

## **Paul Gromer**

Paul Gromer is Governmental and Regulatory Advisor to EnergyClimate Solutions. He is President of Peregrine Energy Group, a strategic and regulatory consulting firm that he founded in 1992. In addition to his overall management responsibilities, Mr. Gromer leads the development and delivery of Peregrine's Energy Insight software offering. This web-based service enables colleges and universities, governments, and private companies to understand, track, and reduce their energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. Peregrine is tracking and reporting energy use and emissions for hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of buildings across the Northeast.

As a long-time energy leader in Massachusetts and New England for years, Mr. Gromer has helped to shape the policies and regulations that govern energy efficiency, renewable energy, on-site generation, and competitive electricity and gas markets. He has been appointed to numerous boards and advisory commissions, including the Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council, which is helping to plan a \$750 million utility investment in energy efficiency; the Connecticut Solar Advisory Council, which developed that state's long-term solar strategy, and the Massachusetts Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Electric Competition, which developed the framework for electric competition in that state. He co-founded two organizations dedicated to advancing energy efficiency and renewable energy: the Northeast Energy Efficiency Council and the Solar Energy Business Association of New England, in which he continues to be active. He has represented clients in regulatory proceedings in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.

Before founding Peregrine, Mr. Gromer served as the Massachusetts Commissioner of Energy Resources and as Chairman of the Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Council. In those roles, he was responsible for developing state energy policy, managing state energy programs, and reviewing proposals to build major electricity generating facilities. During Mr. Gromer's tenure, Massachusetts implemented award winning energy efficiency programs, pioneered new methods for incorporating environmental considerations into energy planning, and built a new fleet of clean generating plants that both reduced emissions and improved the reliability of the electric grid. Mr. Gromer earned his AB degree from Middlebury College and a JD degree from Harvard Law School.