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The following are the members of the PJM Board, with their committee affiliations:

Ake Almgren, Ph.D.



For more than 25 years Dr. Almgren has led business entities providing electric equipment and systems. Since 2003, he has headed his own consulting company, Orkas Inc., which is focused on new energy technologies. Dr. Almgren was President and CEO of Capstone Turbine Corporation from 1998–2003. Prior to his role at Capstone, he was president of several ABB companies, including ABB Power T&D Co., involved in electric transmission and distribution worldwide. Dr. Almgren currently serves as the Chairman on the Board of Active Power. In 2014 he was appointed to Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Council. (Chair, PJM Board; Member, Regulatory and Governance Committees)

Terry Blackwell



Mr. Blackwell has 36 years of experience in power system planning and operation. Most recently he held the position of senior vice president of Power Delivery at Santee Cooper where he had overall responsibility for Santee Cooper's transmission system, including compliance with NERC's Reliability Standards. Mr. Blackwell also served as chairman of the SERC board and served on other SERC board committees. He has a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from North Carolina State University and is a licensed professional engineer in South Carolina. (Chair, Human Resources Committee; Member, Governance and Reliability Committees)

John McNeely Foster



Mr. Foster is a former member of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the standards-setting body for financial accounting and reporting, on which he served for 10 years. A certified public accountant, he previously was vice president, treasurer and principal accounting officer of the former Compaq Computer Corp. and senior audit manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (formerly Price Waterhouse & Co.). (Chair, Audit Committee; Member, Competitive Markets Committee)

O.H. Dean Oskvig



Mr. Oskvig has more than 40 years of experience within the energy industry and served as president and chief executive officer of Black & Veatch Energy from 2006 to 2015, having been with the organization since 1975. From 1972 to 1975, he served as a base civil engineering officer in the United States Air Force. He earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Iowa and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Utah. (Chair, Board Reliability Committee; Member, Governance and Human Resources Committees)

Andrew L. Ott



As president and chief executive officer, Mr. Ott oversees the largest power grid in North America and the largest electricity market in the world. Mr. Ott, a 20-year veteran with PJM, became the CEO in October of 2015. He also serves as a PJM Board member. Mr. Ott is Chair of CIGRE (International Council on Large Electric Systems) Study Committee C5, on Electricity Markets and Regulation. Mr. Ott is an IEEE Fellow. He is also a member of the Steering Board of GO 15, which is a voluntary initiative of the world's 19 largest power grid operators. He also serves on the Board of the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies and served as a board member for the Association of Power Exchanges for eight years.



Susan J. Riley



Ms. Riley most recently served as chief financial officer for Eastern Outfitters, LLC (formerly Vestis Retail Group, LLC). She is the chairman of the Board of comScore, Inc., a member of the board of Essendant Inc. and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Institute of Technology.

She has served on the PJM Board since 2005. Previously, she was the executive vice president of Finance and Administration of The Children's Place. Prior to that, she served as senior vice president and CFO for Abercrombie & Fitch Company, senior vice president and CFO for Mount Sinai Medical Center of New York, vice president and treasurer for Colgate-Palmolive Company, executive vice president and CFO for Dial Corporation and senior vice president, CFO and chief information officer for Tambrands, Inc. She was previously a certified public accountant. (Chair, Governance Committee; Member, Human Resources and Competitive Markets Committees)

Charles F. Robinson



Mr. Robinson serves as the vice president – Legal Affairs and General Counsel for the Regents of the University of California, where he is the chief legal officer. He previously served for seven years as vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for the California ISO. Prior to that, Mr.

Robinson was assistant general counsel and director of litigation for Packard Bell NEC, division counsel for Raychem Corporation, and a partner at the Heller Herman White and McAuliffe law firm. He graduated with his Juris Doctor from Yale University in 1983 and earned his Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University in 1979. (Chair, Regulatory Committee; Member, Board Reliability Committee)

Sarah S. Rogers



Ms. Rogers served as president and CEO of the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council from 2007 to her retirement in 2012. Prior to joining the reliability organization, she had served in a variety of positions with Progress Energy and its predecessors from 1984 to 2007. They included

vice president – Transmission for Progress Energy, with responsibility for the electric transmission system covering 50,000 square miles in North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. She received an MBA from Duke University and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from San Diego State University. (Member, Board Reliability, Finance and Regulatory Committees)

Neil H. Smith



Mr. Smith retired as president and CEO of InterGen, Inc. in 2016. Having spent 25 years with the organization, he progressed from manager to director to vice president and ultimately served 10 years as president and chief executive officer of the global energy company. Mr. Smith was a board member for The Wood Group, PLC for nine years. (Member, Audit and Competitive Markets Committees)

Mark Takahashi



Mr. Takahashi currently serves as chief financial officer of Ascendant Group Limited, parent company of Bermuda Electric Light Company Limited. He previously was group director and chief financial officer of CLP Holdings Limited, one of two vertically integrated electric utility companies in Hong Kong, from 2008 to 2014, having been with the organization from 2003. He earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Colorado and Master of Business Administration from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. (Chair, Competitive Markets Committee; Member, Audit and Finance Committees)

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