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# **BRITE Energy Innovators Appoints Three New Board Members, Strengthening Its National Leadership in the Advanced Energy Sector**

New members bring deep expertise in federal energy policy, public-private partnerships, and technology commercialization.

**WARREN, OH** – BRITE Energy Innovators (BRITE), Ohio's only energy technology incubator, continues to expand its national influence in the advanced energy economy. As the organization accelerates the commercialization of cutting-edge energy technologies and fuels regional economic growth, BRITE is proud to announce the appointment of three distinguished leaders to its Board of Directors.

"As BRITE takes on a more prominent national role, we felt it was incredibly important to bring nationally respected voices to our Board of Directors here in Warren, Ohio," said Rick Stockburger, President & CEO. "We have an unprecedented opportunity to commercialize earlystage energy technologies. To succeed, we need expertise in commercialization from the private sector, public sector, and policy arena to create good-paying jobs, drive economic prosperity, and accelerate the advanced energy economy."

The new members officially began their three-year terms on January 1, 2025, and are eligible to serve up to two consecutive terms. BRITE's newest Board Members are:

- Irina Filippova, Chief Operating Officer, Electrada [LinkedIn]
- Jeremy Harrell, Chief Executive Officer, ClearPath [LinkedIn]
- **Jetta Wong**, President, JLW Advising; Former Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy at US General Services Administration [LinkedIn]

The appointments reflect BRITE's growing national impact and its commitment to building a dynamic, forward-thinking board that can support its expanding mission.



In addition to the new board appointments, BRITE is pleased to welcome Patricia Grospiron as Vice Chair of the Board, effective in 2025. Grospiron currently serves as Executive Director of The Builder Platform at The Engine, an MIT spinout focused on transforming tough tech innovations into scalable solutions. She brings a wealth of experience in startup strategy and innovation leadership to her new role on BRITE's Executive Committee.

"The board and I are excited to welcome these new members," said Michael Stacey, Managing Director at KPMG US and returning BRITE Board Chair for 2025. "Their insight and leadership will be invaluable as we continue to grow BRITE's national presence and support energy innovators."

In 2023 alone, BRITE-supported companies generated over \$236 million in economic impact. As a non-profit incubator and accelerator, BRITE supports more than 150 advanced energy startups through a range of services—from mentorship and access to capital to technical support and commercialization expertise. Signature programs include CXO Services, offering fractional executive leadership for growth-stage companies, and BRITEnetwork, a free membership network connecting energy stakeholders with monthly DOE briefings and innovation-focused webinars.

To learn more about BRITE and its mission to accelerate the advanced energy economy, visit www.brite.org.

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### ABOUT BRITE:

BRITE Energy Innovators is accelerating the advanced energy economy. Founded as a 501c3 nonprofit in 2010 to serve Northeast Ohio, BRITE has since expanded its footprint to serve advanced energy technology startups across the state. In 2023 alone, BRITE companies generated \$236 million in economic output, created over 1,400 jobs, and contributed \$25M in federal taxes and \$10M in State and Local taxes. To date, BRITE has supported over 650 advanced energy companies, helping create 2,100+ jobs and attracting \$350M in third-party investment.

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