

gti[®] Commissioner Brown Appointed Chair of GTI's Public Interest Advisory Committee

Commissioner Julie Brown was recently elected Chair of the Gas Technology Institute's (GTI) Public Interest Advisory Committee, whose members represent the regulatory community and consumer advocacy groups.

Commissioner Brown said, "We provide guidance related to the interests of the public and gas consumers to the Gas Technology Institute, particularly relating to consumer-focused research and development."

For more than 75 years, GTI has been providing economic value to the natural gas industry and energy markets by developing technology-based solutions for industry, government, and consumers.



Commissioner Julie I. Brown

Commissioner Polmann Speaks at University of Florida's TREEO Center

Commissioner Donald Polmann recently spoke at the University of Florida's Center for Training, Research, and Education for Environmental Occupations (TREEO). He introduced students to the PSC's regulatory responsibilities and helped TREEO's Excellence in Environmental Training goal by suggesting meaningful procedures and techniques to better understand water and wastewater systems to ensure safe drinking water. Commissioner Polmann encouraged attendees to support the water/wastewater work force by hiring recent graduates and younger staff to replace retirees.

He also emphasized how becoming a licensed water and wastewater operator benefits the public interest by increasing operational efficiencies and adherence to health standards. TREEO's mission is to enable students to understand federal and state regulations, environmental processes, and best management practices.



Commissioner Donald Polmann

Commissioner Fay Shares Cyber Security Expertise at Harvard Electricity Policy Group

Commissioner Andrew Giles Fay was invited to address the growing importance and challenges of cyber security on the electric grid at the December meeting of the Harvard Electricity Policy Group (HEPG).

"The reliability and stability of the electric grid are at the core of any analysis in relation to cyber security protections," Commissioner Fay said, "and participating in this discussion on emerging cyber security policy, standards, and oversight and the possible effects on the design and operation of electricity systems is timely and vitally important."

Commissioner Fay addressed how risk-based security design strategies require expert knowledge of both electricity operations and complex IT systems. The discussion explored policy issues and challenges regarding the monitoring, oversight, and analysis of implementing cyber security designs.

Part of the Harvard Kennedy School, the HEPG serves as a vehicle for exploring the many pressing policy issues surrounding electricity restructuring.



Commissioner Andrew Giles Fay

DISCUSSES Executive Director Braulio Baez Florida Hurricane Response

Braulio Baez, PSC Executive Director, is featured in *On the Move*, a quarterly magazine from Flagger Force, a transportation control services company. The October issue was devoted to emergency response, and Mr. Baez discussed Florida's hurricane season preparation.

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