



ALISON SILVERSTEIN

Alison Silverstein is a consultant, lecturer and writer on electric transmission and reliability, infrastructure security, energy efficiency, smart grid, renewable energy and technology adoption issues.

Silverstein is President of ACEEE: The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. She worked as Senior Energy Policy Advisor to Chairman Pat Wood, III, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, from July 2001 through July 2004. She was a co-chair of the Electric Systems Investigation for the US-Canada Joint Power System Outage Task Force and principal author of the Interim and Final Blackout Reports. Before moving to the FERC, she worked as Advisor to Chairman Wood at the Public Utility Commission of Texas for six years, covering both electricity and telecommunications matters. Silverstein has also worked for Pacific Gas & Electric Co., ICF Inc., the Environmental Law Institute, and the U.S. Department of Interior.

She does extensive work on electric transmission issues for the U.S. Department of Energy, including work as lead author for the Department's National Electric Transmission Congestion Study. Silverstein serves as project manager for the North American SynchroPhasor Initiative (a collaboration between NERC, DOE and the electric industry) and recently facilitated the multi-stakeholder Reliability Standards Working Group in Hawaii.

She serves on the Board of Economic and Environmental Systems of the National Research Council and the board of the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians. She is a member emeritus of the GridWise Architecture Council.

Silverstein has a BA in Economics from the Johns Hopkins University, an MSE in Systems Analysis from Johns Hopkins, and an MBA from Stanford University. She lives with her family near Austin, Texas.



RAY BEAVERS

Ray Beavers is the General Manager and CEO of United Cooperative Services, a distribution cooperative headquartered in Cleburne, serving over 75,000 meters and 55,000 members. The cooperative's commitment to Energy Innovation continues to grow stronger, as is demonstrated through an expanded rebate program that paves the way for members to waste less energy. United's Energy Innovation program consists of using conservation, energy efficiency, demand response and distributed resources, involving both the utility and consumers.

One of Mr. Beavers' major roles is maintaining United's voice in industry affairs. His day may take him from an early morning visit with a customer to an employee meeting, from a civic luncheon to the Board Room and then to the airport to travel as the chairperson on a committee for a statewide or national association.

Mr. Beavers has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in economics and business administration from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma. Prior to coming on board with United in 1999, he had 22 years of experience in the electric cooperative industry and is the former CEO of Southwest Rural Electric Cooperative in Tipton, Oklahoma. He also worked for Cotton Electric Cooperative in Walters, Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.



Judge Richard Anderson is a native of Marshall, Texas who has been licensed to practice law in the State courts of Texas, as well as the Federal courts for more than forty years. He is also a businessman, rancher, general counsel for non-profit housing and educational corporations, former three-term Harrison County Judge and former Texas State Senator. He is also a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and active volunteer in his community.

Judge Anderson attended Texas A&M and graduated from Baylor Law School in 1971, at the age of 22. He owns a ranch in Marshall, and he and his wife now live in a restored historic residence that was built in 1845. He supervised restoration of the 1901 Harrison County Courthouse and partnered on renovation of the 1929 eight-story Hotel Marshall.

He became a State Senator in 1986, representing 16 counties, and helped close the then-largest budget deficit in Texas history. Since 1989, he's served as General Counsel for the East Texas and Harrison county Finance Corporations and in 1991 he organized the Northeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation. More than 2000 families in 27 counties have been assisted in purchasing homes. He helped establish a Texas State Technical College campus in Marshall. He was named "East Texas Statesman of the Year" in 2010 by the East Texas Council of Governments, a recognition that honored his transportation and planning work.



William E. "Dub" Taylor is the Director of the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) operated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Under his direction, SECO helps the state make the most of domestic energy, reduce state and local government energy costs and promote cost-effective clean energy technologies. SECO provides technical assistance and training. The Texas LoanSTAR Revolving Loan Program helps finance energy-related cost-reduction retrofits for state, public school district, public college and university and public hospital facilities.

Taylor's experience includes six years with the Texas Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division. Taylor's private sector experience was focused in commercial real estate, property appraisal and property tax consulting.

A native of Dallas and graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Taylor resides in Austin with his wife and two young children. Taylor currently serves on, and is actively involved in a number of clean energy and environmentally-focused national, state and local organizations.



Gary Bristow is Senior Vice President of Estes McClure and Associates, an engineering and consulting firm. He also serves on the Board of Directors. Bristow joined Estes, McClure and Associates, Inc. in 1984 after graduating with a B.S. in Mechanical Agriculture from Texas A&M University.

As Vice President of Consulting, Gary manages the Project Management, Commissioning, Energy Consulting and Master Planning Departments. Gary was elected to the Board of Directors in 2004 and became Senior Vice President four years later. The company teams with architects on design work. They also perform energy audits and recommend low-costs measures to reduce energy consumption, emphasizing solutions that perform well and stand the test of time.

Estes, McClure and Associates, Inc. has provided engineering and consulting services to architects and educational owners for almost 40 years, and is recognized for their experience since they've worked with nearly half of all Texas public school districts, having had over 3,700 school related projects. Their McLennan Community College Science Building is expected to receive a LEED Gold rating.



Darren Schauer is the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative located in South-Central Texas. He began working for GVEC during summer breaks while still in college. Upon graduation, he worked in several positions within the Cooperative prior to being named CEO in 2003.

As part of his responsibilities as CEO, Mr. Schauer also leads the Cooperative's subsidiary companies which consist of an Internet Service Business, Home Appliance Sales and Service Business, and a Development Corporation. He is also President and Chairman of GFS Electric Cooperative, a recently formed energy management cooperative owned by GVEC and one other distribution cooperative in Texas.

Darren Schauer is a graduate of Texas A&M University, holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics, and a graduate of the NRECA management intern program. He is a past Board Chairman of the Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC), Gonzales Learning and Career Center, Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Gonzales Noon Lions Club. He currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Gonzales County Health Foundation (GCHF).