Virtual 13th Annual Energy Supply Forum

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9:00 am - 12:00 pm ET

Examining the state of energy exploration and production, electricity generation, and energy fuel supply.

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Welcome To USEA's 
13th Annual Energy Supply Forum

Each year, USEA's Annual Energy Supply Forum features dynamic presentations from leading industry experts and policy leaders on the state of energy exploration and production, electricity generation, and energy fuel supply.

Today, we welcome leading industry experts from trade associations, corporate organizations and nonprofits.

The United States Energy Association (USEA) is a nonprofit, apolitical, nonlobbying organization founded in 1924. USEA’s mission has two pillars of equal importance. USEA serves as a resource, by convening energy stakeholders to share policy, scientific, and technological information to foster the advancement of the entire energy sector. Internationally, USEA promotes energy development by expanding access to safe, affordable, sustainable, and environmentally acceptable energy in partnership with the U.S. Government.

Comprised of more than 100 domestic and international organizations, USEA’s members include government agencies, nonprofits, think tanks, educational institutions, and Fortune 500 companies encompassing every type of energy source. As an industry resource, USEA seeks to inform and promote a positive, effective dialogue on a path forward in energy policy and its implementation. USEA presents several flagship events per year and conducts a variety of webinars, briefings, and workshops. The Association provides a nonpartisan, unbiased platform for the expression of ideas, concerns, and solutions regarding all relevant energy issues.

USEA partners with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and other government entities to expand and improve energy access globally. USEA’s team of international specialists implement projects worldwide, including building regulatory frameworks and sharing best practices to develop cleaner, more accessible, and efficient energy. Throughout its nearly 100-year history, USEA has worked across 104 countries on six continents. Its 30-person multinational staff speaks 14 unique languages.
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Sheila Hollis

Acting Executive Director, United States Energy Association

Sheila Hollis is of Counsel with and chair of the Duane Morris, LLP Washington office. Her career spans energy policy and transactional and regulatory law worldwide. She was founding Director of the Office of Enforcement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and served as Professorial Lecturer in Energy Law for 20 years at George Washington University Law School. Sheila was the first woman President of the Energy Bar Association, chaired the ABA’s Section of Environment, Energy and Resources and serves as its delegate in the ABA House. She was named one of Washington’s Top 100 Lawyers by “Super Lawyers”. Sheila was recognized by the ABA as a “Trailblazer” for women in law and listed in “50 Key Women in Energy Worldwide”. In 2011 she received Platt’s Global Energy Award for Lifetime Achievement and the “2018 Legacy Award” by the Petroleum Economist. A Life Fellow of the American Law Institute and Honorary North American member of the Commercial Bar of England and Wales, she is a member of the American College Environmental Lawyers. Sheila is a Board Member of the American Friends of the Royal Society. She was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United States Energy Association in May 2019. A Colorado native, Sheila is a graduate of the University of Colorado, cum laude in general studies and with honors in journalism and J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law.

Vicky Bailey

Executive Chairman, United States Energy Association

Vicky Bailey served as Chairman of the USEA Board of Directors from 2013-2019 and was the longest-serving chair as well as the first female and African American chairman. Ms. Bailey has previously served as a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) commissioner and Assistant Secretary for Domestic Policy and International Affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Bailey is the founder of Anderson Stratton International, LLC, and previously served as President and CEO of PSI Energy, Inc., Indiana's largest electric utility, now Duke Indiana. She currently serves on the Board of the Battelle Memorial Institute and chairs the governance committee. In addition, she serves on the boards of Cheniere Energy, Equitrans Mid-stream Corporation, and PNM Resources.

Octavio Simões

President & Chief Executive Officer, Tellurian Inc.

Octávio Simões was named President and CEO of Tellurian Inc. on November 30, 2020. Previously he was an EVP, LNG Marketing and Business Development and a member of the Executive Committee at Tellurian engaged in all aspects of the LNG industry. Before he joined Tellurian, he was President and CEO of Sempra LNG & Midstream where he was responsible for all LNG and natural gas midstream activities, including the company’s efforts at Cameron LNG, Energia Costa Azul LNG and Port Arthur LNG. Prior responsibilities include business development, acquisitions, engineering and construction, operations and asset management in power generation, as well as financial and strategic planning. Simões has degrees in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and from the University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Massachusetts. Simões is a native of Lisbon, Portugal.
Doug True

Chief Nuclear Engineer and Senior Vice President, Generation & Suppliers,
Nuclear Energy Institute

Doug True is NEI's chief nuclear officer and senior vice president of generation and suppliers. True is a veteran of the nuclear industry with more than 30 years of experience in nuclear regulatory policy and implementation, playing a substantial role in U.S. policies and regulatory activities ranging from the industry response to challenges like Fukushima and 9/11 to major contributions to the formation and implementation of risk-informed regulation. Prior to joining NEI, he served as executive vice president of the power services group at Jensen Hughes Inc. In this position, he was responsible for one of largest specialty engineering organizations in the nuclear industry covering a broad range of analysis, testing, design and research consulting services. True has served on the NEI board of directors since 2016, and has been a contributor to NEI, Electric Power Research Institute, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations and federal government guidance on a broad spectrum of technical and regulatory issues. True earned a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

Hugh McDermott

Senior Vice President, Business Development & Sales, ESS Inc.

Mr. McDermott is the Senior Vice President Business Development & Sales for ESS Tech, Inc. An energy sector executive focused on growing energy infrastructure and advanced energy technology businesses primarily addressing utility, industrial and commercial sectors, Mr. McDermott has served in numerous executive and leadership roles throughout his career in high-growth start-up companies as well as executive roles in publicly listed enterprises. Mr. McDermott is recognized throughout the energy sector for his deep domain knowledge of utility infrastructure development, smart grid/smart cities, commercialization of American clean energy technologies to address the impacts of climate change, energy storage, and electric vehicles. As a result of his extensive global network in the energy and utilities sectors, Mr. McDermott is a regular keynote speaker and presenter at premier industry forums in key markets throughout the world. Prior to joining ESS, Inc., Mr. McDermott was the Vice President Sales for Silver Spring Networks where he successfully led the company's market-building presence and key partnership development for Smart Grid and Smart City business across the APAC region. As Global Head of Business Development at Better Place, Mr. McDermott created the world's first smart charging commercial offering which leveraged networked electric vehicle charging infrastructure to provide dynamic load management and energy storage services to utilities, grid operators and energy traders.

Barbara Tyran

Director, Macro Grid Initiative, American Council On Renewable Energy (ACORE)

Barbara Tyran is Director, Macro Grid Initiative, at the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE). She also serves as Past President of the Board of Directors of the Women’s Council on Energy & the Environment (WCEE). She was General Chair of the IEEE Power & Energy Society 2021 General Meeting Local Organizing Committee, hosting nearly 2000 delegates from around the world in July 2021. She brings outstanding federal/state government relations experience, following two decades as Director, Washington & State Relations, in EPRI’s Washington DC office. She was the principal liaison between EPRI executive management, and Congress, the Administration, the national trade associations, state legislators/regulators, and the Washington policy community. Her background includes federal advocacy for utilities and management consulting for public/private/non-profit sector clients, with engagements involving strategic planning, policy analysis, marketing, external relations and communications, and financial/economic analysis. In recognition of her technical expertise and knowledge, she was appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Energy and Energy Services, advising the Secretary and USTR on international trade matters. She was elected and re-elected as Chair. She holds a BA degree with Honors from Stanford University and an MBA from Yale University.
Speakers

Vincent Barnes
Senior Vice President, Policy & Research, Alliance To Save Energy

As Senior Vice President of Policy and Research (SVP) for the Alliance to Save Energy, Vincent is the organization’s primary policy lead, responsible for working with the President, Board of Directors and staff to ensure that the Alliance to Save Energy is the leading voice on energy efficiency policy in Washington, D.C. As a respected government affairs professional with over 20 years of policy and executive leadership experience, Vincent has an extensive track record engaging members of Congress, participating in regulatory rulemaking, legislative development, and stakeholder engagement. His leadership record also includes developing and executing policy campaigns, and building consensus through multiple stakeholder and organization interests. Prior to joining the Alliance to Save Energy Vincent served as Senior Advisor with Gray Global Advisors, where he developed and executed policy objectives for the investor-owned utility, natural gas, and nuclear energy industries, and helped lead the firm’s energy and power, telecommunications, financial services, and healthcare portfolios. Vincent is also former Legislative Counsel to Congressman Bobby Rush, Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy.

Michelle Bloodworth
President & Chief Executive Officer, America’s Power

Michelle Bloodworth is President and Chief Executive Officer of America’s Power. In this role, Bloodworth represents the interests of the nation’s coal fleet before Congress, state and federal regulatory agencies, and the Administration and sets the association’s strategic agenda. America’s Power is the only national trade association whose sole mission is to advocate at the federal and state level on behalf of coal-fueled electricity and the coal fleet, responsible for supplying over twenty percent of U.S. electricity needs. Before becoming President and CEO in 2018, Bloodworth served as Chief Operating Officer for America’s Power. In the past, she served as Executive Director of External Affairs for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO); Vice President of Business Development and State Affairs for America’s Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA); and Vice President of Marketing, Sales, and Communications for Energen/Alabama Gas Corporation. She began her career as a power plant engineer after graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Auburn University. Over the last two decades, Bloodworth has worked with groups focused on utility, electricity markets, regulatory policies, and state affairs. Due to her expertise in the energy industry, she continues to serve as a resource for national groups, publications, state legislatures, and federal agencies on issues related to wholesale markets and regulatory policies impacting the coal fleet and the coal supply chain. She has recently participated in both PJM, and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)’s fuel security initiatives and now serves as the Vice-Chair of the newly formed Affiliate Sector of MISO’s Advisory Committee, where she is actively involved in discussions around the reliability of the electric grid and market reforms within MISO. She was instrumental in the formation of two national trade organizations and currently serves on the National Coal Council, a Federal Advisory Committee to the U.S. Secretary of Energy, and on the board of directors at the Keystone Policy Institute.

Dustin Meyer
Vice President, Natural Gas Markets, American Petroleum Institute

Dustin Meyer is the Vice President of Natural Gas Markets at the American Petroleum Institute. He leads API’s efforts on issues related to natural gas markets, as well as natural gas technology and innovation including hydrogen, renewable natural gas, differentiated/responsible natural gas and CCUS. This includes working with a diverse set of domestic and international stakeholders to communicate the many benefits natural gas offers not just to the U.S. but also importing countries around the world and the role natural gas can play in a lower carbon energy future. Prior to joining API, Dustin worked for several years as an energy analyst and consultant, including at IHS Energy and Energy Ventures Analysis. Dustin has a Masters in Energy Policy & Economics from Yale University and a B.A. from Princeton University.