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Jim graduated with a B.S.B.A. from Villanova University and an M.B.A. from Fordham University. From 2011 - 2013, Jim served as the Director of Emergency Management for his hometown in New Jersey, and is a registered EMT for his local, volunteer first aid squad. Jim is a member of the Wall Street Utility Group and became a Trustee with the Society of Utility and Regulatory Financial Analysts (SURFA) in 2012. In 2014, Jim joined the Advisory Council for the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).
