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In the increasingly complicated realm of climate change and carbon and renewable energy, Erin Meezan is Interface, Inc.'s resident expert. She helps to direct and navigate the company's energy and carbon policies while staying abreast of the latest research and trends. As Vice President of Sustainability for Interface, Erin provides technical assistance and policy support to the company's global business units to manage the company's aggressive energy and climate goals.

Erin helps Interface address its global warming impacts at all levels, including in operations and management, with employees and customers, and in policy forums. She also advises global businesses on renewable energy solutions, including renewable energy purchases, on-site renewable projects, and carbon offset purchases, which requires the identification of offset projects and the development of credible standards in the voluntary carbon market. She is the Chair of the renewable energy front for Interface's Global Sustainability Council, which facilitates the corporation's Mission Zero promise to reduce any negative environmental impact by 2020.

Erin also has an external role working with NGOs as an advisor on boards and steering committees to develop standards and market guidance for renewable and GHG offset markets. She oversees Interface's external partnerships with environmental stakeholders, including the Climate Group, the Chicago Climate Exchange, EPA's Climate Leaders program, and many others. She represented Interface on the steering committee for the Voluntary Carbon Standard, an international committee of experts working to craft a standard for offsets that also includes IETA, the World Economic Forum, and the Climate Group as members. She also sits on the national board of Green-e, a third-party organization that verifies green energy projects and sets standards for renewable energy, the board of the Environmental Law Institute, and has been a member of the advisory committee for the Center for Resources Solutions' GHG Offset certification standard. Erin works with NGOs, including the Pew Center on Global Climate Change and the World Resources Institute, to develop case studies highlighting the path to sustainable business.