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Final Agenda
The Energy Council™'s
2025 Global Energy and Environmental Issues Conference
December 4 - 6, 2025
Centennial Plaza
Gulfport, Mississippi

Thursday, December 4, 2025

5:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
(*The Club House*)

Friday, December 5, 2025

7:30 a.m. **Welcome Breakfast and Welcome Remarks**

(*The Chapel*)
The Honorable Chris Turner
Louisiana House of Representatives and
Chairman, The Energy Council™

The Honorable Ed Cooper
Wyoming Senator and
Chairman, CLEER

The Honorable Briggs Hopson
Mississippi Senator and
Vice President for Global Conference

8:15 a.m. **Keynote Address**

The Honorable Tate Reeves
Governor
The State of Mississippi

8:45 a.m. **Break**

9:00 a.m. **Infrastructure Banks**

Mr. Clay Scofield
President and CEO
Energy Institute of Alabama

9:30 a.m. **Grid Resiliency on the Gulf Coast**

Mr. Stephen C. Schruff, P.E.
Transmission GM and Emergency Operations Manager
Mississippi Power

10:00 a.m. **Energy Needs of Data Centers**

Mr. Jeremy Vanderloo
Vice President, Business Operations and Strategy
Entergy Mississippi, L.L.C.

Friday, December 5, 2025 (Cont'd)

10:30 a.m. **Expansion of Natural Gas Transmission/Pipelines in North America**
(The Chapel)

Mr. Nick Hamilton
Manager, Southeast Business Development and Marketing
Enbridge

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. **The Legal War on Energy: What it Means for Energy Producing States**

Mr. David Morrell
Partner
Jones Day

Dr. Donald Kochan
Professor of Law and Executive Director, Law & Economic Center
Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University

Noon **Permitting Reform**

Mr. Chris Wells
Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

12:45 p.m. **UAB Seminar: Powering Growth Through the Future Use of Technology**

Mr. Bryan Farrell
Director, Administration
Raspet Flight Research Laboratory

4:30 p.m. **Closing Night Sunset Cruise with a 3:30 p.m. departure time**

Saturday, December 6, 2025

7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast Available**
(The Chapel)

8:00 a.m. **Disaster Preparedness – Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina**

The Honorable Haley Barbour
BGR Group, BarbourHurst
Governor of Mississippi (2004 to 2012)

9:00 a.m. Break

Saturday, December 6, 2025 (Cont'd)

9:15 a.m. <i>(The Chapel)</i>	The North American Electric Reliability Corporation's Role in Grid Reliability
	Mr. Mark Olson, P.E. Manager, Reliability Assessments North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)
9:45 a.m.	Liquified Natural Gas Export Projects and Long-term Market Viability
	MLA Shane Getson Executive Committee Member, The Energy Council™ and Government of Alberta
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Economic Implications of Energy Projects
	Ms. Heather Exner-Pirot Director of Energy, Natural Resources and Environment Macdonald Laurier Institute
11:00 a.m.	State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and the Limitations of the Clean Air Act
	Ms. Mandy Gunasekara Principal Section VII Strategies
11:30 a.m.	Market Mechanics in the Electric Generation Dispatch Process
	Mr. Jake Dubbs Lead Advisor, External Affairs and Tribal Relations Southwest Power Pool
Noon	Adjourn
12:15 p.m.	CLEER Business and Program Advisory Board Meetings
1:30 p.m.	Adjourn

2025 Annual Meeting
December 4-6, 2025
Gulfport, Mississippi

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Infrastructure Banks

Mr. Clay Scofield
President and CEO
Energy Institute of Alabama

With the rise of artificial intelligence and advanced manufacturing, the demands on our energy infrastructure will only continue to increase. How energy infrastructure banks can assist your state in partnering with electric providers and financial institutions to help speed up electrical infrastructure development for industrial projects.

Grid Resiliency on the Gulf Coast

Mr. Stephen C. Schruff, P.E.
Transmission GM and Emergency Operations Manager
Mississippi Power

Learning from previous catastrophic storm events, Mississippi Power has spent the last two decades making strategic investments in its power delivery system to increase reliability and resiliency for customers. The company continues its grid investment strategy as the state of Mississippi and the southeast region as a whole is in a period of unprecedented growth and development. Mississippi Power remains in a strong position to serve its customers through large load additions, extreme weather and storms.

Energy Needs of Data Centers

Mr. Jeremy Vanderloo
Vice President, Business Operations and Strategy
Entergy Mississippi, L.L.C.

Data center energy needs are highly uncertain, but electric utilities can take steps to both ensure their ability to serve data centers while also ensuring data centers benefit existing customers.

Expansion of Natural Gas Transmission/Pipelines in North America

Mr. Nick Hamilton
Manager, Southeast Business Development and Marketing
Enbridge

To discuss the Expansion of Natural Gas Transmission/Pipelines in North America to support the growing electric market. To educate how Enbridge is assisting the growing demand by building on our existing footprint and the challenges associated with these long-term investments.

The Legal War on Energy: What it Means for Energy Producing States

Mr. David Morrell
Partner
Jones Day

Environmental activists have grown dissatisfied with the refusal of state and federal governments to prohibit fossil fuels and have instead turned to litigation to advance their policy objectives. State and local governments around the country have filed dozens of suits under state tort and consumer-protection laws, seeking billions in damages from U.S. energy companies for their alleged contribution to climate change. Their ultimate goal is to bankrupt the industry and decarbonize the economy. While many courts have rejected the plaintiffs' claims, even one successful case could significantly damage the industry, with serious consequences for oil-and-gas producing states, American consumers, and U.S. economic and national security.

Dr. Donald Kochan
Professor of Law and Executive Director, Law & Economic Center
Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University

There are growing efforts to use the courts and legislatures to impose creatively-structured and retroactive liabilities for past and future energy production based on alleged contributions to climate change. These are based on novel liability theories that lack legal basis and are not grounded in good law or economics. On the legislative front, the New York and Vermont so-called "climate superfund" laws lead the way. Bills like these have also sometimes been called "polluter pays" laws. This presentation will explain why neither label is accurate, and explain the problems with these legislative efforts. Issues to be addressed include: Due Process; Retroactive Liability and the Rule of Law; Federal Preemption; Dormant Commerce Clause; problems with Traceability, Causation, Allocability, and Attribution; and Energy Security, National Security, and Foreign Affairs, among others. Furthermore, the presentation will explain why claims that these bills are costless are based on bad economic analysis. Not only will energy prices go up harming consumers, shareholders will be directly negatively impacted.

Permitting Reform

Mr. Chris Wells
Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Permitting streamlining efforts at the state and federal level.

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation's Role in Grid Reliability

Mr. Mark Olson
Manager of Reliability Assessments
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)

The electric power sector in North America faces a severe shortage of resources as electricity demand is skyrocketing from new data centers, industrial development, and electrification. NERC's annual long-term reliability assessment examines industry's projections in planned resources, generator retirements, and forecasted demand over the next 10 years and increasingly finds that resource adequacy is falling below reliability thresholds. Addressing the urgent need for more electricity supplies will require a diverse mix of resource additions that include natural gas-fired generators and supporting fuel infrastructure, and expeditious wind, solar, and battery resources along with electric transmission infrastructure.

Economic Implications of Energy Projects

Ms. Heather Exner-Pirot
Director of Energy, Natural Resources and Environment
Macdonald Laurier Institute

While energy demand is surging, the nature of the industry changing, with important implications for employment and labour needs. Oil, natural gas and electricity are presenting disparate and evolving trendlines, and geopolitics are influencing global energy markets in meaningful ways. From a state/provincial perspective, how are flows in revenues, investment and job growth likely to change? What kinds of disruption or political tension can we anticipate from new or different energy infrastructure build out? This forward-looking presentation will evaluate different scenarios for risks and opportunities.

State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and the Limitations of the Clean Air Act

Ms. Mandy Gunasekara
Principal
Section VII Strategies

The Clean Air Act's "cooperative federalism" assigns states the lead in achieving environmental goals through State Implementation Plans (SIPs). In line with President Trump's directives, Administrator Lee Zeldin has prioritized clearing the SIP backlog and strengthening state partnerships to advance EPA's mission of protecting public health and the environment. Even after a government shutdown, endless legal challenges, and numerous Reductions in Force, the agency is on track to review pending SIPs and improve the process altogether.

Market Mechanics in the Electric Generation Dispatch Process

Mr. Jake Dubbs
Lead Advisor, External Affairs and Tribal Relations
Southwest Power Pool

Organized wholesale markets that serve to simplify the buying and selling of electric power have evolved immensely over the past decade. Markets reduce barriers to solving generation challenges and simultaneously improve access to a more diverse array of resources.