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# Second Annual Energy Summit

*State Energy Policies That Benefit State Governments  
and Consumers*

September 9 – 11, 2010

Hotel ZaZa

Houston, Texas



## Agenda

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### Thursday, September 9, 2010

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm    **Welcome Reception –**

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6:30 pm – 8:30 pm    **Dinner –**

6:30 pm – 6:45 pm    **Welcoming Remarks**  
*Senator Katie Dorsett*  
*Chair, Women In Government*

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### Friday, September 10, 2010

7:45 am – 8:45 am    **Breakfast –**

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#### **General Session –**

9:00 am – 9:30 am    **Welcome to Houston**  
*Facilitated by: Senator Katie Dorsett*  
*Chair, Women In Government*

9:15 am – 9:30 am    **Mayor Annise D. Parker**  
City of Houston

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9:30 am – 10:00 am    **The Global Energy Landscape and Its Impact on States**

**Bill Arnold**  
Professor in the Practice of Energy Management  
Rice University

How will the intersection between higher global energy demand and current resources impact states and individual citizens in the U.S.? Globalization and the growing middle class have increased worldwide demand for energy, forcing the U.S. to compete with emerging economies like India and China. How do global market forces impact state energy policies and what role will conservation play?

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10:00 am – 10:45 am **Best Practices for Prevention and Disaster Response**

**Larry Persily**

Federal Coordinator

Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects

What policies can states adopt that will encourage best practices in the energy industry and promote effective disaster response?

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10:45 am – 11:00 am **Break**

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11:00 am – 11:45 am **Fuel Choices: Weighing the Costs and Benefits**

**Theresa Pugh**

Director of Environmental Services

American Public Power Association

**Michelle Bloodworth**

America's Natural Gas Alliance

The U. S. EPA's air pollution control regulations will be implemented from 2012-2017 and could force many power plant owners to consider switching from coal to natural gas in order to reduce conventional air pollutants including NOx, SO2 and mercury. This session will address practical issues for electric utilities in all states including gas transportation (pipelines), natural gas storage and costs of the shale gas to the ultimate consumer of electricity as a result of fuel switching to gas.

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11:45 am – 12:30 pm **Adopting Renewable Energy in the States**

**Pat Wood**

Principal, Wood3 Resources

Wind farms and solar power produce renewable energy, help balance a state's energy portfolio, and bring green jobs to the state. They can, however, also change the landscape and raise local zoning issues, and efficiently storing and

transmitting electricity generated from these renewable sources may pose obstacles for some states. What should state legislators know if they want to adopt these renewables as part of a balanced energy portfolio?

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12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Networking Lunch**

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**General Session –**

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm ***Why We Hate the Oil Companies***

**John Hofmeister**

Author, *Why We Hate the Oil Companies: Straight Talk from an Energy Insider*  
Founder and Chief Executive, Citizens for Affordable Energy

Former president of Shell Oil Company, John Hofmeister, provides frank commentary sprinkled with insider anecdotes and tackles energy controversies head-on without regard for political correctness.

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2:15 pm – 2:45 pm **Efficiency & Conservation of Energy Resources**

**Representative Pricey Harrison**

Vice Chair, Energy and Energy Efficiency Committee  
North Carolina State Legislature

Innovations in heating and cooling, green building, and commercial and consumer appliances can significantly reduce energy consumption, but consumers have been slow to adopt them. How can states and the private sector work together to encourage businesses and consumers to upgrade to these newer – but often more expensive – products that will save energy?

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2:45 pm – 3:30 pm **The Challenges and Opportunities of Adopting the Smart Grid**

**Senator Suzanne Williams**

Colorado State Legislature

Smart grid technology appears to be a viable solution for efficiently managing energy use, and it could even be a source of revenue for states, but implementing this emerging technology poses challenges. What costs, benefits, and policy changes should state legislators consider when adopting smart grid technology in their states?

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3:30 pm – 4:00 pm TBD

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4:00 pm                    **Adjourn**

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6:00 pm                    **Depart for Offsite Dinner from Lobby**

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6:30 pm – 8:30 pm       **Offsite Dinner**

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## **Saturday, September 11, 2010**

7:45 am – 8:45 am       **Breakfast**

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9:00 am – 11:00 am     **Energy Legislation and Policies in the States**

**Representative Sue Hecht** (CONFIRMED)  
Maryland General Assembly

**Senator Amy Koch** (CONFIRMED)  
Member, Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications Committee  
Minnesota State Legislature

**Representative Mary Lou Marzian** (CONFIRMED)  
Sponsor, Green Schools Caucus  
Kentucky State Legislature

**Representative Sue Wallis** (CONFIRMED)  
Vice Chair, Agriculture, State and Public Lands, and Water Resources Joint  
Interim Committee  
Wyoming State Legislature

Legislators from WIG’s four regional areas will discuss current legislative  
initiatives and “hot topics” in energy policy in their states.

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11:00 am                    **Wrap Up/Adjourn**

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