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Message from the President:

As many students of public policy know there is no such thing as “the public interest.” Rather, serious modelers depict the public as a mixture of interest groups. We recently discussed some aspects of the Cook Inlet natural gas debacle. And a more volatile mixture would be difficult to find.

Dave Harbour, former RCA commissioner, recently gave an insightful speech outlining the players to the “Law Seminars International - Energy in Alaska Conference,” and has agreed to share his perspectives with us in his presentation “An Ex-Regulator Confronts Alaska’s Energy Challenges.” Our members may remember that at year-end 2006, Harbour dissented from a majority of Commissioners who voted to reject the Henry Hub related Enstar-Marathon gas supply agreement. That agreement would have allowed Enstar to fully meet its demand commitments through 2016—and even take more gas if needed.

Harbour portrays the complex chess game in motion between the producers, the consumers, government, the utilities, and the regulators. The issues are prices, supply, investment, storage, politics, bargaining strength, and the tension between the short and long term.

This presentation will be held Monday February 23 at 12:00 noon at the BP Energy Center.

Harbour coordinated public affairs strategy for the two dozen producer and gas pipeline members of Arctic Gas Consortium, arranging public support for Congressional passage of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act of 1976. He was director of government relations for Atlantic Richfield Company in the Alaska and then Washington offices and served as CEO of a municipal authority and a statewide security company and as a management consultant to businesses, government, and non-profit organizations.

Harbour was a commissioner at the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) from 2002-2008, chairing the commission in 2003. He served as Co-Vice Chairman of the Gas Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and as Chairman of the Gas Committee for the Western Conference of Public Utility Commissioners. He was NARUC’s official representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. In those roles he assisted in coordinating national support for passage of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act of 2004 and NARUC named him *Commissioner Emeritus* for his service.

Following completion of Harbour’s appointment on the Regulatory Commission of Alaska in 2008, he ran for a seat in the Alaska State Senate. He has since returned to his work as an energy-government relations consultant as President of the Harbour Company. He also produces a public service web page, Northern Gas Pipelines, which for nearly a decade has become known as, “the objective, one-stop-shop for Canadians and Americans requiring current news, maps, history, and technical references regarding Arctic gas pipeline projects.”

He has written scores of energy related articles and opinion pieces for magazines and newspapers throughout Canada and the United States. As a conference coordinator, speaker and moderator, he frequently addresses gas pipeline and general energy symposia audiences in both countries. A former Chairman of the Alaska Council on Economic Education, the Hugh O’Brian Youth Foundation and the Anchorage Chamber, Harbour serves on the national Board of the Consumer Energy Alliance. He assisted in creation of several Alaska institutions, including the Alaska Support Industry Alliance, Arctic Power, Anchorage Downtown Partnership, and the Eisenhower Alaska Statehood Monument Foundation.

-Roger Marks

President, IAEE Anchorage Chapter

UPCOMING TOPICS:

March: “What Drives the Alaska Economy?” 3/26
with Scott Goldsmith

April: “Railbelt Energy Market” with Mark Foster TBD

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

MR. DAVE HARBOUR
PRESIDENT, THE HARBOUR COMPANY.

“AN EX-REGULATOR CONFRONTS ALASKA’S ENERGY
CHALLENGES”

BP ENERGY CENTER
900 EAST BENSON BOULEVARD
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009
12:00—1:00 PM



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