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Sharon Tomkins Vice President of Strategy and Engagement, and Chief Environmental Officer for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)

SoCalGas is a Sempra Energy regulated California utility. She is responsible for environmental services and developing and delivering the information that meets customers' energy needs and supports state environmental and social policy objectives.

Tomkins leads the company's energy policy and strategy, which includes issues management for balanced energy, energy choice, affordability and reliability. Previously, she was SoCalGas' general counsel. Tomkins joined SoCalGas in 2010 as regulatory assistant general counsel. Prior to this, she was a partner at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, where she was a founding member of the firm's Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Practice and represented clients in a variety of litigation, regulatory and appellate proceedings. Tomkins's energy focus began during her representation of various clients, including Sempra Energy, during the California energy crisis. She also developed and taught the law school class, Energy Law, Policy & Climate Change, at UCLA law school. After graduating from law school, Tomkins clerked in the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, for the Honorable Danny J. Boggs.

Tomkins is chair of the board of directors of the California Minority Counsel Program. She also serves on the board of directors of United Way of Greater Los Angeles and Constitutional Rights Foundation, as well as the advisory board of the U.C. Davis Energy Efficiency Institute. She is a member of the University of California, Irvine Chief Executive Roundtable and the Los Angeles County Fair Association.

Tomkins graduated Order of the Coif from the USC Gould School of Law and received her undergraduate degree in English, with High Distinction, from Pennsylvania State University.

Nanette Lockwood, Senior Director of Climate Policy, Ingersoll Rand

In this role, Nanette also leads the company's U.S. and international efforts on refrigerant policies and is actively involved in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and Montreal Protocol processes. She has been with Ingersoll Rand for more than 6 years. Lockwood is a Florida registered professional environmental engineer with bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical and environmental engineering from the University of South Florida. She also holds a Juris Doctorate from Concord Law School and a master's degree in environmental law and policy from Vermont Law School.

Ashley Allen, Sustainability Senior Manager for Climate and Land, Mars, Incorporated

In this role Ashley serves as Mars' subject matter expert on global sustainability issues related to climate change and land use and supports Mars' Sustainable in a Generation Plan. Prior to her position at Mars, Ashley led several climate initiatives at the U.S. State Department, U.S. Agency for International Development, and White House Council for Environmental Quality.

Tod Delaney, PhD, PE, BCEE, President, First Environment

First Environment is a veteran-owned business providing diverse environmental engineering and consulting services. Dr. Delaney has participated actively in the international standards arena for more than two decades, serving as a technical expert and/or international coordinator on the development of standards regarding greenhouse gas verification, life cycle analysis, carbon footprinting, environmental management, and radiative forcing. In his role as Chair of International Organization of Standardization's (ISO's) Climate Change Committee, Dr. Delaney oversees the assessment and development of climate change standards across the globe.

Steve Kukoda, Executive Director, International Copper Association

Steve Kukoda joined the International Copper Association (ICA) in 2004 and is ICA's Vice President. ICA is a not-for-profit trade association that represents the world's copper industry. Steve develops and maintains relationships with organizations external to the copper industry, including governments, intergovernmental organizations, the United Nations, foundations, and more. Steve is also responsible for increasing the association's membership base, which currently represents 55% of world copper output. Steve is a founding Director of the Copper Foundation, an ICA subsidiary organization, with primary focus in the areas of slum and rural electrification and public health. In 2013 ICA joined like-minded organizations, including UNEP and UNDP, to form Unite for Energy. The goals of this public-private partnership are to reduce global electricity consumption by 10 percent and to reduce CO2 emissions equivalent to removing a half-billion cars from the road.

Heather Reams, Executive Director of Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES)

Heather Reams is the Executive Director of Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES) a right-of-center non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. that engages policymakers and the public about responsible, conservative solutions to address our nation's energy, economic, and environmental security while increasing America's competitive edge. Heather leads the talented CRES team and oversees core activities of the organization, ensuring the successful expansion of conservative clean energy policies across the nation. She is a frequent commentator on the politics and policy of clean energy and the environment, and has been featured in *The Hill*, *Washington Examiner*, *Morning Consult*, *Politico*, *Time*, *E&E News*, *Real Clear Energy* and *Utility Dive*, among others. Heather serves as Chair of National Clean Energy Week and is on the board of directors for the American Conservative Coalition.

Heather is a 25-year veteran in strategic communications, public affairs, and advocacy and has held a number of senior nonprofit positions. Prior to her non-profit work, she spent a decade working for DC-based public affairs firms focused on strategic and crisis communications. She started her career as a staffer working for Senator Bob Smith (R-NH) and Congressman Gerald Weller (R-IL11), and as an intern for Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA) while pursuing her degree. A graduate of the University of Washington with a degree in Political Science, Heather is active in Republican local and state affairs in her home state of Virginia.



Jessica Bowman, Executive Director, Plant Based Products Council and Vice President, Advanced Bioproducts, Corn Refiners Association

Jessica Bowman is the Executive Director of the Plant Based Products Council and Vice President of Advanced Bioproducts for the Corn Refiners Association. She was previously employed by the American Chemistry Council where she served as Executive Director of the FluoroCouncil. Prior to that, she was Senior Director of Environmental Affairs at Airports Council International-North America. Jessica earned her juris doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree in GeoEnvironmental Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University.