



Rising Powerhouses

A "powerhouse" is someone with great power, is a source of influence or inspiration, and has great drive, energy, or ability.

Nominees include women who have shown remarkable commitment and work ethic, aspire to do big things, and are believed will benefit from recognition so that their talents are more broadly known.



Glory Adepetu

Director, Corporate Strategy

The AES Corporation

Glory is an energy professional who loves to solve complex problems by creating an environment where highly collaborative business solutions can be realized. She has been on the Women IN Energy conference planning committee for years and has enjoyed contributing an energetic day each year.

Glory entered the energy industry as an intern at MISO in 2008 and began working as an electrical engineer at Indianapolis Power & Light, now AES Indiana. Halfway into her time with AES, she transitioned to the AES Corporation to focus on technology. At AES, Glory helps to accelerate the future of energy by leading strategy development and tactical execution of the digital initiatives that are part of the Smart Grid digital transformation roadmap. She enjoys improving on the solutions of yesterday, transformation, and innovation! She was recently promoted from Program Manager to Director of corporate strategy.

Glory received her BS in electrical engineering at IUPUI, where she was involved in the Society of Women Engineers and the African Students Association. She is now pursuing her MBA at the Kelley School of Business in Indianapolis.



Danielle Breaud
Asset Team Lead
Entergy Little Gypsy Plant

Danielle graduated from Loyola University with a bachelor's in chemistry and completed ancillary coursework at Tulane University in chemical engineering. Due to the vast industry in the area, there were many options post-graduation for a chemist, but with two fierce female family members working for her local utility company, it was a dream and a pleasure to begin her career there in 2008 as a chemistry technician at RiverBend Nuclear Station. With no prior experience, Danielle completed qualifications ahead of other experienced classmates (and ahead of the norm in general) and worked as a nuclear chemist for three years before being promoted as chemistry specialist at Waterford 3 Nuclear Station. There, Danielle oversaw the Radioactive Effluents control program, Environmental Monitoring Program, Groundwater Monitoring Program, Lab QA/QC, and other specialties for eight years.

After hearing about a new, local, and efficient combined cycle plant, Danielle realized how efficient and effective a power generation plant was, so in 2020, she moved over to Power Gen where she is currently the Balance of Plant Team Leader for the Little Gypsy plant. In this role, Danielle performs project management, outyear planning, asset management, operations hiring and oversight, and fills in any other gaps as needed. Danielle is currently filling a temporary role as plant manager and has been a participant of numerous initiatives and teams surrounding business initiatives, organizational health, training, and operational goals.



Annette Brocks
Manager, Resource Planning
ACES

Annette (Nette) Brocks is a manager of resource planning at ACES. Nette works with a fast-growing team to analyze current market conditions, techno-economic forecasts, and regulatory developments to model long-range integrated resource plans for utilities across the United States. An enthusiastic public speaker, Nette translates innovative quantitative analysis into understandable insights for board members and general audiences alike. Prior to her years in resource planning, Nette helped members and customers understand the influence of policy and preferences on electricity markets, including how electric cooperatives can disclose and integrate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics into strategy and risk management practices to generate value for stakeholders.

Prior to joining ACES, Nette earned her Master of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where she studied electricity market design and the integration of new technologies. Previous research centered on understanding developments in the New York markets for the New York Independent System Operator, the Empire Center for Public Policy, and the University of Delaware's Center for Energy and Environmental Policy. Nette was a Distinguished Eugene du Pont Memorial Scholar at UD's Honors Program, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree with distinction in chemistry.



Jessica Franklin
Team Leader,
System Operations
AES Indiana

Jessica Franklin started working in the energy industry as an intern in 2009 for Indianapolis Power and Light Company, now AES Indiana. With her foot in the door, she has been with the company ever since. Jessica's AES experience includes standards and code compliance, asset management, and transmission operations. In her current role as system operations team leader, she maintains responsibility for the safe and reliable operation of the AES Indiana transmission system, overseeing substation inspectors, switch persons, power quality and line patrol.

Jessica served in the US Army Reserves and the US Air Force Reserves. She received her BS in mechanical engineering from the Purdue School of Engineering and has an associate degree in mathematics. Jessica resides in Greenwood, IN, and was certified as a reliability coordinator in 2019.



Sarah Oblon
Associate Director of
Development
EDP Renewables
North America

Sarah is passionate to create an ecologically responsible, sustainable, reliable energy future for all humans. Sarah taught Earth Science, Chemistry and Physics in Malawi, Africa and Houston, Texas for four years. Using and generating electricity in a thoughtful and sustainable way became Sarah's motivation to join EDP Renewables over fifteen years ago. She has supported the development, construction, and operations of utility size wind farms, solar parks, and battery storage projects throughout North America. Sarah is also a proud mom of two fascinating girls aged 9 and 11. She is so very grateful for all the amazing people she has worked with and for all the projects leading towards a more sustainable energy future globally. Sarah also cofounded and served as Vice President of the Indy Pickleball Club, because pickleball is the best sport ever!



Christina Owens

Manager, Portfolio Modeling

ACES

Christina Owens is the Manager of Portfolio Modeling at ACES. Christina manages a team of quantitative analysts who are focused on providing medium to long-term analyses of risks in energy portfolios. Ms. Owens joined ACES in 2012 as a Settlements Analyst and then moved to the position of a Quantitative Analyst in 2015 before assuming the management of the group in 2021.

As a Quantitative Analyst, Christina worked with energy portfolios of Members and Customers in MISO, PJM, and some bilateral markets, estimating their medium to long-term economic risks associated with serving load. Christina was responsible for running a probabilistic model, which estimates cost to serve and the risk in portfolios, conducting long-term asset valuations, evaluating, and providing inputs for hedge policies, and providing analytical support to strategic projects such as analyzing the impacts of mergers.



Jenna Percy

Director, Process & Productivity

Duke Energy

Jenna started her career in Public Accounting as an Auditor. From there, she transitioned into the energy industry as a part of the Corporate Audit Services team at Duke Energy at their headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina. During her time in audit, she worked on process and financial audits across the Duke Energy Enterprise, including Nuclear, Fossil/Hydro, Corporate Functions, Transmission & Distribution. After her time in Corporate Audit, she moved to Indiana with a job in operations for Customer Delivery. Since then, she's held several roles in Project Management, most notably her roles around the TDSIC program regulatory reporting and plan execution. Simultaneously, she achieved her MBA from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. Her current role is Director of Process & Productivity for Midwest Customer Delivery where she manages a team of internal consultants that use data and operational analysis to improve processes across the region. Jenna is a Certified Public Accountant and a Project Management Professional. She has two children, Ben (8) & Kayla (6), and resides in Westfield. In her free time, Jenna enjoys anything outdoors and you can usually find her hiking with her kids or sitting fireside.



Melanie Raney
Commercial Manager
AES Indiana

Melanie currently serves as a Commercial Manager for AES Indiana. She is responsible for AES Indiana's All Source Generation Resource Requests for Proposals. She is thoroughly enjoying helping AES Indiana make the transition to a cleaner, more efficient, and cost-effective energy future for Central Indiana residents. Prior to this role, Melanie served as the Supply Chain Manager for US Utilities where she led a team accountable for strategic and tactical sourcing initiatives, procurement, Supplier Diversity, and contract management and administration.

Prior to serving at the AES Corporation, she worked at AEP's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant as a Nuclear Engineer, Procurement Engineer, and Senior Nuclear Project Manager. Melanie received her Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Brigham Young – Idaho and is working on her MBA now in the Evening MBA program at the Kelley School of Business. Additionally, Melanie serves as Vice Chair of the Central Indiana Women's Business Center and is a committee member on the Supplier Diversity & Development Committee of the Indiana Energy Association. Melanie and her husband live in Fishers with their two boys. Melanie loves to learn, cook, practice yoga, play sports and board games with her boys and golf.



Leah Smith
Vice President, External Affairs
ACES

Leah Smith is Vice President of External Affairs at ACES in Carmel, Indiana. Leah joined ACES in March 2000 as an Administrative Assistant supporting the marketing team. Leah transitioned to Manager of External Affairs in 2013 and has led and developed that team for more than 10 years. The External Affairs team performs several functions, including ensuring the company's work product distributed to its clients is high quality and professional, maintaining ACES' public website and social media accounts, developing ACES' annual report, developing the company's newsletters and press releases, among other functions. Leah also leads ACES' strategic planning function and works with the company's leadership team to identify topics and issues to be addressed at the Board of Directors' quarterly meetings, as well as the Board's various Committees.



Theresa Young
Chief Operating Officer
Wabash Valley Power Alliance

Theresa graduated from the University of Indianapolis with a bachelor's degree in accounting and has many years of experience working for utility companies including Cinergy and Vectren Corporation. Starting in 2003, she's worked for Wabash Valley Power as Controller, and is responsible for all accounting, internal & external reporting, and budgeting & forecasting functions. In 2016, she was named as Vice President of Financial Services and became responsible for overseeing corporate records. In addition, Theresa interfaces with the Board Audit Committee, ensuring that Wabash Valley Power's financial disclosures and regulatory compliance remain transparent and timely. In 2018, she was promoted to Chief Financial Officer.

Since Wabash Valley Power jointly owns several of our traditional power plants and our joint transmission system with other regional utilities, Theresa serves on numerous committees working together with our partners to discuss and understand financial issues that impact our jointly owned assets.

As someone who appreciates working on a small, tight-knit team, Theresa understands the importance of helping to create an inclusive environment at work. One of her favorite things about working at Wabash Valley Power is how the culture of the company encourages sharing new ideas to continually improve. It's that type of collaborative approach that Theresa believes has been key to Wabash Valley Power's success in recent years.

Now that Theresa's kids are off on their own, she and her husband are using their free time to relax and travel. She is an avid reader and enjoys scrapbooking and other crafts.