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AGENDA

New England – Germany Energy Transition Forum
Harvard Law School, Wasserstein Hall,
Milstein East ABC, Cambridge, MA

Thursday, May 16, 2019

8:30 am: Registration

8:50 am: Opening Remarks

- **Kathleen Theoharides**, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts
- **Nicole Menzenbach**, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Boston

9:10 am: Introductory Keynotes

- **Thorsten Herdan**, Director General, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
- **Ari Peskoe**, Director, Electricity Law Initiative, Harvard Law School Environmental and Energy Law Program

9:30 am: Power sector decarbonisation: achievements so far, next steps and long term vision

- *Moderator:* **Ari Peskoe**, Director, Electricity Law Initiative, Harvard Law School | Environmental and Energy Law Program
- **Dirk Biermann**, Chief Markets & System Operations Officer, 50Hertz (German Transmission System Operator)
- **Jesse Jenkins**, Postdoctoral Environmental Fellow, Harvard University
- **Prof. Miranda Schreurs**, Chair of Environmental and Climate Policy, Technical University of Munich University for Applied Sciences
- **Gordon Van Welie**, President and CEO, ISO New England

10:45 am: Coffee break

11:15 am: Innovation in the heating sector

- *Moderator:* **Michael Stoddard**, Executive Director, Efficiency Maine
- **Don Chahbazpour**, Director, Gas Utility of the Future, National Grid
- **Beverly Craig**, Senior Program Manager, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
- **Thorsten Herdan**, Director General for Energy Policy, Heating and Efficiency, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
- **Gerhard Stryi-Hipp**, Head of Group »Smart Cities«, Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems

12:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm: Clean Transport of the Future

- *Moderator:* **David Littell**, Principal, Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP), former Maine DPU commissioner
- **Thomas Raffeiner**, CEO, The Mobility House
- **Jonathan Schrag**, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, Rhode Island
- **Rainer Stock**, VKU (German Association of Local Utilities)
- **Will Lauwers**, Director of Emerging Technology, Department of Energy Resources, Massachusetts

2:45 pm: Offshore wind deployment – technical progress, power system integration and social acceptance

- *Moderator:* **Dietmar Rieg**, President & CEO, German American Chamber of Commerce, Inc. in New York
- **James Bennet**, Chief of the Office of Renewable Energy Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
- **Holger Grubel**, Head of Offshore Wind Portfolio, EnBW
- **Lars Thaaning Pedersen**, CEO of Vineyard Wind
- **Frank Wester**, Senior Manager Asset Management Offshore, Tennet

4:00 pm: Coffee break

4:15 pm: State representatives' roundtable

- *Moderator:* **David Littell**, Principal, Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP), former Maine DPU commissioner
- **Kate Dykes**, Commissioner, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Connecticut
- **Thorsten Herdan**, Director General, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
- **Judith Judson**, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resource
- **June Tierney**, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Public Service

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm: Networking Reception

Background and scope of the event:

The New England – Germany Energy Transition Forum takes place at Harvard Law School by courtesy of the Environmental and Energy Law Program. Hosted by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) in partnership with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), the forum offers an opportunity for officials from government, industry and academia to discuss shared energy challenges, pursue urgent action on climate change mitigation, integrate lessons learned in Germany and New England and incorporate best practices.

Industry leaders from both countries are invited to discuss recent developments and challenges in the energy transition including the rapid increase of renewables, power sector decarbonisation, heating sector innovation, clean transportation and offshore wind.

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