

NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY COUNCIL ADDS JANET GAIL BESSER AND DAN BOSLEY TO POLICY TEAM

Senior executives will expand policy and advocacy reach

BOSTON, MA, January 10, 2012 – The New England Clean Energy Council (NECEC) today announced the addition of two senior executives to its policy and government relations team as part of a significant expansion of its state and federal advocacy efforts. Janet Gail Besser joins NECEC as Vice President of Policy and Government Relations, and Dan Bosley joins as Government Relations Executive.

Ms. Besser brings deep expertise and credibility to lead NECEC’s policy and government relations efforts. Most recently she was Vice President of Regulatory Strategy and Policy at National Grid, and previously was Chair of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. Ms. Besser has been in senior roles in the Massachusetts Energy Office and New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, and has been an executive and expert consultant on electricity markets, transmission, policy and economics at two leading consulting firms: Analysis Group and Lexecon. She also brings experience as policy director for a DC-based national independent power industry association, and is a nationally recognized on a wide range of energy policy issues with deep relationships across the industry.

“Janet Besser’s experience in energy across multiple New England states makes her the perfect candidate to propel our policy efforts, particularly at the state and regional levels,” said Peter Rothstein, president of NECEC. “Regional policies are drivers to clean energy market, job and economic growth, and a central plank of our 2012 strategy. The combination of Janet and Dan bring the perfect experience to execute that strategy.”

The Honorable Dan Bosley brings 24 years of experience in leadership in the Massachusetts Legislature, including as Chair of the Joint Committee on Government Regulations, and as Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. These positions included lead legislative roles in the restructuring of the Commonwealth's electricity industry, as well as leadership in a range of innovation economy legislative initiatives. Mr. Bosley has also been National Chairman of the Council of State Governments, with strong relationships with legislators across the New England states.

“For NECEC to be able to attract the caliber of talent of Janet and Dan marks the maturation of the industry,” said Ian Bowles, an NECEC board member and former Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. “These additions to the NECEC team will help send a simple message: the clean energy sector is booming - adding jobs, growing the economy, and providing lower, stabilized energy costs across New England.”



About the New England Clean Energy Council & the New England Clean Energy Foundation

The New England Clean Energy Council (NECEC, a 501c6) and New England Clean Energy Foundation (NECEF, a 501c3) are affiliated non-profit organizations founded in late 2006 that have already had a strong impact on the emergence and growth of a vibrant clean energy cluster in New England—and on national clean energy initiatives as well. NECEC is the lead voice for hundreds of clean energy companies across New England, while NECEF has quickly become a leading cluster development organization, researching and developing innovation, workforce and related programs, combining forces in policy planning efforts to address clean energy cluster gaps and accelerate the innovation pipeline across New England.

NECEC and NECEF share a common mission to accelerate New England’s clean energy economy to global leadership by building an active community of stakeholders and a world-class cluster of clean energy companies. NECEF executes projects in the areas of Innovation, Cluster & Economic Development, Education & Workforce Development, and Research, while NECEC leads efforts in Policy, Member Benefits and Stakeholder Engagement.

To learn more about NECEC, visit www.cleanenergycouncil.org.