Transformers Summit 2025

Speakers & Panelists





Rob AndersDirector of New Development Initiatives, EDPR NA

Panel: Lessons from the Field: Developer Perspectives on a Winning Project Thursday, March 27th at 12:00 pm

Rob Anders is the recently-appointed Director of Development for the NDI Team, leading the pipeline development of greenfield & acquisition opportunities for EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA). Rob has 13 years of experience in the renewables industry. His tenure at EDPR NA began in 2017

and he built a team with a portfolio of approximately 4 GWs of development assets across the southeastern US. In 2024, his team brought 610 MWs of solar to commercial operations and start-of-construction in four states. Prior to joining EDPR NA, Rob served for five years at the US Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. He held various roles, including Presidential Management Fellow, the Energy Advisor to the US Antarctic Program and as Chief of Staff for Renewable Power. Rob has worked on all seven continents. Rob began is his career as an Infantry Officer in the US Army and is a veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He remains active as a Colonel in the US Army Reserves. He serves part time as an Instructor at the US Army War College. Rob is also founder and Chairman of the EDPR NA Veterans Group.



João Barreto Chief Executive Officer, EDPR NA DG

Panel: EDPR Introductions / Community Solar: A Fireside Chat on What's Next Thursday, March 27th at 9:00 am / Friday, March 28th at 9:45 am

Mr. Barreto is the Chief Executive Officer at EDPR NA Distributed Generation (EDPR NA DG), the distributed generation business of EDPR North America, responsible for overseeing teams working in investments, M&A, business development, and community solar. During his previous

years at EDP, he and his team completed several key projects, covering a wide range of geographies and technologies, mostly related to Renewables and Power Networks. These included EDP's exit from gas generation and distribution networks in Iberia, setting up the Ocean Winds JV focused on Offshore Wind, equity raises at EDP and EDP Renewables, and strategizing the company's entry into the transmission segment in Brazil. Mr. Barreto later completed the strategic portfolio repositioning and subsequent delisting tender offer for EDP Brazil. Between 2020 and 2023, he was additionally resposible for the coordination of EDP's Investment Committee, analyzing multiple investment and divestment opportunities – mostly focused on renewables – across the different geographies where EDP is present, supporting EDP's vision to lead the energy transition. These included the expansion of EDP's distributed solar generation footprint, namely through the acquisitions of Sunseap (now EDPR APAC) and C2 (now EDPR NA DG).



James Brooks

Managing Director and Co-Head, Energy, Infrastructure & Transition, Investment Banking, CIBC

Panel: Evaluating the Renewables Financing Landscape from Tax Equity to M&A Thursday, March 27th at 10:15 am

James Brooks is a Managing Director and Co-Head of the Energy, Infrastructure & Transition team at CIBC. James has over 20 years of experience in the power, utilities, and renewables sectors. He has led advisory teams who have executed over \$40 billion in M&A transactions, over 10 GW of

generating capacity, and several \$1 billion+ operating platforms in the utility and power sectors across a cross-section of strategic and financial clients for Canadian, U.S., European, and Asian clients. James has also led development of CIBC's flagship \$150 billion (now \$300 billion) environmental and sustainable finance program. He holds an HBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business and is a CFA Charterholder.



Jason Clark CEO & Founder, Power Brief

Panel: Welcome to Transformers: Setting the Stage Thursday, March 27th at 9:15 am

Jason Clark is the CEO and founder of Power Brief where he works with executives from leading clean energy companies to use data and analysis to distill the worky, dense world of government actions into tangible strategies companies can use — to assess risk, formulate strategy, and make

decisions. He was most recently the Chief Strategy Officer of the American Clean Power Association (ACP) and helped found the organization alongside industry executives.



Pat Connors

Director of Portfolio Strategy and Integration, Platte River Power Authority

Panel: Spotlight on Commercial Transactions Friday, March 28th at 11:00 am

Pat Connors has an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. Pat worked six years as a Transmission Planner for WEC Energy Group (Wisconsin Electric Power Company) in Milwaukee. Pat also held

various positions at WPPI Energy, including overseeing Resource Planning and WPPI's initial and ongoing participation in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) day-ahead, real-time, and ancillary service markets. Pat actively participated in the MISO stakeholder process, representing the interest of transmission-dependent utilities, and was chair of the MISO Markets Committee during a significant transition in the industry. Pat currently oversees Resource Planning and Origination for Platte River Power Authority as they transition their resource portfolio to reduce 2030 carbon emissions by over 90% from 2005 levels.



Jeff Cramer

Executive Director, Coalition for Community Solar Access

Panel: Community Solar: A Fireside Chat on What's Next Friday, March 28th at 9:45 am

Jeff Cramer has led the organization since its founding in 2015. Under his leadership, CCSA has grown into a national coalition of over 125 businesses and nonprofits dedicated to expanding customer choice and access to solar energy through community solar and storage. Jeff

and his team drive regulatory and legislative campaigns in more than 20 states, working to build and expand community solar markets and ensure all American households and businesses have the freedom to choose local solar power. Before CCSA, Jeff co-founded and served as a Partner at 38 North Solutions, a Washington, D.C.-based public affairs firm specializing in federal and state clean energy policy. At 38 North, he played a key role in advancing clean energy initiatives, including serving as State Policy Director for the Energy Storage Association (now part of American Clean Power). Earlier in his career, he led the development of an emerging technology expert network for institutional investors at Pacific Crest Securities (acquired by KeyBank in 2014).



Thomas Duffell

Head of Americas Content, IJGlobal and Editor, Power Finance & Risk Magazine

Panel: Evaluating the Renewables Financing Landscape from Tax Equity to M&A Thursday, March 27th at 10:15 am

Thomas Duffell serves as the Head of Americas Content for infrastructure-focused news and data platform IJGlobal and as the Editor of Power Finance & Risk. Power Finance & Risk offers comprehensive news, analysis, proprietary data, and informed perspectives on project financing

and M&A within the power industry across the Americas. Prior to joining Power Finance & Risk, Thomas led newsrooms in London, Hong Kong and New York covering a broad range of financial markets.



Joseph Fiori Head of Business Development, EDPR NA DG

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Mr. Fiori oversees the company's offtake origination and go-to-market strategy across product types and geographies. Mr. Fiori leads a team charged with growing the company's solar portfolio across rooftop, ground-mount, and solar canopies, with a focus on behind-the-meter and front of

the meter solar projects. Prior to joining EDPR NA DG, Mr. Fiori spend almost ten years at Nexamp, with roles spanning from project development, to most recently overseeing the power origination team, in his role as Vice President of Energy Sales. Mr. Fiori was charged with enrolling customers across the entirety of Nexamp's DG portfolio of community solar and virtual net metering projects, with customers ranging from hospitals and nonprofits to global manufacturers and Fortune 500 companies. He holds a B.A. from Middlebury College.



Sandhya GanapathyChief Executive Officer, EDPR NA

Panel: EDPR Introductions Thursday, March 27th at 9:00 am

Sandhya Ganapathy is the Chief Executive Officer for EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA) and a member of the Management Team of EDP Renewables (EDPR), the fourth largest renewable energy producer in the world. Sandhya joined EDPR in 2012 as Head of Investments and M&A

North America. From 2017 to her CEO qappointment in early 2022, she served as Global Head of Investments and M&A, responsible for M&A, investment and capital allocation decisions, and asset rotation for EDPR across all of its geographies. She was also a member of EDPR's investment committee. Sandhya has extensive experience in the evaluation of renewable energy acquisitions and investments. Prior to joinning EDPR, Sandhya worked as an investment banker for more than a decade with regional and global banks across multiple geographies.



Greg HallChief Commercial Officer, American Electric Power

Panel: Spotlight on Commercial Transactions Friday, March 28th at 11:00 am

Greg Hall is responsible for the company's competitive retail business, competitive wholesale business, regulated commercial operations and renewable infrastructure development. Hall also oversees AEP's national customer and business development organization. Previously, he was

president of AEP Energy Partners. He was responsible for building the competitive wholesale, retail, onsite solutions and universal scale renewables businesses for AEP. In 2006, his team started AEP Energy Partners which manages the competitive wholesale marketing and trading business which focuses on bespoke commodity solutions for wholesale customers. In 2010, his team started AEP Energy, the competitive retail business serving residential, commercial and industrial loads in deregulated states. In 2014, the team started AEP Onsite Partners focusing on building asset solutions such as solar, energy storage, fuel cells, reciprocating engines, substations and other technologies on or near customer sites. Lastly, in 2015 the team initiated its universal scale renewables business focused primarily on development, ownership and operation of large-scale wind and solar plants throughout the U.S. Prior to that, he held positions of increasing responsibility with the Commercial Operations group. From November 2002 to September 2006, he was vice president – energy marketing. From January 2000 through November 2002, he was promoted from originator to manager to director of energy marketing. He currently serves on the board of the American Clean Power Association and Flying Horse Farms, a camp focused on providing holistic healing for children with major medical issues and their families.



Nico Johnson Founder, SunCast Media

Panel: Spotlight on Commercial Transactions Friday, March 28th at 11:00 am

Nico Johnson is a master storyteller, trusted advisor, and pioneer in the clean energy industry. Since 2006, he has invested in, coached and helped build some of the most impactful solar and renewable energy companies. As the creator and host of SunCast, the industry's go-to podcast,

Nico has drawn out the raw, unfiltered stories of more than 800 founders, investors, and innovators—revealing insights and truths they rarely share elsewhere. SunCast Media now helps the clean energy sector turn storytelling into strategy, transforming how leaders earn trust, build influence, and accelerate business growth in a world where attention is the ultimate currency.



Jeremy Lamb

Vice President of West Power, Morgan Stanley

Panel: Spotlight on Commercial Transactions Friday, March 28th at 11:00 am

Jeremy Lamb is a lead member of the West Power Origination team for Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc located in Vancouver BC. Jeremy manages the renewable and clean products portfolio in the west totaling over 4,000 GWh per year as well as a member of the Prepay team offering

long-term prepaid energy products across California and the WECC. Jeremy has nearly 20 years of experience trading, managing and valuing projects across the West power market where he has developed an in-depth knowledge of the intricacies of the physical bilateral power market and the bulk open access transmission network. Jeremy also represents Morgan Stanley on a number of regulatory matters across multiple venues and markets including Resource Adequacy, Renewable Portfolio Standards, Energy-Imbalance and transmission filings. Jeremy Lamb holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Calgary, and is a CFA Charterholder.



Tom LoTurco

Executive Vice President, Eastern Region & Canada and Government Affairs, EDPR NA Panel: Lessons from the Field: Developer Perspectives on a Winning Project Thursday, March 27th at 12:00 pm

Tom LoTurco serves as Executive Vice President of EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA) for the Eastern Region & Canada and Government Affairs. Tom and his team focus on development of wind, solar, and storage projects in eastern U.S. markets such as PJM, NYISO, SERC, ISO-New

England, and MISO (ITC, central, and south), as well as across Canada. Tom also supports EDPR NA's Government and Public Affairs functions, including the Government Affairs, Marketing, and Communications teams. In addition to his duties for the EDPR NA utility-scale platform, Tom serves on the Management Committee for EDPR NA Distributed Generation and on the Board of Mayflower Wind, an offshore wind joint venture between Ocean Winds and Shell.



David Mindham

Director of Regulatory Affairs & Market Development, EDPR NA

Panel: A Tale of Two Grids: A Transmission Focused Fireside Chat Thursday, March 27th at 11:15 am

David Mindham leads the Regulatory & Market Affairs team for EDP Renewables. In that role, he oversees a team covering RTO and regulatory strategy for North America. He also coordinates with FERC, DOE, NARUC, and various trade associations. He is active in several RTO stakeholder

forums, including chair of the MISO Interconnection Process Working Group, a member of the SPP Strategic Planning and Members Committees, and a member of the ERCOT Protocol Revisions Subcommittee. Before his current role, he has held positions in RTO strategy, FERC strategy, and transmission planning at ITC Holdings Corp. He has successfully negotiated interconnection agreements that have brought over 3 GW of resources online throughout the Midwest. He has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from lowa State University, an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Michigan Tech University, a master's focused in Management from Harvard University Extension School, a Certificate in Public Relations Strategy from Cornell University, and has taken graduate courses in economics and finance from Johns Hopkins. He is a Senior Member of IEEE, a registered Professional Engineer in Michigan, and a Project Management Professional. David lives in Northville, MI, with his wife and two sons.



Timothy MuléDirector of Development, Western Region, EDPR NA
Panel: Lessons from the Field: Developer Perspectives on a Winning Project
Thursday, March 27th at 12:00 pm

Timothy Mulé oversees the advancement of solar, wind, and storage projects in CAISO and WECC from inception through operation. He and his team coordinate and manage the land acquisition, interconnection processes, and permitting regimes required to

build these projects. Timothy has been with EDPR NA since 2019, joining as a Project Developer in the Western Region's Portland, Oregon regional office. Before joining EDPR NA, he has had experience designing, developing, and installing small–scale community solar and storage systems in rural and tribal regions of India and Bangladesh, and has held positions as a Mechanical Design Engineer in the sensors and controls industry within the United States.



Sarp Ozkan Vice President, Commercial Product, Enverus Panel: Renewable Energy Market Snapshot Thursday, March 27th at 9:45 am

Sarp Ozkan joined Enverus through the acquisition of products and services from Ponderosa Advisors in 2016 and has more than 15 years of research and modeling experience in energy markets. His most recent responsibilities include executive client engagement and product

strategy for the power & renewables team. Sarp has been a trusted energy expert for Enverus' clients, the media, and state regulatory bodies throughout the U.S. and has led many consulting projects around M&A and strategy related inquiries. He is a regular presenter at commercial and academic conferences around the world covering topics in oil and gas, energy transition, and power and renewables markets.



Pedro Pires Joao Chief Financial Officer, EDPR NA

Panel: Evaluating the Renewables Financing Landscape from Tax Equity to M&A Thursday, March 27th at 10:15 am

Pedro Pires Joao serves as the Chief Financial Officer at EDP Renewables North America. In his role, Pedro leads the finance functions for the company's business in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, representing \$10 billion in assets, \$900 million in EBITDA, and a capital plan for more

than \$1.5 billion. Pedro joined EDP in 2000. During the more than two decades he has worked in the EDP Group, he has managed the corporate functions of Investor Relations and M&A and also served as a board member of EDP Commercial and EDP Produção in Portugal. Pedro has a Bachelor's degree in Management and completed an MBA at London Business School.



Ana Quelhas

Executive Vice President, Hydrogen and Data Centers, EDPR

Panel: Lessons from the Field: Developer Perspectives on a Winning Project Thursday, March 27th at 12:00 pm

Ana Quelhas is leading the Group's strategy on the renewable hydrogen business. Prior to that, Ana was the Head of Energy Planning at EDP, being responsible for supporting the Executive Board of Directors in the decision making processes, contributing with a long term perspective

of the energy sector and an integrated vision of the company across businesses (renewables, conventional electricity generation, retail and distribution) and geographies (mainly Europe, US and Brazil). Before joining EDP, Ana worked in the Directorate–General for Research of the European Commission, in Brussels, supporting the development of the strategic research agenda in the field of energy. Prior to that, she was at the California Independent System Operator providing strategic energy consultancy to the wholesale power market and grid operator in the State of California. Ana holds a PhD with distinction in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University.



Ashish Sethia Global Head of Energy, Commodities & Technology, Bloomberg New Energy Finance Panel: U.S. Energy Market: Tsunamis, Waves & Undercurrents

Friday, March 28th at 9:00 am

Based out of Houston, Ashish leads a global group of energy, commodities and technology sector experts analyzing market fundamentals & net-zero emissions pathways. He works extensively with CXOs & policy makers to decipher the inter-dependencies between various components

of the energy transition, to facilitate strategic decision-making. His team analyses asset valuations and investments, financing and contractual structures, technology evolution, policy developments and demand-supply drivers in power, natural gas & LNG, oil & petrochemicals, metals & mining, biofuels, and carbon markets. In his previous role as the Head of Asia Pacific Research at BloombergNEF in Singapore, he also analyzed and advised on renewable energy, battery storage, sustainable finance, and mobility sectors. Over the years Ashish has spoken at leading forums such as the World Future Energy Summit, World Energy Leader's Summit and the Clean Energy Ministerial, hosted dialogues with G-20 ministers and given inputs to the works of the World Economic Forum and the World Energy Council. He has also shared his views at the London Stock Exchange, the White House executive office and at leading educational institutions.



Kelly Snyder Executive Vice President of Origination, EDPR NA

Panel: Spotlight on Commercial Transactions / Closing Remarks Friday, March 28th at 11:00 am / Friday, March 28th at 11:45 am

Kelly Snyder is the Executive Vice President of Origination at EDPR NA and a member of the company's ManagementTeam. She has 18 years of experience in the renewable industry and is responsible for leading the Origination team that develops and maintains key relationships with

utilities and offtake partners, including commercial and industrial clients. The team oversees PPA negotiations, develops pricing strategies for renewable projects under development, and analyzes the impact of current and potential renewable market rules. Kelly's team also examines market trends and identifies new customers within the renewable industry. Her depth of market knowledge spans across North America and under her leadership, her team has executed more than nine gigawatts (GW) of PPAs at EDPR NA. Kelly is the Co-Founder of the Women IN Energy Conference, which hosted the first annual event in 2017, bringing more than 250 women in energy together for an impact session filled with engaging discussions and unique speakers to foster collaboration, empower women, and catalyze positive change within and beyond the energy sector. Additionally, Kelly is on the Board of Directors for the Clean Energy Buyers Alliance and the Tucson Museum of Arts.



Rubiao Song

Managing Director & Head of Tax Equity - Energy Investments, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. Panel: Evaluating the Renewables Financing Landscape from Tax Equity to M&A Thursday, March 27th at 10:15 am

Rubiao leads JPMC's Tax Equity - Energy Investments Group, where he has been responsible for managing a group of investment professionals to develop investment structures and deploy the firm's capital in renewable energy projects in the U.S. over the last two decades. The Energy Investments team

has consistently been one of the largest tax equity investors in renewable energy, committed over \$50 billion of investments supporting over 20% of domestic wind and solar installed capacity and played a pivotal role in the growth of renewable energy in the U.S. Before becoming the head of Energy Investments, Rubiao led the structuring and economic analysis group at Banc One Capital, the leveraged lease pricing group at First Chicago Leasing Corporation, and was an industry analyst at First National Bank of Chicago. Before his banking career, Rubiao was an associate editor of Bulletin of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing. Rubiao served on the Board of Directors of American Clean Power Association in 2023–2024, the largest clean energy trade association in the U.S.



Tom StarrsVice President of Government Relations & Public Affairs, EDPR NA

Panel: Welcome to Transformers: Setting the Stage Thursday, March 27th at 9:15 am

Mr. Starrs serves as Vice President of Government Affairs for EDP Renewables North America, where he is responsible for managing EDPR's government and regulatory affairs throughout North America. He leads companywide policy analysis, policy advocacy, PAC management,

political engagement, and trade association and NGO representation. Mr. Starrs is widely recognized as a leading strategist on renewable energy market development, business strategy, and policy analysis for both distributed and utility-scale renewables applications. Mr. Starrs holds a Ph.D. from the Energy and Resources Program at the University of California, Berkeley; and a J.D. from the School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.



Simon Whitelocke

Senior Vice President and Chief Business Officer, ITC Holdings Corp.

Panel: A Tale of Two Grids: A Transmission Focused Fireside Chat Thursday, March 27th at 11:15 am

Simon Whitelocke is Senior Vice President and Chief Business Officer, ITC Holdings Corp. and President, ITC Michigan. He is responsible for ITC's federal regulatory, government affairs and communications activities, as well as overseeing the strategic direction, community relations and

financial performance for ITC's four operating subsidiaries: ITC Midwest, ITC Great Plains, ITCTransmission and Michigan Electric Transmission Company (METC). Prior to this role, he was Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer for ITC Holdings Corp. where he was responsible for the corporate compliance functions of the company. Mr. Whitelocke also served in other roles responsible for regulatory affairs, external affairs, and internal audit functions. Prior to joining ITC, he worked at an energy utility company and in public accounting. Mr. Whitelocke is a member of the Board of Directors of ReliabilityFirst Corporation, Food Gatherers, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Ann Arbor SPARK and is vice chair of the Board of Trustees of Detroit PBS.



Ray Wood

Managing Director & Head of Global Natural Resources & Energy Transition, Bank of America

Panel: Evaluating the Renewables Financing Landscape in from Tax Equity to M&A Thursday, March 27th at 10:15 am

Ray serves as a Managing Director and Head of the Global Natural Resources & Energy Transition Group (NET) at Bank of America with industry teams based in every major geographic region. He leads coverage teams across the industry landscape of regulated utilities, independent power, clean

energy and global manufactering as well as private equity and infrastructure sponsors. Over Mr. Wood's 30+ year career, he has assisted clients on noteworthy strategic transations and financings, a number of which have been named "Deal of the Year." He has transaction expertise across the spectrum of merges and acquisitions, equity capital markets, leveraged finance, structured finance, commodities and privatizations. Ray has lead responsibility for both Renewables and Clean Tech. The bank has a leading position across global power, utilities and renewables. Specifically, he recently has led noteworthy transactions for NextEra Energy, Chargepoint, ReNwe Power, Pattern Energy, Generate Capital, Archaea, Scout and Intersect Power as well as a host of pending situations.

