

AGENDA - TUESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 AM **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:00 AM **GCPA President's Welcome - Mark Dreyfus**, Principal, MD Energy Consulting

Recognition of Chairs - Kim Casey, Executive Director, GCPA

Conference Introduction - Cherie Fuller, Vice President, EDF Energy NA

J. Jolly Hayden, Managing Director, GDS Associates

8:15 AM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Sylvester Turner**, Mayor, City of Houston

8:45 AM **Session I - ERCOT: Where Are We Now? Regulatory / Market Design Changes**

State agencies and market participants have been interpreting and implementing the many statutory changes passed in the 2021 legislative session relating to the power industry in Texas. With this panel of leading industry lawyers and executives, we will explore the content of recent agency rules and orders, discuss major ongoing proceedings that industry practitioners should monitor, and look ahead to future regulatory or legislative activity around power resiliency in Texas.

Moderator: Jason Ryan, Exec. Vice President, Regulatory Services & Government Affairs, CenterPoint Energy

Panelists:

Matt Henry, General Counsel, Oncor Electric Delivery

Julie Parsley, CEO, Pedernales Electric Cooperative

Michele Richmond, Executive Director, Texas Competitive Power Advocates

Cathy Webking, Partner, Spencer Fane LLP

9:45 AM **NETWORKING BREAK**

10:15 AM **Session II - ERCOT Market Outlook: New Tools in the Tool Box**

ERCOT's long-term forecast indicates we have adequate power generation resources to meet the growing load in the region. However, as we learned during Winter Storm Uri, we can experience challenges in meeting demand under certain operating conditions. The PUC is evaluating a number of market design changes to ensure there are adequate resources to meet demand in all operating conditions. A Firm Fuel Product, Loads in Non-Spinning Reserve Service, Fast Frequency Response Service, and ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service (ECRS) are just a few of the resource tools being proposed. And, ERCOT is working with the Commission and the industry to eliminate barriers to distributed generation, energy storage,

and demand response to allow more resources to participate in the ERCOT market. This panel will discuss the potential market impact of these new policies, resources, and tools and how they can be utilized to meet future peak demand during periods of high stress on the electric grid.

Moderator: Warren Lasher, President, Lasher Energy Consulting, LLC

Panelists:

Ryan Aldridge, Managing Partner, AB Power Advisors

Bob Helton, Vice President Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, ENGIE

Tina Lee, Vice President, Asset Management, WattBridge

Bryan Sams, Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs, Calpine

11:00 AM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Dan Brouillette**, President, Sempra Infrastructure; Former U.S. Secy. Of Energy; Facilitated by Brian Lloyd, Regional Vice President, External Affairs, Sempra Infrastructure

11:30 AM **Session III - State of the ERCOT Market from a Financial Viewpoint**

For the better part of 20 years, federal policies, coupled with market rules designed by Texas regulators and ERCOT stakeholders, have resulted in new power generation investments flowing increasingly to wind, solar, and battery technologies. As Texas electric policymakers contemplate ERCOT's future generation mix, this panel will discuss the state of capital markets for energy infrastructure and the degree to which the desires of Texas policy makers intersect with the preferences of capital providers.

Moderator: Mark Egan, CEO, Infield Clean Energy

Panelists:

John Bills, Partner, PEI Global Partners

Andrew Chen, Managing Director, CIT Group Inc.

Joan Hutchinson, Managing Director, Marathon Capital, LLC

12:15 PM **LUNCHEON**

1:45 PM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Brad Jones**, Interim CEO, ERCOT

2:15 PM **Session IV - Innovative Approaches to Decarbonization**

Decarbonization is one of today's most significant world-wide policy initiatives and will be a topic of conversation for decades to come. In the efforts to achieve decarbonization whether by 2030 or 2050, there is no doubt that companies and governments across the globe will be required to "think outside the box." In this panel discussion, we will hear from companies who are beginning their journey

through significant investments, renewable energy commitments and innovative approaches to zero carbon goals.

Moderator: Beth Garza, Sr. Fellow, Energy & Environmental Policy Team, R Street Panelists:

Lara Cottingham, Chief of Staff, Greentown Labs

Tim Sullivan, President & General Manager, SeQuest - Oxy Low Carbon Ventures

Kreshka Young, Sr. Regional Commercial Director, USGC Energy and Climate, Dow

3:15 PM **POWER STAR AWARD PRESENTATION**

3:30 PM **NETWORKING BREAK**

4:00 PM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Jimmy Glotfelty**, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Texas

4:30 PM **Session V - Virtual Power Plants: Building a Smarter Grid**

In organized electricity markets, distributed energy resources (DERs) such as rooftop solar, behind-the-meter battery storage, and electric vehicles, are proliferating, creating new opportunities for portfolios of DERs to deliver services to grid operators and local utilities as “Virtual Power Plants” (VPPs). In other parts of the U.S., FERC Order 2222 is driving integration of VPPs, but only recently have ERCOT and the Public Utility Commission begun to explore market participation by VPPs in Texas. This panel will review lessons learned from other jurisdictions and identify legal, policy, or technical obstacles that need to be overcome in Texas for these resources to fully participate in ERCOT markets.

Moderator: Suzanne Bertin, Owner, S. Bertin Consulting

Panelists:

Jaden Crawford, Director of Market Development, Leap

Nakhia Crossley, Sr. Manager of Public Policy, Sunrun

Arushi Sharma Frank, U.S. Energy Markets Counsel, Policy & Business Development, Tesla

Mona Tierney-Lloyd, Head of U.S. State Public Policy & Institutional Affairs, Enel North America Inc.

5:15 - 7:00 PM **COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT THE GROVE** - Join us at this beautiful rooftop location across the street from the Hilton Americas.

AGENDA - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

7:45 AM **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:30 AM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS - David Cherrett**, Head of Energy Analytics, EDF Trading

The significance of the Ukraine invasion to commodity markets, as with other monumental events, has to be understood in context; the war was in part a function of and an accessory to an ongoing Global Molecule Crisis; but critically it is not the cause of it. It is instead but one chapter in the Global Molecule Crisis, albeit an important one, extending through Brexit, Covid, the Green Revolution and Energy Transition. In this conversation we try and explore the connection between these themes and the likely implications for energy prices going forward.

9:00 AM **Session VI - State of the ERCOT Retail Market**

Following Winter Storm Uri, Load Serving Entities in ERCOT became acutely aware of the multitude of risks in serving retail customers. As the PUC and ERCOT implement changes to market design and system operations in the quest to improve system reliability, Retail Electric Providers and Load Serving Entities are facing increased ancillary services costs, a new Load Serving Obligation, increasing pressure to offer demand side response services as well as other contractual and operational changes. At the same time, load growth is on the rise due to population migration, electrification and industrial growth. This expert panel of retailers will discuss their views of the ERCOT market focusing on areas of change, growth and opportunity.

Moderator: Cherie Fuller, Vice President, EDF Energy NA

Panelists:

Scott Burns, Vice President of Innovation & Customer Experience, Reliant, an NRG Company

Jay Harpole, CEO, APG&E

Michael Lee, CEO, Octopus Energy

Deb Merrill, President, Retail, EDF Energy Services

10:00 AM **NETWORKING BREAK**

10:30 AM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Amit Patwardhan**, Exec. Vice President of Technology, EnergyX

11:00 AM **Session VII - The EV Invasion**

2021 was a break-out year for Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the United States. While the rest of the auto industry saw year on year sale contraction, EV sales reached a new

domestic high nearly doubling the prior sales peak. EVs are a promising technology to decarbonize transportation and they are batteries on wheels. Join us for this panel to explore how the EV invasion may shape the future of the electric power industry.

Moderator: Danita Park, Director of EV & Commercial Development, NRG Energy

Panelists:

Ralph Adams, Director of Utility Partnerships, Nuvve

Yann Kulp, Co-Founder, Director Business Development, eIQ Mobility, a NextEra Company

Teri Viswanath, Lead Economist – Power, Energy & Water, CoBank

12:00 PM **CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**