## USEA Hosts Successful 20th Annual State of the Energy Industry Forum

**Washington, D.C.** – The United States Energy Association (USEA) celebrated the success of their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the Energy Industry Forum (SOTEI) on Tuesday, January 23 at the National Press Club. SOTEI is USEA's flagship event that brings together CEOs from Washington's leading energy trade associations to collaboratively outline their current policy objectives and priorities for the upcoming year.

"This event was incredibly successful and really highlights how integrated our energy systems are as they navigate the growing electrification of our grid, increasing regulations, and geopolitical challenges that could impact supply chains," USEA President and CEO Mark Menezes said. "The attendees really enjoyed listening to the speakers and panelists and we're already looking forward to next year's event."

This year's SOTEI broke from the past format of prepared speeches to 4 conversational panels of experts on the thematic topic of the integrated nature of our energy systems. This year's forum began with Pulitzer Prize winning author and renowned energy expert, Dr. Daniel Yergin, in a "Keynote Conversation" with USEA President Menezes where they discussed the rapidly evolving integrated and multidimensional networks of the US and global energy systems as countries strive to meet ambitious net zero goals.

After the conversation, the four panels began and covered a variety of topics including the electrification of the economy and the increased interdependence of natural gas supply; challenges faced with providing and distributing energy supplies and the push for cleaner fuels; opportunities and challenges in the U.S. and global energy markets today with a continued demand for oil and natural gas; and breakthrough technologies designed to increase access to affordable and reliable energy.

The forum closed with remarks from Jacob Irving, President and CEO of the Energy Council of Canada. Irving discussed the important partnership between the two nations when it comes to energy resources. "Everything that you are doing in energy, we are doing up north as well," he said.

A full recap of the 2024 SOTEI may be viewed here.

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