



## CONSENT-BASED SITING PUBLIC MEETING

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 21, 2016

### Speakers and Panelists

#### **Shelley Buck, President, Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Council**



President Shelley Buck is serving her third term on Prairie Island Tribal Council. Prior to being elected Tribal Council President for the 2016-2017 term, Buck held other positions within the Prairie Island Indian Community government, such as the Tribal Council Secretary, enrollment clerk in the Prairie Island Enrollment Office and Tribal Lobbyist. She has also served on the Pow Wow, Constitution Revision and Enrollment Committees.

Buck has a bachelor's degree in business accounting from Indiana University and master's degree in Sports Management from Concordia University. She is currently serving as a board member of the Twins Community Fund and has also served as a board member of the Native Vote Alliance of Minnesota.

A native of Indiana, Buck has lived on Prairie Island for ten years and has two daughters – Kachina and Sage. In her spare time, Buck enjoys playing and watching sports, helping out at the community schools and hanging out with her daughters.

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#### **Andrew Griffith, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fuel Cycle Technologies**



Andrew Griffith was selected as the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fuel Cycle Technologies for the Office of Nuclear Energy in July 2014. As the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fuel Cycle Technologies, Mr. Griffith leads the research and development activities supporting sustainable fuel cycle options for the United States. These technologies include advanced fuels, separations and waste forms, used nuclear fuel storage, transportation, and disposal, and fuel cycle safeguards and security within the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Nuclear Energy.

Since 1990, Mr. Griffith has served in various leadership positions supporting the improvement of nuclear waste management operations and experimental capabilities in both the Office of Nuclear Energy and the DOE Office of Environmental Management. During his time with DOE, he has focused on advanced fuel cycle research, nuclear material stabilization, and used nuclear fuel and high-level waste management.

Before joining DOE, Mr. Griffith served in the U.S. nuclear submarine force and continued serving in the Naval Reserve after joining DOE. He retired from the Navy Reserve as a Captain in 2009.

Mr. Griffith holds a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Science in Technology Management from the University of Maryland University College.

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#### **John Kotek, Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy**



John Kotek currently serves as Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Office is responsible for conducting research on current and future nuclear energy systems, maintaining the government's nuclear energy research infrastructure, establishing a path forward for the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive nuclear waste management program, and a host of other national priorities.

Prior to his appointment as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, John was the Managing Partner of the Boise office of Gallatin Public Affairs, a public affairs and strategic communications consulting company. John advised energy, natural resources and other clients facing complex communication and government relations challenges.

From 2010-2012, John served as Staff Director to the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, which recommended a new strategy for managing nuclear waste in the United States. John led the development of the Commission's final report to the Secretary of Energy, engaged in regular communications with Congressional and White House staff, and served as media spokesperson.

From 2003-2006, John was Deputy Manager of DOE's Idaho Operations Office. In that role he was responsible for development and management of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) contract and interface with the INL cleanup effort. Before joining DOE in July 2003, John worked for Argonne National Laboratory as the Generation IV and Nuclear-Hydrogen Programs Manager. He directed Argonne's participation in the Generation IV technology roadmapping project, an international effort focused on evaluating and developing the next-generation of nuclear energy systems. In 2002, John was the American Nuclear Society's Glenn T. Seaborg Congressional Fellow. John served in the Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

John started his career with DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. He held several positions during his nine years with DOE-NE, including Associate Director for Technology, Associate Director for Management and Administration, and Chief of Staff.

John holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland.

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**Rod McCullum, Senior Director, Used Fuel and Decommissioning,  
Nuclear Energy Institute**



Rod McCullum has been working on regulatory issues at the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) since 1998. He has 30 years of nuclear engineering, licensing, management and regulatory policy experience. Currently, at NEI, he leads industry technical and regulatory efforts to improve used fuel and decommissioning management systems. He held prior positions in Government (with the Department of Energy) and Industry (at three commercial nuclear power plants). He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering (University of Cincinnati, 1985) and a Master of Business Administration degree (Lewis University, 2000).

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#### Doug Scott, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives Great Plains Institute



Doug Scott joined Great Plains Institute (GPI) as Vice President of Strategic Initiatives in early 2015. Scott will initially focus on existing GPI projects in which he participated as a state official, including the Midwestern Power Sector Collaborative and the National Enhanced Oil Recovery Initiative. He will also incorporate additional GPI work on utility regulatory reform and other areas in the coming months.

Scott was appointed chair of the Illinois Commerce Commission in March 2011 by then Illinois Governor Pat Quinn. During his tenure with the Commission, he served as a member of the Energy, Resources and Environment Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and of the Task Force on Environmental Regulation.

Scott also previously served as director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency from 2005 to 2011. During those years he chaired the Illinois Governor's Climate Change Advisory Committee and represented Illinois in the development of the Midwestern Governors' Association's energy and climate accords. Scott was a member of the Air Committee for the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) and the US EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board. He was also elected and served as Mayor of Rockford, IL from 2001 to 2005, after serving as a state representative in the Illinois General Assembly between 1995 and 2001.

A native of Rockford, Scott received his undergraduate degree with honors from the University of Tulsa in 1982 and a Juris Doctorate with honors from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI in 1985.

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**Kathryn Shaver, Vice-President, Adaptive Phased Management Engagement and Site Selection, Nuclear Waste Management Organization - CANADA**



Ms. Shaver oversees the site selection process for Canada's deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel. Ms. Shaver joined the NWMO upon its establishment in 2002 as Executive Director. She supported the three-year national dialogue and study of alternative management approaches and the development of the Adaptive Phased Management (APM) program subsequently approved by the Government of Canada in 2007.

Prior to joining the NWMO, Ms. Shaver held positions with Ontario Power Generation and with the Government of Ontario in sustainable development, energy and finance portfolios. Ms. Shaver has an M.A (Economics) from Queen's University in Kingston, Canada.

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#### **John Tuma, Commissioner, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**



John Tuma was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission by Governor Mark Dayton, effective February 2, 2015. Commissioner Tuma is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). He serves on the NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure and the NARUC subcommittee on Nuclear Issues Waste Disposal. He is also a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference.

Prior to his appointment Commissioner Tuma had decades of experience working on energy and conservation policy issues for a variety of nongovernmental organizations. He most recently served as a Government Relations Associate with Conservation Minnesota. He helped lead efforts to pass key energy legislation, including Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard – which garnered broad bipartisan support. He also served many other clients previously as a legislative policy liaison, most notably the Minnesota Inter-County Association covering areas of public safety and corrections.

Commissioner Tuma served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1995 to 2002, representing parts of Rice, Le Sueur, Scott, and Dakota counties. During his time in the House, he served as Chair of the Crime Prevention Committee and as Vice Chair of the Local Government Committee. While in the Legislature, Tuma was an active member of Judiciary Finance, Higher Education Finance, and Environment Policy committees. Mr. Tuma was awarded Legislator of the Year by ARC of Minnesota, the state's largest disability organization; PACER, an organization defending the rights of the disabled in education; the Minnesota League of Conservation Voters; and the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW.

Commissioner Tuma has practiced law in Northfield, Minnesota in the areas of workers' compensation, criminal law, real estate, business organization and litigation, special education law, and personal injury litigation. He was Managing Attorney for Tuma and Thompson LLC from 1994 to 2001 in partnership with Minnesota Senator Dave Thompson.

Commissioner Tuma is married to Wendy Tuma, lives in Northfield, and has two adult children, Cal and Molly. He earned his B.A. from University of Minnesota, Mankato, and his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.

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