As Stem’s Grid Service Program Manager, Katie Skende is responsible for optimizing program performance from the planning and execution of Stem’s numerous grid service programs. Katie has experience across the power industry, previously having worked on gas turbine, steam turbine, industrial generator and wind turbine technologies at GE Power, where she completed GE’s Edison Engineering Development Program. Katie graduated with a B.S. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and an M.S. from North Carolina State University, both in mechanical engineering.

Stem, headquartered in Millbrae, creates innovative technology services that transform the way energy is distributed and consumed. Stem builds, owns, and operates customer-sited energy storage, powered by its proprietary artificial intelligence (AI).

These systems, when not needed onsite to reduce customers’ energy bills with demand charge management, form “virtual power plant” networks that perform utility- and grid-facing services. For example, Stem currently has over 100 systems participating in a virtual power plant providing local capacity in the highly congested West Los Angeles Basin under an 85 MW contract for Southern California Edison. Stem’s network of energy storage systems help customers manage their energy costs while providing a non-wires alternative for utilities and grid operators at less cost to ratepayers.

"I’m motivated by Stem and storage's ability to solve the complex challenges present in an electric grid that supports consumers and renewable energy."

- KATIE SKENDE, STEM, INC.