



## Media Advisory

### **USAEE/IAEE Conference brings together scholars, experts, and government leaders on the implications of energy self-sufficiency**

#### ***Special Focus on U.S. Government Transitions***

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**TULSA, October 23, 2016** The United States Association for Energy Economics (USAEE) and its sister organization the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) will hold their 34<sup>nd</sup> North American Conference “Implications of North American Energy Self-Sufficiency” October 23-26, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Tulsa, OK.

Horizontal drilling, coupled with hydraulic fracturing, has dramatically reversed the downward trend in production of both crude oil and natural gas. Add advances in renewables and the promise of industrial-capacity battery systems and the potential for North American energy self-sufficiency is right on the horizon.

The Tulsa conference (#USAEE2016) then offers a unique opportunity to bring together business, government, academic and other professionals to explore these themes through a series of plenary, concurrent, and poster sessions.

Panels will explore the various policy and investment decisions that will need to be made to balance the use of those natural resources with their impact on the environment and local economies. Three special sessions will also focus on U.S. Presidential Transitions.

Working press is invited to attend the conference free of charge. A press room will be available throughout the conference. Please present press credentials upon registration.

### **Agenda and Highlights**

*The full program can be found online at <http://www.usaee.org/usaee2016/program.aspx>*

### **Energy Policy - Competing Visions from the Two Parties**

*Both the Senate and House are working on comprehensive energy legislation. If it becomes law, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016 will have far reaching implications for virtually all sectors of the energy sector. The goal of this session is to get an update on the status of the legislation from key staffers on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Will the legislation help us become more energy self-sufficient? What will the legislation mean for modernizing our infrastructure? What are the goals for increasing the share of renewables? Increasing exports of domestic oil and natural gas? And if the legislation is not yet finalized by the time of the conference, what is the likely future of the legislation during the final two months of 2016?*

## **Agenda and Highlights (Continued)**

### **Managing in a Low-Price Environment**

*There has been much discussion and media coverage of the implications for the oil and gas industry as a result of the extended low-price environment that we find ourselves in. However, different segments of the industry have been affected differently and have dealt with the conditions in different manners. The panel of industry participants will discuss what the effects have been on their segment and what they have done to address changes so they survive the current market and prepare for the future.*

### **Inaugural Government Track**

*With the election fast approaching, the much anticipated, often dreaded "Transition" is already under way. What does this mean for the energy industry? Three sessions examine the Transition from the distinct perspectives of: the incoming political party, agency personnel and outside stakeholders. Click [here](#) for more information.*

### **Case Competition**

*Arriving into Tulsa early? Make plans to attend our Case Competition program on Sunday, October 23, from 4:30-6:00pm, right before the start of the Opening Reception. The top three teams from those who entered the competition in April will present on the topic of solar electricity generation in Saudi Arabia in competition for cash prizes. See the team line-up at <http://www.usaee.org/usaee2016/program.aspx>.*

### **Highlighted Speakers**

Michael J Teague, Secretary of Energy and Environment, State of Oklahoma

James L Smith, Professor of Finance, Southern Methodist University

Philip K Verleger Jr, President, PK Verleger LLC

Marianne S Kah, Chief Economist, ConocoPhillips

Harold G Hamm, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Continental Resources Inc.

David H Knapp, Chief Energy Economist, Energy Intelligence Group

Adam E Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration

Fereidun Fesharaki, Chairman, FACTS Global Energy

Jeffrey R Currie, Global Head of Commodities Research, Global Investment Research Division, Goldman Sachs

Mark Finley, GM Global Energy Markets, BP America Inc.

Christine Tezak, Managing Director, Research, Clearview Energy Partners LLC

Angela S Becker-Dippmann, Democratic Staff Director, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Brian Hughes, Republican Deputy Staff Director, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

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