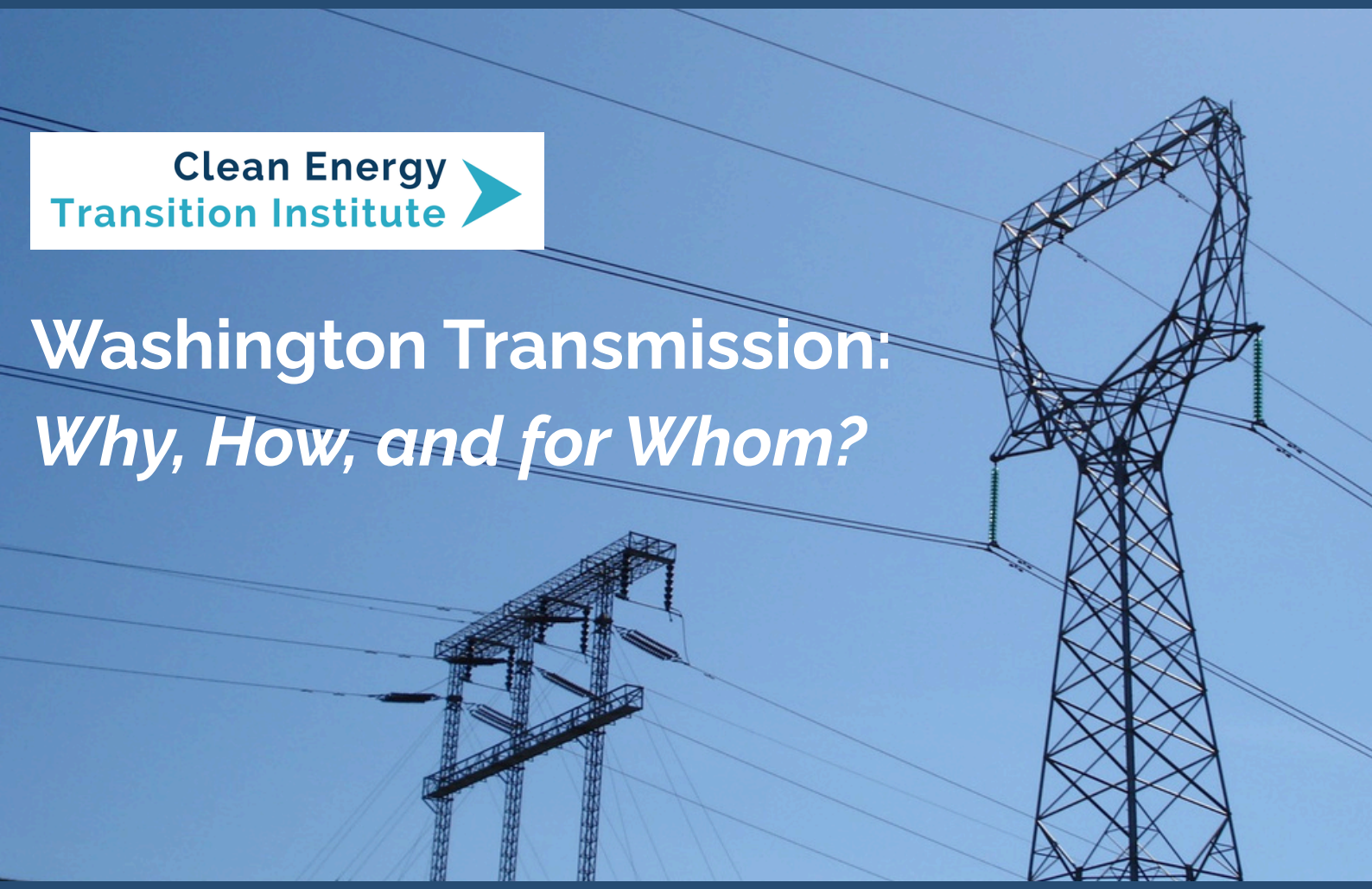
Event Pamphlet



Clean Energy Transition Institute

Washington Transmission:
Why, How, and for Whom?

Decarbonization Forum Series

NOVEMBER 19, 3-6 PM

Thank you to Seattle City Light for providing this City of Seattle space.

Event Description

CETI's decarbonization forum, *Washington Transmission: Why, How, and for Whom?*, is designed to educate and engage policymakers, regulators, business people, and clean energy advocates on three recent transmission initiatives: the Western Transmission Expansion Coalition (WestTEC), the in-formation Washington Electric Transmission Authority (WETA), and The Western Transmission Consortium (TWTC). The forum will explore these efforts as tools to accelerate transmission expansion in Washington state while identifying key considerations that need to be addressed for the benefit of Washington's economy and entire population.

The forum's goal is to help key Washington decision-makers understand the case for investing in transmission, the barriers that exist to meeting the region's transmission needs, and recent collaborative solutions to overcome those barriers without adverse impacts to environmental, cultural, and agricultural resources.

Schedule

3:00pm - 5:00pm
Program

Opening Remarks

- Becky Kelley, *CETI*
- Siobhan Doherty, *Seattle City Light*

Presentations

- Sarah Edmonds, *Western Transmission Expansion Coalition (WestTEC)*
- Mike Nelson, *The Western Transmission Consortium (TWTC)*
- Heather Moline, *WA Department of Commerce*

Panel

- Moderator: Becky Kelley, *CETI*
- Ravi Aggarwal, *Bonneville Power Administration*
- Sarah Edmonds, *WestTEC*
- Shaun Foster, *Puget Sound Energy*
- Heather Moline, *WA Department of Commerce*
- Mike Nelson, *TWTC*
- Brian Rybarik, *WA Utilities & Transportation Commission*

5:00pm - 6:00pm
Networking Reception

OPENING REMARKS



Becky Kelley

CETI Executive Director

Becky Kelley became CETI's Executive Director in August 2026. Becky is a clean energy and climate policy expert and collaborative leader. From 2021 to 2025, she served as Senior Climate Advisor to Washington Governor Jay Inslee, leading policy, budget, and coalition work on climate.

Before that, Becky spent more than two decades at the Washington Environmental Council (now Washington Conservation Action), where she served as president and led its climate and clean energy policy work and advocacy campaigns. Most recently, she consulted for the NW Energy Coalition on data center policy.

She holds a B.A. in International Studies from the Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon.

Siobhan Doherty

Seattle City Light
Chief Power Supply Officer

Siobhan Doherty joined City Light in September 2022 and was appointed the Power Supply Officer in 2024.

Siobhan is an experienced energy professional and leader with over 15 years' experience in the industry. Prior to joining City Light, she led power procurement and planning as Director of Power Resources at Peninsula Clean Energy in California. Before joining Peninsula Clean Energy, Siobhan spent 5 years at SunEdison (previously Fotowatio Renewable Ventures), a developer, operator and owner of solar power plants, in multiple leadership roles related to project finance, development, contracting, and innovation.

Siobhan is a graduate of Smith College in Northampton, MA. She also holds an MBA and an MS from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.



PANEL



Ravi Aggarwal
Bonneville Power Administration



Sarah Edmonds
Western Power Pool, WestTEC



Shaun Foster
Puget Sound Energy



Mike Nelson
The Western Transmission Consortium



Heather Moline
Washington State Department of Commerce



Brian Rybarik
Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission

Ravi Aggarwal

Bonneville Power Administration
Manager of Regional Transmission Planning

Ravi Aggarwal is currently on special assignment as the Manager of Regional Transmission Planning at the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), where he has served since 1991. With extensive experience in transmission system planning and strategy development, Mr. Aggarwal previously served as BPA's Manager for Long-Term Transmission Planning and as a Senior Engineer.

Throughout his career, he has provided regional leadership across BPA, the Pacific Northwest, and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC). His work centers on transmission reliability, grid modernization, renewables integration, economic planning, congestion management, and risk mitigation. Notably, he led the development of regional transmission adequacy guidelines for the Northwest and has authored multiple IEEE papers and industry white papers.

Mr. Aggarwal holds a B.S. with Honors in Electrical Engineering from Portland State University (1990) and an MBA from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business (2003).



Sarah Edmonds

Northwest Power Pool Corporation, Western Power Pool (WPP)
President & CEO

Ms. Edmonds has served as President and CEO of WPP since 2022. WPP is a nonprofit corporation that helps coordinate electric grid operations and grid planning for the western United States and Canada. The WPP supports the activities of the Northwest Power Pool, which includes major utilities, generators, and energy managers who together work for increased grid efficiency and reliability, including WPP's administration of the regional resource adequacy program (WRAP), which seeks to enhance and increase reliability for entities across the footprint, and facilitation of the Western Transmission Expansion Coalition (WestTEC), a west-wide transmission planning initiative.

Prior to joining WPP, Ms. Edmonds spent 11 years with PacifiCorp, starting as legal counsel, moving to director of transmission, before being named VP and general counsel. She moved to PGE in 2018 where she served as director of transmission and reliability. In these roles, she was responsible for development of strategy and policy recommendations relating to market expansion, regional resource adequacy development, emerging regional and national wholesale policy initiatives, and transmission planning, expansion and cost recovery.



Shaun Foster

Puget Sound Energy
Director of Transmission

Shaun Foster is the Director of Transmission at Puget Sound Energy (PSE), an investor-owned utility located in Washington that serves 1.2 million electric and over 900,00 natural gas customers within a service territory of about 6,000 square miles. Shaun's teams are responsible for developing PSE's transmission strategy, administration of PSE's Open Access Transmission Tariff and under the FERC, transmission contract negotiation and management, and for conducting PSE's transmission planning. Prior to joining PSE, Shaun spent nearly 20 years working for Portland General Electric in a variety of roles.



Mike Nelson

The Western Transmission Consortium
Co-Founder

Mike Nelson is an executive, entrepreneur, and strategic advisor with more than 25 years of experience building organizations, leading teams, developing strategic partnerships, and navigating complex business, technology, and public policy environments. As Co-Founder of The Western Transmission Consortium (TWTC), Mike is focused on bringing utilities, industry leaders, and policymakers together to advance critical electric transmission infrastructure across the West. His work centers on building innovative partnerships, creating opportunities for collaboration, and turning complex regional challenges into actionable solutions.

Previously, Mike spent 15 years with Comcast NBCUniversal, ultimately serving as Vice President of the West Division. His experience spans telecommunications, technology, media, network operations, corporate leadership, regulatory affairs, and public policy. Mike has also served in numerous industry and community leadership roles, including Chair of the Colorado Cable and Telecommunications Association, Co-Chair of the Colorado Broadband Deployment Board, and board member of organizations focused on technology, education, and economic competitiveness.

Throughout his career, Mike has been motivated by the opportunity to build something meaningful, bring people together, challenge conventional thinking, and turn ideas into results. He believes the best outcomes come from strong relationships, entrepreneurial thinking, thoughtful leadership, and a willingness to take on difficult challenges.



Heather Moline

Washington State Department of Commerce
Senior Energy Policy Specialist

Heather Moline is Senior Energy Policy Specialist on Electricity Delivery for the State Energy Office within the Washington State Department of Commerce, where she is helping create the Washington Electric Transmission Authority under the leadership of the Governor's Office. Prior, she was an analyst, section manager, and policy advisor at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, where she worked on simplifying Commission language and processes, supply-side and delivery system capital investments within rate cases, resource adequacy, resource plans, demand-side solutions and distribution systems.



Brian Rybarik

Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission Chair

Gov. Bob Ferguson appointed Brian Rybarik chair of the Utilities and Transportation Commission in January 2025. Brian is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Electricity and Critical Infrastructure Committees, Committee of State Representatives for the Western Resource Adequacy Program, and Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative. Gov. Ferguson also appointed Brian to serve on the Washington State

Office of the Chief Information Officer Technology Services Board.
Before the commission, Brian held various leadership roles at Microsoft, including leading a team focused on protecting the rights of people in Microsoft's supply chains. He also served as chief of staff for Microsoft's corporate sustainability team and was part of Microsoft's data center energy team.

Brian has also been the vice president of policy for the Clean Grid Alliance and deputy general counsel at MidAmerican Energy Company. Before MidAmerican, he was a director at the Midcontinent Independent System Operator and division administrator and policy advisor at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Brian started his legal career in private practice at the law firm Michael Best and has also worked in the Wisconsin Legislature. He earned his bachelor's and law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION INSTITUTE

Who We Are
The Clean Energy Transition Institute (CETI) is an independent, nonpartisan research and analysis nonprofit whose mission is to accelerate an equitable clean energy transition in the Northwest.

What We Do
We advance technical, economic, and equitable decarbonization solutions tailored to Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington through:



Decarbonization Studies: Framing, translating, and demystifying complex decarbonization solutions and their impacts on emissions, community health, and workforce.



Research & Analysis: Providing independent, unbiased research and analytics on economically and technically feasible clean energy solutions.



Fact-Based Conversations: Using our unbiased analysis to encourage fact-based conversations that steer limited resources toward equitable policy solutions and strategies.



Convenings: Bringing together regional partners to debate the trade-offs and opportunities inherent in the clean energy transition.

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