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**Thomas P. Kimbis** is the interim president of the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA). In addition to serving as interim president, Mr. Kimbis leads the development of strategy to promote solar energy across the U.S. and provides legal services to SEIA as general counsel. Mr. Kimbis has been working in renewable energy since 2000, when he began supporting research, analysis, legislative, and planning efforts across all energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). In 2005, he created the Market Transformation effort within the Solar Energy Technologies Program at DOE to help technologies cross the chasm from R&D to commercialization. He served as Director of Market Transformation through 2009, when he began service as Acting Program Manager, managing the entire $170 million solar energy program of the United States. While at DOE, Mr. Kimbis was a founder of the Solar America Initiative. He led the creation of the Solar America Cities program, a DOE partnership with U.S. cities to develop innovative methods for the adoption of solar energy technologies. Mr. Kimbis served for six years as chairman of The Solar Foundation.
Marina Lao has been the director of the Office of Policy Planning at the Federal Trade Commission since February 2015. She is on leave from Seton Hall University School of Law, where she is a professor of law. Professor Lao joined the Seton Hall law faculty in 1994 after over a decade of practice experience in government and in the private sector. Her scholarly work focuses on various aspects of antitrust enforcement. She has provided invited testimony to the House Judiciary Committee, and presented at workshops sponsored by the FTC and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She was a member of the Advisory Board of the American Antitrust Institute, and was Chair of the Section of Antitrust and Economic Regulation of the Association of American Law Schools. In 2007, Professor Lao received a Fulbright Fellowship to the University of Munich and the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law in Munich, where she taught U.S. Antitrust Law. Professor Lao began her legal career with the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, as a trial attorney under the Honors Program.

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Diana L. Moss became the president of the American Antitrust Institute in January 2015. An economist, Dr. Moss has developed and expanded AAI’s advocacy channels and strategies, and strengthened communications with enforcers, Congress, other advocacy groups, and the media. Her work spans both antitrust and regulation, with industry expertise in electricity, petroleum, agriculture, airlines, telecommunications, and healthcare. Before joining AAI in 2001, Dr. Moss was at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where she coordinated the agency’s competition analysis for electricity mergers. From 1989 to 1994, she consulted in private practice in the areas of regulation and antitrust. Dr. Moss has spoken widely on various topics involving competition policy and enforcement, testified before Congress, appeared before state and federal regulatory commissions, and made numerous radio and television appearances. She is editor of Network Access, Regulation and Antitrust (2005). Dr. Moss is adjunct faculty in the Department of Economics at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She holds an MA degree from the University of Denver and a PhD from the Colorado School of Mines.
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Ellen Nowak was first appointed to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission in July 2011 by Governor Scott Walker. She was reconfirmed for a new, six-year term beginning on March 1, 2013. Commissioner Nowak was named chairperson of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in March of 2015. She serves on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Her duties at NARUC also include serving on the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation. Commissioner Nowak also serves on the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors for the Electric Power Research Institute, the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities and the Advisory Committee for the Critical Consumers Issues Forum. Prior to her appointment, she served as the chief of staff to Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas. From 2002-2006, she served as legal counsel and subsequent chief of staff to the Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly. From 1998-2002, Commissioner Nowak practiced business litigation at Mallery & Zimmerman SC in Milwaukee. Commissioner Nowak has a law degree from Marquette University and a bachelor of science from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

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**Edith Ramirez** was sworn in as a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission in April 2010 and became Chairwoman of the FTC in March 2013. At the FTC, Chairwoman Ramirez has focused on promoting competition and innovation in the technology and healthcare sectors, protecting consumers from deceptive and unfair practices, and safeguarding consumer privacy. Before joining the FTC, Chairwoman Ramirez was a partner in the Los Angeles office of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, where she litigated complex business disputes, including intellectual property, antitrust, unfair competition, and advertising matters. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School, where she was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, and Harvard College.

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**John H. Seesel** has been the FTC’s associate general counsel for energy since December 2004. Mr. Seesel joined the Commission's staff in 1975 as an attorney in the Bureau of Competition. From 1977 through 1993, he occupied positions in Bureau of Competition management, including executive assistant to the bureau director and deputy assistant director of a merger litigation division. He then served as an attorney advisor to Commissioner Roscoe B. Starek, III, and to Commissioner Orson Swindle from 1993 to 2004. Mr. Seesel is a graduate of Harvard College and of the School of Law (Boalt Hall) at the University of California at Berkeley. He was a deputy attorney general for the State of California and a law clerk to the Chief Justice of California before joining the FTC staff.

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