Speaker Bios for September 9, 2020 Electrification Stakeholder Event: Electrification Around the U.S.

Ana Sophia Mifsud – Senior Associate, Building Electrification, Rocky Mountain Institute

Ana Sophia is a Senior Associate within the Rocky Mountain Institute's (RMI) Building Electrification team where she engages with policymakers, NGOs, utilities, and other stakeholders in Central US states and cities to electrify heating, hot water, and cooking to reduce fossil fuel combustion in buildings. In this role, she supports partners advocating for policy changes to enable building electrification at scale by providing analysis and disseminating facts around the economic, carbon, health, and air quality benefits of moving to an all-electric future. Previously at RMI, Ana Sophia worked on the Islands Energy Program to reduce the dependence on costly fossil fuels in Caribbean islands. Ana Sophia has a bachelor's degree in environmental systems engineering from Stanford University and was named to Forbes' 30 under 30 in Energy.

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Samantha is a Senior Policy and Research Associate at NEEP and supports NEEP's public policy tracking and analysis, and assists on NEEP regional projects to advance energy efficiency by tracking and analyzing policy trends in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region, providing technical assistance to state and local governments, researching and preparing topical reports (e.g., the Building Decarbonization Public Policy Framework), and supporting stakeholder engagement to advance new best practices (e.g., NEEP's Home Energy Labeling Information Exchange). Samantha holds a BA in Global Environmental Studies and Spanish, and an MS in Environmental Science and Policy, from Clark University.

Jessica Allison – Senior Policy Analyst, California Public Utilities Commission

Jessica Allison is a senior Energy Policy Analyst at the California Public Utilities Commission. In her current role with Energy Division, Jessica is the energy efficiency cost effectiveness lead and fuel substitution lead. Jessica worked on the 2019 Fuel Substitution Decision and is involved with ongoing cost effectiveness reform at the Commission. Previously, Jessica worked for the California Public Advocates where she represented ratepayer interests in water utility rate cases and reviewed conservation and low-income program offerings. Jessica received an MBA and MPP from Mills College and studied law as an undergraduate at the University of California, Santa Cruz.