

EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY

David Olsen

California ISO Board of Governors

Gov. Gavin Newsom reappointed David Olsen to the California Independent System Operator (ISO) Board of Governors in January 2019, to a term that expires December 31, 2021. He was confirmed by the California Senate Rules Committee on August 28, 2019. Mr. Olsen, of Ventura, was first appointed in April 2012.

Mr. Olsen served as Managing Director of Western Grid Group (2003-2013), an organization of former western state energy officials advocating grid modernization, transition to a clean energy economy and creation of an Energy Imbalance Market in the western U.S. He organized and led California's Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (2007-2010), and served as coordinator of the Tehachapi Collaborative Study Group (2005-2007), and of the Imperial Valley Study Group (2004-2005).

In 2000-2001, he led creation of the California Climate Action Registry, the first state registry of greenhouse gases and foundation for The Climate Registry that now includes 31 states. As a business leader, he helped pioneer the clean energy industry in the US and led development of wind, solar, hydro and geothermal power projects in more than 20 countries, as President of Clipper Windpower Development Company (2001- 2003), Founder and President of Peak Power Corporation (1988-1995), Vice President of Magma Power (1993-1995), and President/CEO of Northern Power Systems (1984-1988).

As President/CEO of Patagonia Inc. (1996-1999), he led the company to track and reduce its carbon emissions and to become the first US corporation to get its electricity from wind and solar power.