, he helps the organization develop and maintain a strong understanding of the climate and clean energy policy environment in the region and drives efforts to build relationships of trust with policymakers, partners, and stakeholders. In helping manage and oversee the Acadia Center team and its programs, Jamie is constantly working to identify and shape policies, programs, and initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote economic prosperity and consumer benefits, and advance energy and environmental justice across the region, and to shape legislative and regulatory advocacy strategies accordingly. These activities include advocacy efforts to improve and strengthen the regional grid through ISO-NE and NEPOOL workstreams and forums, spanning market reforms, transmission planning, and governance/transparency. Jamie also contributes to the organization's development activities and implementation of special projects and initiatives.

Jamie has extensive clean energy policy, strategy, and management experience in the region as well as strong stakeholder relationships from a career with leading clean energy organizations in New England and New York. Most recently, he served as Chief of Staff at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), after previously holding positions as Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the President and CEO. During his tenure at NYSERDA, which coincided with the state's implementation of the landmark 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), Jamie spearheaded a wide variety of projects related to climate and clean energy policy and was responsible for coordinating agency and interagency activity on strategic program initiatives, including many of the recent, nationally significant climate policies emerging from New York State. He worked extensively on the just transition elements of the state's climate activities and also contributed directly to strategic planning and implementation while at NYSERDA. Prior to NYSERDA, Jamie was Senior Policy

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Manager and Policy Analyst at the Northeast Clean Energy Council (NECEC, now ACT) where he helped lead legislative and regulatory activity on behalf of clean energy member companies. He was also previously a Project Analyst at Mintz Levin focusing on clean energy matters from a legal and government affairs perspective. Jamie resides in Providence, Rhode Island, and holds an A.B. in Government, *cum laude* from Harvard College.

Drew Hudson, VT, Ratepayer

Drew Hudson has been an energy activist, educator, and policy expert for the last 15 years. He has led campaigns in Vermont to close the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant and build renewable energy; fought for ratepayers in North Carolina, South Carolina, and at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); and is a frequent attendee and participant in NE ISO CLG meetings. He serves on several boards and commissions in Vermont, including the Vermont Public Interest Research Group VPIRG, and Treasurer Mike Pieciak's Climate Finance Roundtable. He is presently working to redevelop the old high school in his home town of Rochester into a net zero community hub and renewable power microgrid.

Julie Macuga, VT, Ratepayer

My name is Julie Macuga (she/they) and I am an ISO-NE ratepayer from Vermont. I work full time as a researcher with Global Energy Monitor, which has created the most comprehensive open-source data sets of utility-scale energy assets all over the world. I study coal plants, solar farms, on and offshore wind farms, gas fields, gas plants, and the private equity firms that own much of this infrastructure. Our data is used by journalists, climate scientists, and governing bodies like the UN to use when writing policies. In both Vermont and New Hampshire I've been deeply involved in state and municipal policymaking around energy and climate justice. I also put my life on the line when needed to stop projects that harm our communities, like the ANGP pipeline in VT and the Merrimack Generating Station in NH.