

## NCC Member Focus

**Shannon Maher Banaga is a new member of the NCC 2017 Executive Committee. Shannon was appointed to serve on the National Coal Council in 2015 and has been an invaluable resource on federal energy policy. Shannon's legal and government affairs expertise are a tremendous asset for the NCC. Thank you for your service, Shannon!**

Shannon Maher Bañaga joined TECO Energy as Director of Federal Affairs in December 2014. In this role, she oversees the operations of the company's federal government affairs strategy in Washington, D.C. Her areas of expertise include environmental and energy policy, regulatory matters involving federal environmental and energy agencies, legislative relations and more.

Immediately prior to joining TECO Energy, Shannon worked for the Public Service Enterprise Group as Senior Manager of Public Policy and Governmental Affairs, where she was responsible for advancing PSEG's environmental leadership and coordinating interaction with key Washington environmental stakeholders and agencies. Among her notable activities with PSEG, she testified before the Environmental Protection Agency and participated in high-level federal policy and administrative meetings on key environmental issues.

Preceding PSEG, Shannon was the Senior Energy Associate for Husch Blackwell LLP, where she represented energy companies and state commissions in complaints, protests and rulemaking proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and other federal agencies. She also prepared corporate compliance programs, conducted training for energy traders, negotiated settlements and defended natural gas marketing companies subject to FERC enforcement proceedings. Before private practice, Shannon was an enforcement attorney with FERC, where she investigated violations of the Federal Power Act, Natural Gas Act, Natural Gas Policy Act and the Commission's regulations.

Shannon earned her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies at Florida State University, after which she received her Master of Science in Environmental Law at Vermont Law School, followed by her Juris Doctor at the same school. She subsequently worked at the U.S. Department of Energy on environmental and nuclear matters; the Safe Energy Communication Council on energy efficiency initiatives; and Wilson & White, P.C. in Montpelier, Vermont as a legislative intern.

Shannon is a member of the State of Connecticut and the District of Columbia Bars. She has also served in various leadership positions with the Energy Bar Association and works with the Women's Council on Energy and the Environment.



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Tampa Electric operates the Big Bend Power Station based in Tampa, FL, a coal-based facility with natural gas peaking capacity. The company also operates the Polk Power Station, the largest unit at which operates with coal-gasification technology.

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