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Karl R. Rábago is vice president for distributed energy services with Austin Energy, the municipal electric utility for the City of Austin. At Austin Energy, Karl leads the utility's energy efficiency, green building, market research, key accounts, and advanced transportation groups. He also oversees the Austin Climate Protection Program team and serves as Austin Energy's executive sponsor to the Pecan Street Project smart grid demonstration project. He has some 20 years experience in electricity policy and regulation, emerging energy markets development, clean energy technology development, and the implementation of sustainability principles.

His past positions include: Deputy Assistant Secretary at the US Department of Energy; Commissioner, Texas Public Utility Commission; Sustainability Leader with NatureWorks, LLC; and Managing Director & Principal, Rocky Mountain Institute. Karl chairs the board for the Center for Resource Solutions and helped create the "Green-e" Certification program for renewable energy products. He is a member of Pedernales Electric Coop's member advisory committee, an officer of the Renewable Energy Markets Association (REMA), and an advisor to the Texas Interfaith Power & Light project.

A graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Management, Mr. Rábago is an attorney (University of Texas Law School, J.D. with Honors) with post-doctorate degrees in environmental (LL.M., Pace University School of Law) and military law (LL.M., US Army Judge Advocate General's School). A veteran of more than 12 years in the US Army, he served as an Armored Cavalry officer and member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and is Airborne and Ranger qualified. Married for more than 30 years to his wife Pam, Karl is the proud father of three grown children and grandfather of Avery Victoria Rábago.