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Dwayne Breger, Ph.D., is the Director for Renewable and Alternative Energy Development at the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

Ryan Chaytors, Director of Development at First Wind, is responsible for managing and supporting all development activities associated with projects located in the Northeast. Specific responsibilities include: coordination of environmental studies, land acquisition, community relations, project permitting, and wind power sales. Mr. Chaytors is also responsible for the development of new business leads; market strategies, and project opportunities. He has been with First Wind for five years and led the development of over 80 MW of wind power capacity.

Berl Hartman is a senior executive and entrepreneur with over 20 years of experience in marketing, business strategy and public relations. Since 2003, she has served as co-founder and Director of the New England chapter of Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) where she directs the group's strategy and outreach. Ms. Hartman was also a founding member of the New England Clean Energy Council (NECEC) and now serves on its Board of Directors and as Co-Chair of the Council's Policy Committee. In 2008, she received the Council's first Clean Energy Leadership Award. Ms. Hartman also serves on the Massachusetts' Climate Protection and Green Economy Advisory Committee, which participates in shaping the state's clean energy and climate policies.

Seth Kaplan is the Vice President for Policy and Climate Advocacy at the Conservation Law Foundation overseeing all work at CLF involving global warming and greenhouse gas emissions. He oversees policy development and advocacy at CLF that ranges from issues regarding public transit expansion, clean renewable energy infrastructure, energy efficiency and regulation of emissions from automobiles as well broader legal advocacy regarding greenhouse gas emissions and energy policy.

His current work focuses on fostering renewable energy, working for climate protection and reducing the environmental impact of fossil fuel power plants and pressing for expanded opportunities for meeting energy needs through energy efficiency. This work has included FERC litigation and extensive participation in ISO New England and New England Power Pool processes as well as deep involvement in permitting of new clean energy projects and engagement in promoting and managing the end of fossil fuel energy based energy generation in New England, in particular creating a Coal Free New England.