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Ken Colburn is the principal of Symbiotic Strategies LLC. He recently retired as a principal of the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP), a non-profit group of veteran utility and environmental regulators providing technical and policy assistance to state public service commissions and other state and federal regulatory agencies internationally. Colburn directed RAP's overall programs in the U.S and focused his personal efforts on energy optimization, beneficial electrification, and the streamlining energy and environmental regulation during his near-decade at RAP.

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment (ERE) awarded Colburn its 2019 Mary Kilmarx Award, recognizing one who has gone above and beyond in the name of good governance, clean energy, and the environment. Colburn also received the Financial Research Institute's 2020 Crystal Award for Distinguished Contribution, given annually for outstanding and sustained contributions to the design, implementation, or analysis of public utility regulatory policy. Colburn remains active in energy issues, serving on the board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), co-chairing the Energy Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, and as a frequent speaker.

Colburn previously served as Executive Director of NESCAUM, led the Air Resources Division of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and oversaw energy and environmental policy for the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire. On behalf of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA), Colburn represented U.S. states at international Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Colburn served a dozen years as a director of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and has been New Hampshire's representative on NRECA's board since 2014. Colburn also serves on several non-profit boards. He holds a BS from MIT and MBA and MEd degrees from the University of New Hampshire.

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