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Stephane Desdunes leads EDF Renewables' Grid-Scale Power activities in New York, New England, and Eastern Canada for multiple technologies, including solar, wind, and energy storage. With over 12 years of renewable energy experience, he has played a key role in the planning, development and permitting stages of over 900 MWs of contracted renewable generation facilities including the recently awarded Morris Ridge 170 MWac Solar project in the Town of Mount Morris, Livingston County, New York. Mr. Desdunes and his team manage all key aspects of development from origination to permitting and start of construction.

Mr. Desdunes began his energy career with SkyPower, an Ontario-based renewable energy developer that was acquired by Lehman Brothers in 2007. As Project Director, Eastern Region, he was a key member of the development team managing land agents, stakeholders, market development and procurement across key markets. Prior to joining the energy industry, Mr. Desdunes co-founded Blue Dust Media, where amongst other responsibilities, he managed all aspects of marketing and sales for Influence Magazine, a free publication that had more than 260 distribution points across Quebec and France.

He has been elected to the steering committees of the Ontario, Quebec and Maritimes caucuses of the Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA) and is an active member of several other renewable energy associations across the Northeast US.