

Roy Thilly

Roy Thilly was elected to the NERC Board of Trustees in February 2011. He served as vice chair and chair-elect in 2016 and as chair from 2017 to February 2021. Mr. Thilly serves on serves the Compliance, Corporate Governance and Human Resources, Enterprise-wide Risk, and Nominating Committees. Mr. Thilly also serves as the liaison to the Reliability and Security Technical Committee.

Mr. Thilly served as president and CEO with WPPI Energy from January 1, 1992, to January 31, 2011. WPPI Energy is a bulk power utility with 51 municipal utility member systems located in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Michigan. He also served from 2001 through 2010 on the Board of Directors of the American Transmission Company.

Before joining WPPI Energy, Mr. Thilly was a partner in the Madison law firm of Boardman, Suhr, Curry, and Field, where he represented municipal utilities from several states and other clients before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and in power supply negotiations and general litigation.

Mr. Thilly has been active on national and state electric issues for many years. He previously served on NERC's Board from 1991–2002. From 2011 to 2013, he chaired the Stakeholder Steering Committee of the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy, helping to oversee the development of an interconnection-wide transmission planning process. In 2014, the secretary of energy appointed Mr. Thilly to the Department of Energy's Electric Advisory Committee.

Mr. Thilly is a past president of the American Public Power Association and of the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP) and a past member of the Board of Directors of the Midwest Reliability Organization. From 1992 through 2010, he served as chair of the Transmission Access Policy Study Group (TAPS), a national organization of transmission-dependent utilities that promotes equal access and competition in electricity at wholesale.

On the state level, he served as co-chair of the Wisconsin Governor's Task Force on Global Warming in 2007 and 2008. In 2004, he served on the Governor's Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Renewables. He is past chair of Gathering Waters Conservancy, Wisconsin's alliance of land trusts, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Door County Land Trust and chair of its endowment.

A native of New York, Mr. Thilly completed his bachelor's degree in English at Columbia University in 1968. For the following three years, he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines. Mr. Thilly graduated magna cum laude from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1974.