

## STEVE SWEENEY CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY

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## Energy CEOs, BPU President headline October 23 Rowan University Conference on "The Future of Nuclear, Hydrogen and Emerging Energy Technologies in NJ"

Sweeney Center energy conference comes in the wake of President Biden's award of \$750 million Hydrogen Hub grant to South Jersey, southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware region

**GLASSBORO** – Leading New Jersey energy CEOs and the new Board of Public Utilities president will be among the featured panelists at the Sweeney Center for Public Policy's second energy conference, "The Road to Zero Emissions: The Future of Nuclear, Hydrogen and Emerging Energy Technologies in New Jersey." at Rowan University's Chamberlain Student Center on Monday, October 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"President Biden's announcement of a \$750 million grant for our region's Hydrogen Hub cements South Jersey more than ever as the epicenter for alternative energy," said Steve Sweeney, the center's advisory board chair. "I'm pleased that the Sweeney Center is focusing so heavily on energy issues. The challenge for us is to develop a pragmatic long-term approach to energy policy that develops a diverse green energy portfolio that cuts greenhouse emissions while ensuring affordability and reliability for customers."

The October 23 conference is free of charge and includes breakfast and lunch. For in-person or virtual attendance, please register at go.rowan.edu/NuclearHydrogenfuture.

## Speakers and panelists include:

- Christine Guhl-Sadovy, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- Ralph LaRossa, President and CEO of PSEG
- Michael Renna, President and CEO of South Jersey Industries
- Stephen Westhoven, President and CEO of New Jersey Resources
- Collin O'Mara, Chair of Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2)
- Sean Moriarty, Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- Giuseppe Raffaele Palmese, Ph.D., Dean, Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering, Rowan University
- Myron Kaczmarsky, Vice President of Holtec Government Services

- Ed Potosnak, Executive Director of the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
- Janna Chernetz, Senior Director of Global Government Affairs, Amogy, Inc.
- Eddie Guerra, Ph.D., Associate Dean, School of Earth and Environment, Rowan University

Rowan University Provost Anthony Lowman, whose Ph.D. is in chemical engineering, and Christina Renna, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey, are serving as panel moderators.

"We are pleased to offer a conference that looks forward on the technologies that will shape New Jersey's energy future," said Sweeney Center Director Mark Magyar. "South Jersey Industries and New Jersey Resources are taking lead roles in the development of hydrogen, and PSEG's Salem nuclear plants provide more than 40 percent of the state's electricity. The BPU and the DEP are in the forefront of the Murphy Administration's efforts to move New Jersey toward zero emissions and released an important report on hydrogen and fuel cell technology last month."

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