

# NEW JERSEY'S ENERGY EVOLUTION PART ONE

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## Speaker Biographies

### **Richard S. Mroz, Senior Director, Strategic & Regulatory Affairs, Archer Public Affairs**

Richard S. Mroz, Esq. has a long and distinguished career in law, government, business, and public service. His experiences as a regulator, lawyer, lobbyist, banker, consultant and thought leader have focused on numerous issues, including energy markets & technologies, cybersecurity, water and wastewater policy, as well as infrastructure development and financing for various industries. Mr. Mroz is the immediate Past President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), serving as Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer of the Agency, and acted as the Chief Energy Officer for New Jersey.

Mr. Mroz has held various national and regional leadership positions, including serving as Chairman of the Critical Infrastructure Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where he advanced efforts addressing cybersecurity and infrastructure improvements in the electric, gas, water and telecommunications industries. He was NARUC liaison to the Electric Sector Coordinating Council (ESCC), as well as a member of the NARUC Electricity Committee, Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Nuclear Waste Disposal, and a member of the NARUC Board of Directors. He was Chairman of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI), the official organization designated by the states to interact with the regional grid and transmission organization, and a member of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council.

In July 2018, Mr. Mroz was appointed by Energy Secretary Rick Perry as a member of the USDOE Electric Advisory Committee, which provides advice to the Department on programs and priorities on issues of the evolving grid, distributed energy resources, and reliability of the electric system. He is a member of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council, and is a Distinguished Corporate Fellow to the Global Resilience Institute at Northeastern University.

Mr. Mroz is a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, a congressionally chartered wholesale bank, with assets over \$100 Billion, and which provides funding to member financial institutions in New Jersey, New York,

Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. He has served on the Bank Executive, Corporate Governance, Compensation, Audit, and Congressional & Regulatory Affairs Committees, and currently is Chairman of the Housing Committee.

These appointments and leadership positions continue an accomplished career in legal affairs and public service. Governor Christie Whitman appointed Mr. Mroz to be Chief Counsel after serving in various positions in her Administration. Of particular note, President George W. Bush appointed Mr. Mroz to the Commission on White House Fellows in 2007. In 2012, Governor Chris Christie appointed Mr. Mroz as a Commissioner of the Delaware River & Bay Authority (DRBA), a congressionally chartered bi-state transportation agency operating facilities, including the Delaware Memorial Bridge and the Cape May- Lewes Ferry.

Before becoming President of the NJBPU, Mr. Mroz worked in private practice as a lawyer and lobbyist. He was a founding Managing Director of Archer Public Affairs in Trenton, New Jersey and was Of Counsel to the Archer & Greiner law firm. For many years in the private sector, Mr. Mroz provided advice to clients in numerous industries and concentrated on governmental relations, regulatory affairs, business development and issues management. He also provided strategic counsel and advice for project development and financing, as well as corporate external affairs. He has represented clients in the energy, utility, transportation, financial services, real estate, healthcare, human services, pharmaceutical, and gaming and entertainment industries.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Mroz has provided both representation and personal service to several professional and community organizations. He has been co-counsel and legislative agent to the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and was a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law. Mr. Mroz has been a frequent commentator for programs on television and radio, and a frequent speaker on issues such as cybersecurity and resilience of critical infrastructure. He was Chairman of the Board of the Volunteers of America of the Delaware Valley and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Alliance for Action, and the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce.

Active with his college alma mater, Mr. Mroz served for many years on the Board of Directors of the University of Delaware Alumni Association and served as the Association President. He holds a B.A. from the University of Delaware and his J.D. from the Villanova University School of Law.

### **The Honorable Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**

Born and raised in the Ironbound-section of Newark, New Jersey, President Fiordaliso served as a Commissioner on the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) since 2006 when he was nominated by Governor Richard Codey and confirmed by the Senate. In 2011 and 2013, President Fiordaliso was re-nominated by Governor Chris Christie and confirmed by the Senate to continue as a Commissioner of the NJBPU. On January 16, 2018, he was appointed by Governor Phil Murphy to serve as President of the NJBPU and on May 16, 2019, Governor Murphy re-nominated him and on May 30, 2019, he was confirmed by the Senate to continue to serve as NJBPU Commissioner and President. President Fiordaliso was appointed as a member of the State Planning Commission on December 21, 2018. He also serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Committee on Critical Infrastructure and Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment; is a member, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC), is a member of the National Council on Electricity Policy (NCEP), is on the Board of Directors of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI), and is also a member of the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

### **Ed Hutchinson, President, Hutchinson**

Ed Hutchinson is President of Hutchinson, a leading energy/mechanical services contractor performing energy services, mechanical construction and retrofit installation work in the Greater Philadelphia Tri-State Region.

Headquartered in Cherry Hill, Hutchinson is a third-generation family business that has specialized in commercial and residential mechanical and energy services since 1948. Hutchinson's insight and expertise in energy efficiency, as well as the tax benefit and incentives associated with these energy services not only help their clients reduce energy consumption but also improve their bottom line.

Over the years, Ed has served on several business and charitable boards. He is an executive board member of Churchill Casualty Insurance Company, executive committee member of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, former chair of the Southern New Jersey Development Council and board member and past board president of The Joseph Fund of Camden.

### **Ralph A. LaRossa, Chief Operating Officer, PSEG, President and Chief Operating Officer, PSEG Power**

Ralph A. LaRossa has been elected chief operating officer of Public Service Enterprise Group Inc., effective January 2020. In this role, he is responsible for overseeing all of the operating businesses of PSEG, including Public Service Electric & Gas, PSEG Long Island, PSEG Power and PSEG Services Corp.

Mr. LaRossa has been president and COO of PSEG Power since June 2017, a position he continues to hold. PSEG Power is a major, unregulated independent power producer in the United States with four main subsidiaries: PSEG Nuclear, PSEG Fossil, PSEG Energy Resources and Trade and PSEG Power Ventures.

Previously, he served as president and COO of PSE&G, PSEG's regulated utility business, since October 2006. In addition, Mr. LaRossa previously served as Chairman of the Board of PSEG Long Island and as vice president - electric delivery for PSE&G. He is a member of PSEG's Executive Officer Group.

Mr. LaRossa joined PSE&G in 1985 as an associate engineer and advanced through a variety of management positions in the utility's gas and electric operations. In 1998, he received Gas Industry Magazine's Outstanding Manager of the Year Award.

He is a graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology and has completed the Harvard Business School's Program for Management Development.

Mr. LaRossa is chairman of Choose New Jersey and serves on its board. In addition, he is a member of the board for Montclair State University and is a past chair of the American Gas Association.

### **Michael J. Renna, President & Chief Executive Officer, South Jersey Industries**

As president and chief executive officer of SJI, Mike Renna is at the helm of one of New Jersey's most dynamic and successful energy companies.

Mr. Renna joined SJI in 1998 and through his hard work and commitment to success, he advanced through a number of managerial and professional positions. Prior to his leadership role at SJI, Mr. Renna held the titles of president of South Jersey Energy Solutions and South Jersey Energy, the region's largest energy marketer. He was appointed to the South Jersey Energy Solutions executive committee in November 2012 and to the SJI Board of Directors in 2014.

An alumnus of the University of Delaware, where he earned his undergraduate degree in finance, Mr. Renna also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Cornell University. He serves on various boards of directors including the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey and Choose New Jersey. Additionally, Mr. Renna sits on the board of trustees for The Hun School of Princeton. He is also a member of the steering committee for the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University, participates in the University of Delaware's Student Mentoring Program and is a member of the Jefferson Health New Jersey Business Council.

### **Thomas Shroba, Vice President of Operations, New Jersey American Water**

Tom Shroba is Vice President of Operations for New Jersey American Water, the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater to approximately 2.7 million people. In this role, he oversees all New Jersey American Water operations including Water and Wastewater Treatment, Transmission and Distribution, Field Services, SCADA, Water Quality and Environmental Compliance, Operational Risk Management, Customer Advocacy and Metering. He also provides strategic input into statewide growth and development opportunities and continue to support the company's commitment to safety for its employees and customers.

With 32 years of experience at American Water, Shroba has served in various operations and engineering leadership roles including Distribution supervisor, Transmission and Distribution superintendent, Network Operations superintendent and Field Operations manager. Most recently, he served as senior director of Operations for the company's North region, in which he was responsible for maintaining water operating systems serving 32 municipalities and managing a staff of 100 union and non-union employees.

Shroba earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, N.J. He holds a Professional Engineer certification and T-2 and W-2 licenses from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 2.7 million people.

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 7,100 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to more than 14 million people in 46 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to make sure we keep their lives flowing.

**Gary R. Stockbridge, Region President, Atlantic City Electric**

Stockbridge is the primary executive responsible for engaging in stakeholder relations with state and local officials, community leaders, and business, consumer, and nonprofit organizations within the Atlantic City Electric and Delmarva Power service areas. In that capacity, he plays a critical role in shaping policy and managing issues to deliver value to customers and key stakeholders. Atlantic City Electric, an electric utility serving southern New Jersey, and Delmarva Power, an electric and gas utility serving Delaware and the rest of the Delmarva Peninsula, are subsidiaries of Pepco Holdings. Based in Washington, D.C., Pepco Holdings employs more than 4,600 people, owns more than \$21 billion in assets and generates approximately \$4.8 billion in annual revenues. Pepco Holdings serves 2 million customers as the parent company of Atlantic City Electric, Delmarva Power, and Pepco, an electric utility serving Washington, D.C., and suburban Maryland. Pepco Holdings is a recently acquired subsidiary of Exelon Corporation, one of the nation's leading energy services companies. Exelon is headquartered in Chicago and trades on the NYSE under the ticker EXC.

Stockbridge worked in Philadelphia for PECO Energy for almost 15 years prior to moving to Delmarva Power in 1997 to run the competitive retail energy business, selling electricity and natural gas to customers in the northeastern United States. In 2000, he was promoted to vice president, Customer Care, in the regulated utility and remained in that position until 2005, when he was named president of the Delmarva Power region. Stockbridge, who has more than 30 years of utility experience, added the Atlantic City Electric region president role in 2018.

Stockbridge is the board president for the Workforce Investment Board in Delaware (originally appointed by Gov. Jack Markell); chairman of the board for the State Chamber of Commerce; Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) state chair of Delaware; president of the board for United Way of Delaware; chairman of the board of the Vision Coalition supporting education reform in Delaware; chairman of the advisory board for the Chesapeake Bay Council of the Girl Scouts; and chairman of the advisory board for Kingswood Community Center. He also serves as a board member for the Delaware Business Roundtable.