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**Final Agenda  
The Energy Council's  
2025 Federal Energy and Environmental Matters Conference  
June 5-7, 2025  
Hilton Washington D.C. Capitol Hill Hotel  
Washington, D.C.**

**Thursday, June 5, 2025**

5:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception**  
(Atrium Ballroom)

**Friday, June 6, 2025**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome Breakfast and Keynote Address**  
(Grand Ballroom)

The Honorable Drew Darby  
Texas House of Representatives and  
Chairman, The Energy Council

The Honorable Ken Luttrell  
Oklahoma House of Representatives and  
Chairman, CLEER

**Keynote Address**  
The Honourable Brian Jean  
Minister of Energy and Minerals  
Alberta Department of Energy

9:30 a.m. **Overview of Executive Orders**

Mr. Mike Nasi  
Partner, Environmental & Legislative Practice Group  
Jackson Walker, LLP

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **The Role of Natural Gas in Electricity Generation, Chemical Manufacturing, and Refining**

Mr. Vincent. DiCosimo  
Sr. Vice President, Government Affairs  
Targa Resources Corporation

10:45 a.m. **SCOTUS Update and Impact of the Reversal of Supreme Court Decisions**

Mr. Will Yeatman  
Senior Legal Fellow  
Pacific Legal Foundation

**Friday, June 6, 2025** *(Cont'd)*

11:15 a.m.      **Interregional Planning/Operational Coordination**  
*(Grand Ballroom)*

Mr. Casey Cathey  
Vice President of Engineering  
Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Mr. Chad Allen  
Regional External Affairs Director  
MISO Energy

Noon              Adjourn General Session

12:15 p.m.      **UAB Seminar – Wildfires**

Mr. Nim Kidd  
Chief  
Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)

1:15 p.m.        Adjourn UAB Seminar

3:30 p.m.        **Please join us for a Reception at the Embassy of Canada**  
501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

*Shuttle Schedule:*

3:10 p.m.        First guest pick-up from Hilton Capitol Hill

3:20 p.m.        Second guest pick-up from Hilton Capitol Hill

*\*Buses will make continuous rounds*

5:00 p.m.        Reception concludes  
and shuttles will return to the Hilton Washington Capitol Hill Hotel

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

8:00 a.m.        **Continental Breakfast Available**  
*(Grand Ballroom)*

8:30 a.m.        **The Future of Nuclear Power**

Dr. David K. Gattie  
Assoc. Professor of Engineering, Driftmier Engineering Center  
Sr. Fellow, UGA Center for Int'l. Trade & Security  
University of Georgia

9:00 a.m.        **National Electric Grid Trends/ Grid Reliability and Affordability**

Mr. Noel Black  
Sr. Vice President, Government Affairs  
Southern Company

9:30 a.m.        Break

**Saturday, June 7, 2025** *(Cont'd)*

9:45 a.m.        **Electric Vehicle Directives and Transportation Infrastructure**  
*(Grand Ballroom)*

Mr. Tom Pyle  
President, American Energy Alliance and  
Founder, Save Our Cars Coalition

10:15 a.m.        **An Update on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

Ms. Anne Idsal Austin  
Attorney  
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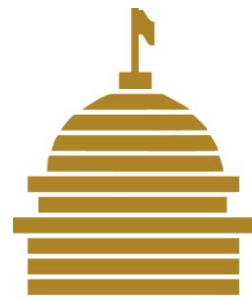
10:45 a.m.        **ESG – State Policy Highlights**

Mr. Sal Nuzzo  
Executive Director  
Consumers Defense

11:15 a.m.        Adjourn General Session

11:30 a.m.        **CLEER Business and Program Advisory Board Meetings**

12:30 p.m.        Adjourn Business and PAB Meetings



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## **Speaker Synopsis**

**The Energy Council  
2025 Federal Energy and Environmental Matters Conference  
June 5-7, 2025  
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill  
Washington, D.C.**

### **Keynote Address**

The Honourable Brian Jean  
Minister of Energy and Minerals  
Alberta Department of Energy

Canada and the U.S. share a complex and deeply integrated energy system that provides affordable and secure energy throughout North America. Alberta's energy sector plays a vital role in achieving North American energy dominance. Alberta has the infrastructure, the expertise, and the resources to become a major global force and achieve a secure future for North America.

### **Overview of Executive Orders**

Mr. Mike Nasi  
Partner  
Jackson Walker, LLP

The new presidential administration has issued a number of executive orders and taken several other actions impacting the energy sector. A significant focus of the federal activity has been on the geopolitical significance of energy and the need to maintain affordable, reliable, and secure energy for generations to come. Several federal departments and agencies are involved in implementing the new "Energy Dominance" agenda, including the Department of Energy, the Department of Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and the newly-created White House "National Energy Dominance Council." A critical component of the regulatory reforms being implemented across key energy sectors is how the federal government will address Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) in the context of the Federal Clean Air Act. Major reforms are soon to be announced on that topic warranting a full understanding of the legal, technical and policy issues involved. States have an important role to play to compliment the reforms being implemented on the federal level which warrants a full discussion as well.

### **Interregional Planning/Operational Coordination**

Mr. Casey Cathey  
Vice President of Engineering  
Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Robust interregional planning and operational coordination are key to delivering reliable, affordable power as our grid rapidly transforms. While today's processes are often fragmented and slow, we see growing momentum to overcome longstanding barriers. SPP and our neighbors are making progress in real-time coordination and outage management, and there's a clear opportunity to build on that foundation with more strategic, forward-looking collaboration. By aligning planning cycles, adopting shared metrics, and advancing innovative cost allocation policies, we can unlock high-value transmission projects and strengthen reliability across regions.

## **Interregional Planning/Operational Coordination *(Cont'd)***

Mr. Chad Allen  
Regional External Affairs Director  
MISO Energy

The nation's power generation landscape is undergoing a significant transition. As older generation resources retire, they are being replaced by new sources with different characteristics. Some dispatchable generation—units that can be turned on and off as needed—is being supplanted by weather-dependent resources. At the same time, the increasing frequency of extreme weather events, along with supply chain disruptions and permitting delays, is slowing the pace of new generation deployment. Additionally, large, clustered load additions are placing further strain on grid reliability.

Interdependence among neighboring systems is growing, underscoring the importance of effective coordination in transmission planning and grid operations. The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) are two regional transmission organizations (RTOs) that serve the majority of the load in the states represented by The Energy Council's membership. The two RTOs coordinate to promote efficient transmission planning and work together to keep the system reliable during tight operating conditions.

### **The Future of Nuclear Power**

Dr. David K. Gattie  
Assoc. Professor of Engineering, Driftmier Engineering Center  
Sr. Fellow, UGA Center for Int'l. Trade & Security  
University of Georgia

While America dominated civilian nuclear development and deployment in the 20th century, it no longer occupies those commanding heights. Its competitive advantage—not only in new nuclear construction and deployment but also in nuclear partnerships—has eroded and now belongs to China and Russia, in direct conflict with America's original nuclear power policy principles which prioritized national security as the strategic objective. This constitutes a first-order national security issue at a time when the U.S. is facing what are arguably the greatest geopolitical challenges in its history. This is a clarion call for a politically-resilient strategy to restore the U.S. to its once-dominant position or permanently cede that position to its authoritarian strategic competitors.

### **National Electric Grid Trends/Grid Reliability and Affordability**

Mr. Noel Black  
Sr. Vice President, Government Affairs  
Southern Company

Energy is a necessity. Now more than ever we need engineering and design done under the careful oversight of our state regulators to keep up with the remarkable growth our country is seeing. On-shoring and AI can't be achieved without the grid and ensuring it is available to serve existing and new customers, small and large is our mission. I'll try to compare and contrast the various ways regions of the country are solving for this moment and share my thoughts on the smoothest pathways to success.

## **An Update on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

Ms. Anne Idsal Austin  
Attorney  
Austin Legal and Public Affairs, PLLC

An Update from the U.S. EPA - The federal regulatory landscape is currently undergoing significant shifts in support of domestic energy and economic dominance that encourages an all-of-the-above approach to energy development. However, that requires federal agencies of jurisdiction, most notably the U.S. EPA, to be nimble and pivot within its existing statutory authorities to recalibrate policy priorities and put the necessary resources behind the President's and Administrator's vision. One of the most important variables that can positively affect the outcome of these efforts is coordinated state partnership and leadership on environmental issues, i.e. reinvigorated cooperative federalism.

### **ESG – State Policy Highlights**

Mr. Sal Nuzzo  
Executive Director  
Consumers Defense

ESG – environmental/social/governance – policy has been a growing topic for both state and federal policymakers. The Trump administration is releasing executive orders, and many groups once committed to ESG are now pulling back, or so they claim. State policy is still a necessary lever required to ensure that safe, affordable, and reliable energy remains a reality for future generations.

**2025 Federal Energy and Environmental Matter Conference**  
**June 5-7, 2025**  
**Washington, D.C.**

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