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**Final Agenda**  
**The Energy Council's**  
**2024 State and Provincial Trends in Energy and**  
**the Environment Conference**  
June 6-8, 2024  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

**Thursday, June 6, 2024**

5:30 p.m.      **Welcome Reception**  
*(Canad Inn – Upper Playmakers)*

**Friday, June 7, 2024**

7:30 a.m.      **Welcome Breakfast and Opening Address**  
*(Alerus Conference Center – Ballroom 1)*

The Honorable Bert Stedman  
Alaska Senate and  
Chairman, The Energy Council

The Honorable Francis Thompson  
Louisiana House of Representatives and  
Chairman, CLEER

The Honorable John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator for North Dakota

The Honorable Kelly Armstrong  
U.S. Congressman for North Dakota

9:00 a.m.      **Diversification of Energy Sources**  
*(Alerus Conference Center – Ballroom 2 & 3)*

Ms. Jessica Bell  
Vice President of External Affairs  
Rainbow Energy

9:30 a.m.      **Reliability and Resiliency**

The Honorable Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner  
North Dakota Public Service Commission

10:00 a.m.      **Break**

10:15 a.m.      **Nuclear Energy Incentives**

Ms. Christine Csizmadia  
Senior Director, State Government Affairs & Advocacy  
Nuclear Energy Institute

**Friday, June 7, 2024** *(Cont'd)*

10:45 a.m.     **The Market for Hydrogen**  
*(Alerus Conference Center – Ballroom 2 & 3)*

Mr. Tyler Hamman  
Assistant Vice President, Strategic Partnerships  
Energy and Environmental Research Center  
University of North Dakota

11:30 a.m.     Adjourn

11:45 a.m.     **UAB Seminar: Dual Mission Universities: Possible Help for the**  
*(Alerus            **Energy Workforce***  
*Conference Center – Ballroom 1)*

Dr. Stephen Easton  
President  
Dickinson State University

1:00 p.m.     Adjourn

2:00 p.m.     Bus Departs for Energy and Environment Research Center *(capacity*  
*limited)*

5:00 p.m.     Bus Returns to Hotel

6:30 p.m.     Conference Dinner  
*(Ralph Englestad Arena)*

**Saturday, June 8, 2024**

8:00 a.m.     Continental Breakfast Available  
*(Alerus Conference Center – Ballroom 1)*

9:00 a.m.     **Domestic Supply Chains for Critical Minerals**  
*(Alerus Conference Center – Ballroom 2 & 3)*

Mr. Paul Bonifas  
Corporate Development  
Rare Element Resources

9:30 a.m.     **Responding to Evolving Markets and Needs: A Case Study of the**  
***Impacts of Recent EPA Regulations on the Power Sector***

Mr. Mike Nasi  
Partner  
Jackson Walker, LLP

Mr. Jonathan Fortner  
Vice President, Government Relations & External Affairs  
Lignite Energy Council

**Saturday, June 8, 2024** *(Cont'd)*

10:15 am      **Net Energy Metering**  
*(Alerus Conference Center – Ballroom 2 & 3)*

Mr. Tony Clark  
Senior Advisor  
Wilkinson, Barker, Knauer, LLP

10:45 a.m.      Break

11:00 a.m.      **Carbon Dioxide Pipelines**

The Honorable Doug Goehring  
Agricultural Commissioner  
North Dakota Department of Agriculture

11:30 a.m.      **The Role of the Oil and Gas Sector in Decarbonization**

Mr. Karl Fennessey  
Vice President, Corporate Public Policy  
ConocoPhillips

Noon              Adjourn

12:15 p.m.      **NPC Update & CLEER Program Advisory Board Meeting**  
*(Alerus Conference Center – Ballroom 1)*

**2024 State and Provincial Trends in Energy and the Environment Conference**  
**Grand Forks, North Dakota**  
**June 6-8, 2024**

	<b>Participants Name</b>		<b>Title</b>	<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Home City</b>	<b>Home State/Prov.</b>
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## **Speaker Synopsis**

**The Energy Council  
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### **Diversification of Energy Sources**

Ms. Jessica Bell  
Vice President of External Affairs  
Rainbow Energy

The future of our power distribution system is changing. As an independent power producer, Rainbow Energy Center is taking a unique approach to power distribution and diversifying assets to meet the markets' needs. As the new owner of Coal Creek Station with a vision to reduce waste, integrate renewable generation to maximize use of our private high voltage direct current line and implement carbon capture technologies, Rainbow Energy Center is leading the way for future power generators.

### **Reliability and Resiliency**

The Honorable Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner  
North Dakota Public Service Commission

Two thirds of the nation is at risk today of not having enough electricity to meet demand. Grid operators and leaders responsible for maintaining the reliability of our power supply are expressing serious concerns about the future of the grid. Reliable and affordable electricity provides the foundation for our economy and way of life. Julie will talk about solutions to this looming challenge and who needs to be involved.

### **Nuclear Energy Incentives**

Ms. Christine Csizmadia  
Senior Director, State Government Affairs & Advocacy  
Nuclear Energy Institute

Nuclear energy the largest form clean, reliable electricity generation in the world and policy measures at the state and federal levels are increasingly recognizing nuclear for high pay jobs, the economic impact to communities, always on reliable electricity and helping to secure our role as a global leader for nuclear energy for national security. There are 94 existing reactors in the US and over 20 planned projects for new reactors. States will continue to incentivize keeping their assets and bringing on new nuclear into their communities as support grows.



## **The Market for Hydrogen**

Mr. Tyler Hamman  
Assistant Vice President, Strategic Partnerships  
Energy and Environmental Research Center  
University of North Dakota

The EERC, along with its partners Prairie Horizon Energy Solutions and Xcel Energy, and the Department of Energy are in the process of commencing phase I of the Heartland Hydrogen Hub, which will demonstrate clean hydrogen production from natural gas, renewable, and nuclear energy. The section 45V hydrogen production tax credit is a critical incentive to ensure economic feasibility of initial clean hydrogen projects. Producers are awaiting final guidance from the Internal Revenue Service to determine whether their projects will qualify for the tax credit.

## **UAB Seminar: Dual Mission Universities: Possible Help for the Energy Workforce**

Dr. Stephen Easton  
President  
Dickinson State University

For the energy industry to succeed, it needs a well-trained workforce, not just for industry jobs but also for jobs in communities in areas of energy exploration and production. A new breed of colleges, “Dual Mission Institutions,” can help to fill this important need. They produce graduates who have earned short-term certificates, associate degrees, and bachelor’s degrees. This presentation will outline how Dual Mission colleges can make this model work in your state or province, as well as the challenges they face in doing so.

## **Domestic Supply Chains for Critical Minerals**

Mr. Paul Bonifas  
Corporate Development  
Rare Element Resources

There are national security risks associated with foreign supply chains of critical minerals, those essential to defense, energy, transportation, and developing technology, especially when those minerals are sourced from adversarial nations. Rare Element Resources’ Wyoming-based Bear Lodge Rare Earth Project, when coupled with the Company’s innovative recovery and separation technology, can be the cornerstone of a secure, domestic supply chain – one that can help to provide U.S. independence for key rare earth elements.so

## ***Responding to Evolving Markets and Needs: A Case Study of the Impacts of Recent EPA Regulations on the Power Sector***

Mr. Mike Nasi  
Partner  
Jackson Walker, LLP

A discussion of power sector market trends with a focus on the impact of air quality regulation of the power sector. Recently completed grid studies will be discussed, as well as the progress of carbon capture technologies and the harm that mandating that technology could be to its further development.

Mr. Jonathan Fortner  
Vice President, Government Relations & External Affairs  
Lignite Energy Council

Mr. Fortner will explain the practical impact of these regulations on the power fleet, including recent studies regarding the impact of these regulations on the electric grid conducted by the North Dakota Transmission Authority (NDTA). Mr. Fortner will add a North Dakota perspective on how to develop cutting-edge power sector technology advances through carrots and commercialization, rather than through EPA's command-and-control stick.

### **Net Energy Metering**

Mr. Tony Clark  
Senior Advisor  
Wilkinson, Barker, Knauer, LLP

Net metering is a public utility policy that is under scrutiny in the states. Historically used to give a push to emerging niche generation resources, it is now often seen as a suboptimal regulatory policy that distorts energy price signals, while subsidizing some customers at the expense of others. It is an example of the hodge-podge of contradictory energy policies that characterize today's energy markets. As such, it is an increasing concern for the regulators that oversee the reliability and economics of the nation's electric grid.

### **The Role of the Oil and Gas Sector in Decarbonization**

Mr. Karl Fennessey  
Vice President, Corporate Public Policy  
ConocoPhillips

The energy transition will likely be complex, evolving over multiple decades with many possible pathways and uncertainties. We need a well-managed transition. And the oil and gas sector intends to play a valued role in this transition by focusing on contributions that can meet transition pathway demand while providing affordable energy to a growing population and continuing to reduce operational greenhouse gas emissions.