Loretta Lynch, CPUC Commissioner 2000-2005

Loretta Lynch served as President of the California Public Utilities Commission from 2000 through 2002 and served as a Commissioner until January 2005. Ms. Lynch guided the CPUC through the California energy crisis and fought against gouging and manipulation by energy sellers. Commissioner Lynch was an early critic of energy deregulation and is a strong advocate of clean, affordable energy.

Prior to her appointment to the PUC, Ms. Lynch was the director of Governor Davis’ Office of Planning and Research. Before entering public service, Ms. Lynch was a partner in the litigation firm of Keker & Van Nest, where she represented corporate clients and individuals from the technology and industrial sectors. Ms. Lynch was named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in California in 2000 and 2001 by the Los Angeles Daily Journal. She was named one of 100 San Francisco women business leaders in 2001, 2002 and 2003 by the San Francisco Business Times.

Jon Wellinghoff, CEO and Founder, GridPolicy, Inc.

Jon Wellinghoff is known for his international expertise and thought leadership in energy policy, electric markets and the interface of disruptive energy systems with traditional utility structures. His firm GridPolicy, Inc. is dedicated to furthering the deployment of and investment in clean sustainable distributed energy resources (DERs). Jon works to remove regulatory, policy, and institutional barriers to the widespread adoption of cost effective DER technologies and systems, assisting companies, governments, and consumers who market and/or operate such resources.

In 2006, Jon received his first of two Presidential appointments to serve as a Commissioner on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and was FERC’s longest serving Chairman (2009-2013). During his FERC tenure, he led efforts to make the U.S. power system cleaner and more efficient by promoting and integrating renewable energy, demand response, energy efficiency and storage.