

Justin Rangooni, Executive Director, Energy Storage Canada



Justin is a lawyer with more than a decade of experience in Canada's energy sector, specializing in policy and government relations. Since becoming Executive Director in 2019, Justin has facilitated significant growth within Energy Storage Canada's membership, staff and conference offerings to match the accelerated growth of the storage sector, succeeding in establishing ESC as the voice of energy storage in Canada. Justin holds an Honours BA in Economics & Political Science from the University of Toronto, as well as a Law Degree from the University of Western Ontario. He currently sits on the board of the York Children's Aid Society.

Kristyn Annis, Counsel, BLG



Kristyn is a tri-lingual power lawyer with more than 12 years of experience practising energy law. Her career spans the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. Kristyn is currently counsel with the Corporate Commercial Group in BLG's Toronto office. She has a corporate and commercial practice focused on energy, advising clients on mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, reorganizations, commercial arrangements and corporate governance. Kristyn has advised numerous global and domestic energy companies on M&A and has acted as counsel to Canada's top lenders in infrastructure project finance.

Kristyn's commercial expertise is complemented with her regulatory expertise. As well as acting as counsel to the IESO, Kristyn advises clients on the IESO Market Rules, climate change compliance and regulatory issues governed by the Ontario Energy Board. Kristyn regularly participates in stakeholder events in the Ontario energy sector as well as at the federal level with respect to energy and Indigenous issues.

Jim Fonger, President, Rodan Distributed Energy Resources



Jim Fonger is president of Rodan Distributed Energy Resources. Jim was formerly the VP of Asset and Advanced Technology Development at Ameresco Canada, a leading Distributed Energy Resource provider in Canada. With over 30 years of business leadership in both the telecommunications and energy sectors, Jim brings unique experience to his post having led the development of many energy and smart city projects. Jim also developed two groundbreaking DER projects; a LDC grid connected 5MW – 20MWh energy storage system pilot for the IESO that is Ontario’s first energy storage system providing Operating Reserve, the design and implementation of a small scale microgrid under an Energy-as-a-Service business model that made JPII Secondary School in London Ontario both carbon neutral and a market participant, and a large scale solar and DC connected Energy Storage microgrid that is helping an island to decarbonize while providing resilience.

Jim has a full understanding of the emerging technologies that help organizations and grid operators to both electrify and decarbonize.

Andrew Mitchell, Director, External Relations, Ontario Pumped Storage (TC Energy)



Andrew Mitchell is an accomplished energy sector leader with 20 years of experience in government and stakeholder relations, policy and business development, and communications in both public and private sectors. He has experience building successful coalitions and advancing advocacy positions, resulting in strong public policy and business outcomes.

Brad Kyte, Senior Manager, Business Development, Atura Power



Brad is a Senior Manager of Business Development at Atura Power and manages energy storage projects for large customers and grid opportunities. Brad has been a key player in the development of a new energy storage business segment at OPG. He has 15 years of experience in the power generation sector and has been involved in electricity generation and storage project development involving technologies such as batteries, pumped storage, compressed air, nuclear, conventional hydroelectric, natural gas, and biomass. Brad has been a member of Energy Storage Canada's Advocacy Counsel since 2016.

Sarah Simmons, Director (Utilities and Innovation), Power Advisory LLC



Sarah is an electricity sector professional with over 15 years of experience in the electricity sector based in Toronto. She has worked with utility scale and distributed generators, electricity distributors and transmitters, system operators, industrial load customers, and emerging technology providers. Sarah has supported clients in electricity regulatory and policy matters with a particular focus on sector evolution and distributed energy resources. Throughout her career, she has supported clients as they navigate changes in electricity policy and regulation, procurement of generation, and innovation impacting the power system. Sarah has an MSc of Environmental Studies focusing on electricity pricing policy from the University of Waterloo, and has an BSc in Environmental Science from the University of Guelph with a major in environmental monitoring and analysis.