



# Energy Storage *for Social Equity* R O U N D T A B L E

June 28 - 29, 2021  
10 am - 1 pm PST  
1 - 4 pm EST

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

  
**Pacific Northwest**  
NATIONAL LABORATORY

 Sandia  
National  
Laboratories

Register online: <https://www.pnnl.gov/events/energy-storage-social-equity-roundtable>

# AGENDA

DAY 1

# 28

JUNE

**1:00–1:10pm  
EST**

## WELCOME REMARKS

**Jennifer Granholm**  
Secretary of Energy, U.S.  
Department of Energy

**Michael Pesin**  
Deputy Assistant Secretary,  
Advanced Grid Research &  
Development, Office of Electricity

**1:10–1:30pm  
EST**

## WELCOME KEYNOTE

**Imre Gyuk, Director**  
Energy Storage Research  
Office of Electricity  
U.S. Department of Energy

**1:30–2:00pm  
EST**

## CONTEXT PRESENTATION:

*Metering Energy Justice:  
Centering Historically Disinvested  
Communities in a Warming Planet.*

**Vivek Shandas**  
Portland State University

**2:00–3:00pm  
EST**

## STATE GOVERNMENT

*Hear from representatives in state  
governments administering energy  
equity programs. Speakers will  
discuss the current procedural,  
structural, and regulatory  
environment.*

**Moderator:** Rebecca O’Neil, PNNL  
**Participants:**  
- Crystal Pruitt, New Jersey BPU  
- Sarah Vorpahl, Washington COM  
- Joy Wang, Michigan PSC

**3:00–4:00pm  
EST**

## COMMUNITIES THROUGH TRANSITION

*Community leaders from  
traditionally energy-burdened  
communities are at the forefront of  
climate change and environmental  
justice. In this conversation, a  
diverse group of voices will discuss  
the energy needs and priorities  
of underserved and vulnerable  
populations, including capacity and  
data.*

### **Discussion outcomes:**

- Community needs and  
benefits from technologies
- Benefits from grid investments  
and futures
- Needs from federal research

**Moderator:** Stan Atcitty, Sandia

### **Participants:**

- Sergio Lopez, Verde NW
- Reverend Michael Malcom,  
Alabama Interfaith Power  
and Light
- Kevin Blaser, Midwest Tribal  
Energy Resources Association
- Derrick Terry, NTUA

**Wrap: 4:00pm  
EST** **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

# AGENDA

DAY 2

# 29

JUNE

**1:00–1:30pm  
EST**

## **WELCOME**

**Wahleah Johns**  
Deputy Director  
Office of Indian Energy

**1:30–2:00pm  
EST**

## **CONTEXT PRESENTATION:**

*Building an affordable Power  
Module for remote applications.*

**Deepak Divan**  
Center for Distributed Energy  
Georgia Tech

**2:00–3:00pm  
EST**

## **UTILITY BUSINESS PRACTICES**

*This panel will explore practical  
considerations of planning and  
implementing a more equitable  
grid, discuss best practices, and  
present novel approaches.*

### **Discussion outcomes:**

- Defining equity opportunities within the utility business model and operations
- Practical trends in utility direction

**Moderator:** Bobby Jeffers, Sandia

### **Participants:**

- Uzma Siddiqi, Seattle City Light
- Jessica Lin, Oracle Utilities Opower
- Tina Jayaweera, NW Power and Conservation Council
- Heather Moline, NWEA

**3:00–4:00pm  
EST**

## **ENERGY STORAGE AS AN EQUITY ASSET**

*This panel will discuss how  
deployment of energy storage can  
respond to local environmental and  
health concerns and community  
needs.*

### **Discussion outcomes:**

- Energy storage as an equity asset – priorities

**Moderator:** Bethel Tarekegne, PNNL

### **Participants:**

- Julia Prochnik, LDESAC
- Jeremy Richardson, Union of Concerned Scientists
- Elena Krieger, PSE Healthy Energy
- Abbe Ramanan, CESA

**Wrap: 4:00pm  
EST**

## **CONCLUSION AND THANK YOU**

U.S. Representative Melanie  
Stansbury, New Mexico, United  
States Congress