

**Opening Transmission Constraints for Solar Development
Locally and in the West
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Speakers' Bios**

Ms. Jennifer DeCesaro

Ms. Jennifer DeCesaro leads the State and Utility Technical Engagement and Large-Scale Deployment efforts for the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Program Market Transformation team. She provides strategic direction on how to further the development of solar markets in the United States through direct engagement with state government officials and utility company executives. Additionally, Ms. DeCesaro leads the Program's large-scale deployment efforts, which includes one of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's Signature Initiatives on Concentrating Solar Power Demonstration Projects.

Prior to joining DOE, Ms. DeCesaro was a senior analyst at Exeter Associates, where she worked on renewable energy integration into the electric grid, transmission policy, and other renewable energy policy development and implementation issues. She also served as a Project Director at Clean Energy Group (CEG), where she was responsible for developing and implementing projects for state clean energy funds to create and expand markets for renewable energy technologies. Additionally, Ms. DeCesaro worked as a policy specialist for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), where she led projects supporting the development of renewable energy, air quality and climate change policies.

Ms. DeCesaro earned her B.A. from Colorado College in 1997 and her master's degree in environmental law from Vermont Law School in 2002.

Ms. Theresa Williams

Ms. Theresa Williams, Senior Planning Advisor for Western Area Power Administration was named Senior Planning Advisor in December 2009 and focuses on some of Western's strategic initiatives including the newly formed Transmission Infrastructure Program. Ms. Williams previously served as Western's Corporate Communications Manager. She has also served as a manager in some of Western's power marketing and energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, as well as manager of administrative programs.

Ms. Williams has nearly 30 years of Federal experience. She began her Federal career with the Bureau of Reclamation in 1980 as an economist and joined Western in 1985 as a public utilities specialist. In 1990, as the Energy Management and Planning Manager, she led Western's Energy Services Program and development of the Western's Integrated Resource Planning requirements. In 1999, as Administrative Support Manager, she completed the major project of managing the construction of and relocation to Western's new Corporate Services Office building.

Ms. Williams holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Utah.

Mr. Mike Olson

Mr. Mike Olson has held various supervisor and management positions within the Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Desert Southwest Regional office including Communication and Protection Manager, Substation Manager, Real Time Engineering Manager, and Transmission Business Unit Manager. Mr. Olson is currently Transmission Planning Manager.

Mr. Tom Georgis

Mr. Tom Georgis has over 20 years of development and operational experience in the energy, technology, and government service sectors, holding several senior management positions, most recently as Managing Director of International at GlobalTec Solutions, a privately held technology company where he was responsible for all aspects of the company's international expansion. Mr. Georgis was a Principal and Managing Director at Exodus Energy LLC, a Houston based privately held power and natural gas firm. While at Exodus, Mr. Georgis focused on the development and acquisition of energy assets, acting as lead developer on several multimillion dollar innovative technology energy facilities including natural gas storage, offshore LNG regasification, and petroleum coke gasification. Previously, Mr. Georgis was a manager at Enron Corp. where he was responsible for developing and structuring energy asset projects internationally; negotiating and closing over 500 MW of power generation agreements. Mr. Georgis's experience includes structuring transactions for energy and infrastructure projects, negotiating with lenders, and advising investors in all aspects of energy project acquisition and project development including: storage and transportation capacity sales, gas and alternative fuel power generation, natural gas pipeline arrangements, and power purchase agreements. Mr. Georgis also served nine years as a Naval Special Warfare Officer in the United States Navy. Mr. Georgis graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies and obtained a Master of Business Administration degree from the Anderson School at the University of California Los Angeles.