

## Bailey, El-Ashry, Mantell, and Sillerman Assume Seats at RFF Board Table

*An attorney and former assistant secretary of energy, a geologist who headed an innovative international NGO, an attorney specializing in conservation strategies, and a senior media and entertainment executive with a commitment to education and the environment are the newest members of the RFF Board of Directors. Each will serve a three-year term.*

**Vicky A. Bailey** is a partner at Johnston & Associates, a Washington, DC, government relations firm, former Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs, and former president of PSI Energy Inc., in Indianapolis. In April, Ms. Bailey stepped down after nearly three years at the U.S. Department of Energy. During her tenure, she served as the primary policy advisor to the secretary on international and domestic energy policy matters. Her responsibilities included coordinating the development and implementation of an international energy policy, and monitoring of energy policy, market trends, investments, and trade issues for their potential impact on U.S. national security, foreign policy, and trade policy objectives. She also developed strategies to promote President Bush's National Energy Policy.

She previously served as the president of PSI Energy Inc., Indiana's largest electric supplier and the Indiana operating company of Cinergy Corp. From 1993 to 2000, she was a

member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and served as a commissioner on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission from 1986 to 1993. She was a member of the executive and electricity committees of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. A native of Indianapolis, she is a graduate of Purdue University.

**Mohamed El-Ashry** is the former chairman and CEO of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), which he led from 1991 to 2002. Working with the private sector, international aid agencies, and other NGOs, GEF supports projects related to biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, the ozone layer, and persistent organic pollutants.

Under El-Ashry's leadership, GEF grew from a pilot program with fewer than 30 member countries to the largest single source of funding for the global environment, with 173 members. During his tenure, it allocated \$4 billion in grants and leveraged \$12 billion in additional financing for the environment, growing to encompass more than 1,000 projects in some 140 countries.

El-Ashry came to GEF from the World Bank, where he was the chief environmental adviser to the president and director of the Environment Department. Previously, he had served as senior vice president of the



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World Resources Institute and as director of environmental quality with the Tennessee Valley Authority. He has also held numerous teaching and research positions. He was a senior environmental adviser to the U.N. Development Programme and a special adviser to the secretary general of the 1992 U.N. Conference on Environment and Development.

El-Ashry received his B.S. degree with honors in 1959 from Cairo University and a Ph.D. degree in geology in 1966 from the University of Illinois. He is a fellow of the Geological Society of America and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and is the author of three books and more than 200 papers.

Natural and cultural resources issues and strategic conservation philanthropy are the focus of Sacramento attorney **Michael Mantell's** practice. In 2000, he founded Resources Law Group, LLP, a multidisciplinary firm that specializes in resources law and policy. Mantell advises the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and helps administer its Conserving California Landscapes Initiative, which supports groups that buy land or easements for conservation purposes and develop land-use practices and policies. Some of the initiative's restoration and stewardship grants have been used to help protect salmon and steelhead in the Sierra Nevada.

From 1991 until mid-1997, Mantell served as California's undersecretary for resources. In that position, he developed and implemented resource priorities for the state.

Previously, as the general counsel of the World Wildlife Fund, Mantell oversaw legal and congressional matters and worked on international debt-for-nature deals. Before that, he directed the Land, Heritage, and



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Wildlife Program of the Conservation Foundation.

Mantell graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and the Lewis and Clark College Law School.

**Robert F.X. Sillerman** is chancellor of Southampton College (a campus of Long Island University) and chair and CEO of the Sillerman Companies, a New York communications management corporation formed in 1985. When Sillerman was executive chairman of SFX Broadcasting in the early

1990s, he rapidly expanded the company's holdings to include ownership or operation of more than 80 radio stations. In August 1997, Sillerman negotiated the sale of the company's radio business for \$2.1 billion and spun off a live entertainment business, creating SFX Entertainment—now the world's largest producer, promoter, and presenter of live entertainment. In March 2000, SFX entered into a merger agreement with Clear Channel Communications, Inc.

Sillerman is actively involved with the Museum of Television and Radio, as a member of its board of directors and as an underwriter of its traveling exhibitions program. Sillerman also serves as a member of the business committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and through his family foundation, the Tomorrow Foundation, he supports educational and environmental programs.

In April 1993, Sillerman was elected to the Long Island University Board of Trustees and appointed chancellor of its Southampton College and Friend's World Program, which maintains campuses around the world. Putting his business experience to work for the college, he organized what has become a leading event in the music industry, the college's annual All for the Sea Concert. It's not quite Woodstock—members of that generation now purchase VIP tickets that entitle them to a tent party, catered food, and seating at reserved tables—but the music is classic. Bob Dylan, Jimmy Buffett, Tina Turner, Tony Bennett, and many others have drawn thousands of concertgoers and raised millions of dollars for the college's environmental and marine sciences programs.

Sillerman received his B.A. degree in political science magna cum laude from Brandeis University. ■