

Bios

Caitlin Durkovich

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National Security Council Caitlin Durkovich is the Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Homeland Security Advisor for Resilience and Response at the White House National Security Council (NSC). In this role, she leads the development of preparedness policies relating to the detection, prevention, mitigation, response to, and recovery from natural and manmade disasters. She also oversees strategic policy that builds resilience against systemic risks such as climate change, supply chain security, and an increasingly electrified and digitized infrastructure ecosystem. As the Senior Director, Ms. Durkovich is responsible for the advancement of national policies and programs that enhances the resilience of the United States, and strengthens the U.S. posture to physical and cyber threats to the nation's critical infrastructure.



Ms. Durkovich served as the presidentially appointed Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the Obama Administration from 2012 to 2017. In that role, she led the mission to protect and manage risk to U.S. physical and cyber infrastructure. During this time, Ms. Durkovich presided over the development of Presidential Policy Directive 21: Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (2013), the Joint United States-Canada Electric Grid Security and Resilience Strategy (2016), and the National Space Weather Strategy (2015). Ms. Durkovich also served as the Chief of Staff of the DHS National Protection and Programs Directorate (the predecessor to the DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) from 2009 to 2012.

Prior to joining the NSC, Ms. Durkovich was a Director at Toffler Associates and served as a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council. She co-authored the development of a *Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security Report on The Future of DHS (August 2020)*, and has authored multiple documents including the "Critical Infrastructure" chapter in *Beyond 9/11: Homeland Security for the Twenty-First Century (MIT Press, August 2020)*. Ms. Durkovich also served on the InfraGard National Members Alliance Board from 2018 to 2020.

Ms. Durkovich earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public policy studies from the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University and a Certificate of Business Strategy from The Aspen Institute. She lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband, three children, and bulldog.



Anna McKenna

Vice President, Market Design & Analysis for the California Independent System Operator (ISO)

Anna McKenna is the Vice President of Market Design & Analysis for the California Independent System Operator (ISO). She is responsible for the market design, which includes the development of policy for markets and resource adequacy, market performance analysis and validation, and short-term forecasting and California regulatory affairs.



Ms. McKenna joined the ISO in 2005. Prior to her current role she served as regulatory assistant general counsel and successfully led and advised the ISO through numerous market and infrastructure policy changes, compliance matters, market performance and monitoring matters.

Prior to joining the ISO, Ms. McKenna was an attorney for a Washington, D.C. law firm, with a practice focused on energy market development and transmission congestion management policies. She holds a Bachelor's degree in economics and industrial relations, and a Master's degree in economics, both from McGill University in Montreal, Canada; and a Juris Doctor degree from the Washington College of Law, American University in Washington, D.C.

Melissa Seymour

Vice President of External Affairs for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)

Melissa Seymour is a seasoned energy industry professional with more than 25 years of experience. Seymour is the vice president of external affairs for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO). MISO is an independent, not-for-profit, member-based organization that manages the flow of high-voltage electricity across 15 U.S. states and the Canadian province of Manitoba. As a key player in the energy industry, MISO's work impacts millions of people, and Seymour's role is crucial to ensuring that the organization can meet the needs of its stakeholders and the broader community.

Seymour works with a team of customer and state regulatory advisors to ensure that policy, strategic, technical, and administrative issues are addressed, resolved, and communicated effectively both internally and externally.

Additionally, Seymour oversees outreach and coordination with federal entities such as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the congressional delegation. Furthermore, Seymour directs a team focused on the customer experience which helps the organization understand and address customer needs that results in benefits to customers.



Seymour's impact in the industry has been significant, and she has achieved estimable accomplishments throughout her career. Seymour has held various strategic planning, business development, and regulatory positions at notable energy companies, including Iberdrola Renewables, LLC, Bonneville Power Administration, PacifiCorp, Southstar Energy Services, and Southern Company Energy Marketing. While at Iberdrola Renewables, Seymour led the advancement of policy changes to better accommodate renewable energy into the power system and create business opportunities for the company.

In addition to her professional achievements, Seymour is an Advisory Board Member at The Financial Research Institute at the University of Missouri. Seymour holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science and Mechanics from the University of Tennessee.

Eric D. Johnson

Director, External Affairs for ISO New England

Eric is Director of External Affairs for ISO New England, the operator of the region's electric grid. He leads a team of government affairs professionals that coordinates the ISO's outreach to government officials in the six New England states. He works with state and federal policymakers and regulators to educate them on ISO initiatives related to regional system planning and wholesale electricity markets. He leads communications and training exercises to keep government officials informed during power system emergencies. He has appeared before legislative committees, public utility commissions, environmental agencies and siting boards to speak on a wide range of electricity issues.

He serves on the board of directors of the Connecticut Power and Energy Society, and is the organization's immediate past president.

When he is not at work, Eric enjoys hiking with his family and their dog, Leo, and serving as a volunteer firefighter with the Hazardville Fire Department in Enfield, Connecticut.

David Kelley

Vice President, Engineering for Southwest Power Pool

David Kelley is the Vice President, Engineering for Southwest Power Pool, a Regional Transmission Organization. He is responsible for the ongoing development of SPP's transmission expansion plan, tracking expansion projects, administration of generator interconnection processes, performance of engineering studies and engineering support functions. David also serves on the Board of Directors of the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.





David holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Louisiana Tech University, an MBA from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Arkansas. A native Arkansan, he and his wife have three daughters.

Rana Mukerji

Senior Vice President, Market Structures New York Independent System Operator

Rana Mukerji is responsible for the Market Design; Product and Project Management; Strategic and Business Planning; Research and Development; and Market Training teams.

Mr. Mukerji joined the NYISO in 2006. Previously, he spent several years as a global leader for ABB's Utility T&D Services, Asset Management and Consulting businesses in North Carolina and Zurich. Prior to ABB, he was General Manager for GE's Power Systems Energy Consulting Division and was instrumental in establishing the GE-MAPS software as an industry standard tool for evaluating competitive power markets.

He earned a B.S in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, a M.S. in Electric Power Engineering and a M.B.A. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program. Mr. Mukerji is also a NY registered Professional Engineer.

