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SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS



John Berger, Founder and CEO, Sunnova Energy Corporation

William J. (John) Berger co-founded Sunnova Energy Corp. in 2012 and serves as CEO. He previously was co-founder and CEO of SunCap Financial, a residential solar power service company.

His previous work in renewable energy includes helping start Standard Renewable Energy, a Top 10 installer of renewable energy and energy-efficient products and services for residential, commercial and government customers, co-founding and serving as managing partner for Contango Capital Partners, LP, a venture capital firm focused on renewable energy and energy technology.

He began his career as an analyst for Enron Corp., including serving as director for Enron Energy Services. Berger graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University and earned a MBA from Harvard Business School.



Kenneth M. Mercado, Senior Vice President, CenterPoint Energy

Kenny Mercado is senior vice president of CenterPoint Energy's electric utility business, with financial and operational responsibility of the company's 5,000 square-mile service territory, as well as power delivery to more than 2.4 million homes and businesses in the Houston area.

He previously served as division senior vice president of Grid and Market Operations at CenterPoint, responsible for automating and integrating the company's nearly 53,000 miles of electric transmission and distribution grid to serve the Texas market.

Mercado received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Houston. He also received an executive MBA degree from Texas A&M University.



Jesse Grossman, Co-Founder, Chairman and CEO, Soltage

Jesse Grossman co-founded Soltage in 2006 and serves as chairman and CEO, overseeing the corporate and project finance activities of the firm, as well as sales and acquisition. Prior to co-founding Soltage, he worked in venture development and management, project finance, marketing and resource use strategies in East Africa, Indonesia and the United States.

Grossman has a bachelor's degree in biology from Carleton College and a master's in environmental science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.



SYMPOSIUM MODERATOR

Matt Rogers, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company

Matt Rogers is a senior partner in McKinsey & Company's San Francisco office. He focuses on the role technology and innovation play in restructuring markets, especially in oil, gas, power and other energy and industrial companies. He has spent more than 25 years serving energy and clients globally and currently leads the firm's oil and gas practice in the Americas.

He has written and spoken extensively on oil, gas, power and resource markets around the world. Rogers focuses on North American unconventional resources, restructuring U.S. power markets and how technology is reshaping operational efficiency in oil, gas and power.

Rogers graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University and joined Credit Suisse First Boston as an energy investment banking analyst. He earned an MBA from Yale University.

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