

## Michelle Freeark

Executive Director of Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Services

Michelle R. Freeark serves as the Executive Director of Regulatory Affairs & Corporate Services for Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc (AEPCO). Ms. Freeark has held numerous roles at AEPCO starting in 2005 when she joined the Cooperative. She currently oversees the Cooperatives' environmental and land departments. She ensures overall environmental compliance for AEPCO is being met for its generation, transmission, communication and headquarters assets. Prior to joining AEPCO she worked at a chemical plant as the environmental supervisor.

She has extensive experience in permitting under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and National Environmental Policy Act.

Michelle was appointed to an Environmental Protection Agency advisory board, the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, in 2018 where she served a term. She has also served as chairman of the G&T Mangers Association Technical Advisory Committee, chairman of the ACE Implementation Subgroup of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Environmental Policy Council, served in various board positions of the National Rural Electric Environmental Association and currently serves on the board of the Western Energy Supply and Transmission Associates.

She has a bachelor's degree in American Political Studies with an emphasis in Environmental Science from Northern Arizona University.

Michelle Freeark is a dedicated leader blending environmental science, energy policy, and regulatory governance in the utility sector. Since 2005, she has climbed through strategic roles at AEPCO, guiding compliance efforts, developing national-level guidance on emissions, and earning environmental recognition for the Cooperative. Her career reflects a commitment to sustainable, reliable, and community-focused energy.