

2025 Preliminary Agenda – Gulf Coast Energy Forum

Monday, October 13	
7:15 am - 8:15 am	Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Welcome & Overview: Christy Coleman, Vice President, Gulf Coast Energy Forum
8:30 am – 9:15 am	Opening Keynote: One Year Strong Twelve months into the merger that launched North America's largest natural gas producer, Expand Energy CEO Nick Dell'Osso shares how the company is connecting global scale to growing markets. Speaker: Nick Dell'Osso, CEO, Expand Energy
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Round Table Discussion – LNG Export Policy: Economic Development; National Security; Global Geopolitics A key foundational element of the Trump Administration is energy policy, and a centerpiece of that policy is U.S. LNG Exports. The Administration is keenly aware of the critical importance of energy to U.S. economic health. But equally important is the role that exports of U.S. energy around the globe plays in U.S. national security, geopolitics, and assisting less economically developed nations in improving their living conditions and economies. U.S. LNG Exports are at the tip of the spear in enacting these policies. This Roundtable Discussion by well-qualified Speakers will examine key aspects of U.S. LNG Export policy and discuss implications and anticipated future developments. Speakers: Tala Goudarzi, Partner, Torridon Group, former Acting Assistant Secretary of Fossil Energy Rick Smead, Managing Director, Advisory Services, RBN Energy LLC Charlie Riedl, Executive Director, Center for LNG
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Networking Break - Sponsored by Shell Energy
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Panel: State of the Gulf and Beyond: LNG Export Updates; Supply / Demand Fundamentals and Global Impacts. Effects of Weather on Markets. Will Infrastructure Keep Pace With Natural Gas Demand? This Panel, composed of leading industry analysts, offers an up to the minute assessment of U.S. Gulf Coast market conditions, along with supporting data and contextual analysis. While the Gulf Coast has evolved into the center of the universe for U.S. LNG exports, and deservedly attracts much of the limelight, not to be forgotten is the thriving domestic U.S. natural gas market along the Gulf Coast. Consideration will be given to analysis of key supply basins serving the market, midstream infrastructure (pipeline and storage) connecting supply to markets, and all manner of natural gas demand, both domestic and export as LNG. Also, a key consideration for Gulf Coast markets is weather, especially as we proceed through the tropical storm season and anticipate potential disruption to supply, transportation and demand elements. The examination, insights, and

	<p>takeaways offered by this Panel provides an excellent foundation and factual reference point for the overall Forum agenda and ensuing discussions.</p> <p>Moderator: Jacob Dick, Senior Editor, LNG, Natural Gas Intelligence</p> <p>Speakers: Cyrena Arnold, Meteorologist, Director of Product Marketing, Atmospheric G2 Jamison Cocklin, Managing Editor, LNG, Natural Gas Intelligence Antonio Peciccia, Editor – Global Gas Markets, Argus Jack Weixel, Senior Director, East Daley Analytics</p>
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	Board Buses & Depart for Optional Afternoon Networking Activity
12:45 pm – 4:15 pm	Group Activity – Uniquely New Orleans: Brass Bands, Second Lines, Seafood Boils, and NOLA Brewing!
4:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Monday Evening Welcome Reception – Sponsored by Golden Pass LNG (Located in the Riverbend Ballroom)
<u>Tuesday, October 14</u>	
7:15 am - 8:15 am	Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15 am – 8:30 am	<p>Welcome and Overview:</p> <p>Speaker: Christy Coleman, Vice President, Gulf Coast Energy Forum</p>
8:30 am – 9:30 am	<p>Opening Keynote: Natural Gas: From “Bridge” Fuel to Strategic Necessity</p> <p>Over the past five years, the energy industry has experienced plenty of change—from pandemics and geopolitical tensions to winter storms and an evolving regulatory landscape. Through it all, natural gas has proven resilient, adaptable, and increasingly indispensable. Once viewed as a transitional fuel, natural gas now anchors reliability, supports growing electricity demand from data centers and industrial load, and underpins the U.S. role in global energy security through LNG exports. As infrastructure expands and policy shifts continue, natural gas is no longer just part of the mix—it’s a strategic asset shaping the future of North American energy.</p> <p>Speaker: Orlando Alvarez, Chairman and President of bp America and SVP Gas & Power Trading Americas</p>
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>Presentation: From Capital to Capacity: Delta Utilities and the Infrastructure Inflection Point</p> <p>Join Tim Poché, CEO of Delta Utilities, for an insider's perspective on one of the industry's most significant recent developments: the formation of a new major utility in the heart of the Gulf South. As energy systems face unprecedented demand pressures—from data center growth to accelerating electrification—natural gas infrastructure remains the backbone of affordability and reliability. With Delta Utilities already operating at scale serving over 600,000 customers across Louisiana and Mississippi, Poché will explore modernization, risk-taking in</p>

	<p>essential infrastructure, and balancing growth with customer affordability. This is a conversation about building for the long term while navigating the inflection point happening right now.</p> <p>Speaker: Tim Poche, Chief Executive Officer, Delta Utilities</p>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Networking Break - Sponsored by Shell Energy
10:30 am – 11:45 am	<p>Panel: Accelerating Power Development for AI Data Centers Hyperscalers</p> <p>On July 7, 2025, the Department of Energy released its Report on Evaluating U.S. Grid Reliability and Security concluding that current retirement schedules and exploding demands from emerging technologies and manufacturing in most regions will result in unacceptable reliability risks within five years. A recent article in Fortune Magazine highlights the catastrophic result of decades of stalled federal initiatives and misplaced energy investment priorities. American cities' power grids are so weak that technology companies are building their own power plants rather than relying on existing grids. The public is growing increasingly frustrated over increasing energy costs while energy companies prepare for a sea-change of surging demand. A Goldman Sachs report frames the crisis simply: "AI's insatiable power demand is outpacing the grid's decade-long development cycles, creating a critical bottleneck." As a result, data center developers on a fast pace are looking for "behind the meter" new construction or decommissioned natural gas fired generation plants to bring back to life. Federal agencies are also quickly opening up public land for the rapid development of natural gas power generation collocated with AI data centers to meet national economic and security priorities. The panel will detail initiatives underway using emergency authorities to reduce regulatory obstacles, expedite permitting, and complete construction of large-scale gas power projects.</p> <p>Moderator: Rock Graham, Manager Origination, NRG, Energy</p> <p>Speakers: Lucian Niemeyer, CEO, Building Cyber Security May Johnson-Leone, Americas, GM - Consulting Services, GE Vernova Mike Mattox, Senior Advisor – Operations, MISO - Midcontinent Independent System Operator Ken Yagelski, Director Gas Supply, Southern Company Gas</p>
11:45 am – 1:30 pm	<p>Keynote Lunch: Deep Roots Drive Lasting Growth</p> <p>Twenty years ago, Golden Pass planted its roots in Southeast Texas and started the journey, first from import and now to an export facility. And after permitting and construction challenges that tested our grit, we're proud to say that we're ready. Not just to open our doors, but to be a best in class operator. Our success is based on partnerships all along the value chain. We continue to align with our partners who also take the long view on business decisions. Our collective deep roots are fueling real world positive impact.</p> <p>Speaker: Jeff Hammad, Chief Commercial Officer, Golden Pass LNG</p>

<p>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm</p>	<p>Panel: Catch A Wave! - Project Updates For LNG Export Facilities & Gulf Coast Pipelines; Recent Announcements; FIDs; Capacity Forecasts; Notable Developments</p> <p>Global demand for U.S. LNG Exports is surging. LNG export terminal capacity brought on stream to date has been phenomenal. And there is much more to come, with a substantial amount of incremental LNG export capacity (new greenfield and expansion of existing facilities) in various stages of development (planned, FID, under construction). Equally important, however, is the midstream infrastructure (pipeline and storage) necessary to connect gas supply basins to LNG export facilities, as well as to serve domestic demand sources all along the gulf coast.</p> <p>This Panel, composed of LNG Export and pipeline infrastructure experts, provides an update of current status, as well as projections for continued development of these facilities. Panelists will provide analysis of current capacities, and projections involving plans for expansions to meet incremental demand, and projects to relieve constraints. The Panel will also provide perspectives and insights into operations and strategies employed by facility operators.</p> <p><u>The Panel will address various strategic questions such as:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. LNG export capacity growth vs. global LNG market demand • Strategies for delivery of feedgas to LNG export terminals\ • Capability of the U.S. Gulf Coast pipeline network to meet LNG export and domestic demand • Preferred gas supply basins to serve Gulf Coast markets • Ideal global markets for U.S. LNG exports • Projections of U.S. share of global LNG markets • Pricing mechanisms & forecasts <p>Moderator: Tala Goudarzi, Partner, Torridon Group, former Acting Assistant Secretary of Fossil Energy</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Vivek Chandra, CEO, Gulfstream LNG Derek Gillespie, Senior Director - Business Development, DT Midstream Zeyd Khan, Director, Business Development, Enbridge Vince Morissette, Senior Vice President Commercial, Glenfarne Energy Transition</p>
<p>2:45 pm – 3:15 pm</p>	<p>Networking Break - Sponsored by Shell Energy</p>
<p>3:15 pm – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Panel: Evolving Technology and Security of Data and Physical Assets</p> <p>With the recent resurgence in demand for natural gas as a vital energy source, attention now turns to ensuring optimal supply and delivery infrastructure to efficiently and securely move energy from production sources to demand centers. Market participants across the value chain are faced with challenges every day in managing assets efficiently and profitably. Fortunately, a variety of providers are</p>

	<p>focused on this market, and they continue to offer innovative technology solutions to solve challenges faced by asset operators. This Panel of experts from technology solution providers focused on energy, will identify several common challenges and provide real-life examples of technology solutions available to overcome hurdles, while improving efficiency and profitability.</p> <p>Moderator: Cleve Hogarth, Principal, Cleveland Advisory LLC</p> <p>Speakers: Jay Bhatty, CEO & Founder, NatGasHub.com Martha Rendon, Sr. Product Manager Gas Management Solutions, Emerson Automation Solutions Dhruv Venkatraman, Customer Success, Trellis Energy Software Jason Langella, Chief Marketing Officer, Tampa SEO Agency</p>
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	<p>Cocktail Reception-Hosted by the Sponsors Please join our hosts, the Corporate Sponsors, at a cocktail reception in your honor. Don't make your dinner plans too early as hors d'oeuvres and an open bar will be the highlight of this extremely well attended session!</p>
<u>Wednesday, October 15</u>	
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 am – 8:45 am	<p>Welcome and Overview:</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Christy Coleman, Vice President, Gulf Coast Energy Forum</p>
8:45 am – 9:45 am	<p>Opening Keynote: North America natural gas – how will the market balance? Natural gas rig counts and production are growing in anticipation of increasing demand, but summer demand has not matched the increase leading to high storage levels. How will the market balance? We will discuss how the summer season is progressing and how we anticipate this winter season will shape up. We will touch on high level themes including weather, LNG, coal, renewables, and power demand growth that will influence the market this season and into the future.</p> <p>Speaker: James Pearson, Sr. Market Analyst, ConocoPhillips</p>
9:45 am – 11:15 am	<p>Panel: Empowering Louisiana students so that they can meet the employment goals of the State and the Gulf Coast region. What types of educational options are currently in use? What are the potential impacts of global regulatory restrictions on economic success? Will adequate domestic infrastructure be there to meet global LNG growth aspirations without adversely affecting existing domestic stakeholders?</p> <p>This panel offers a status report on educational efforts that support Louisiana's market and economic development prospects. It includes up-to-date assessments</p>

of efforts that support new energy expansions with qualified local candidates. Relevant programs include university graduate degrees, certificate programs, junior college associate degrees, and outreach to secondary schools via teacher orientation courses (basically short courses designed to “teach the teacher”). LSU’s Center for Energy Studies offers periodic non-degree courses for those interested in making informed decisions about energy issues. Tulane Energy Institute’s certificate program broadens the understanding of existing energy professionals who work for industrial service groups such as ENFRA, a national company in 17 states, that focuses on providing energy as a service. Jordan Tinsley is on the panel representing ENFRA.

Construction jobs garner headlines, but **Operations jobs** are a strategic educational focus. Relevant positions include graduate-level technical, legal, and economics experts, but educational goal also include candidates who graduate with associate degrees and are qualified to operate and maintain new industrial facilities. These latter workers, workers need to be trained by teams that include employers, universities, junior colleges and, in many cases, existing company employees. **Successful job candidates** understand the promises and the limitations of energy markets. Lacy McManus, of the FUEL organization, can speak to the funded statewide effort focused on providing energy training for Louisiana’s youth.

A key factor driving domestic growth will be reaching accommodations between traditional consumers of power e.g. residential, commercial and industrial clients, and “new” consumers such as data centers. Job candidates need to understand the, **sometimes conflicting**, priorities of existing customers and the priorities of new arrivals. Dr. Frederic Sourges will be available to explain specialized training for lawyer candidates provided by the Tulane Energy Law Center.

Natural gas used to power **new data centers** is a good example. The panel will discuss educating the workforce about expanding domestic energy markets for affordable, available and reliable power while also attracting large new power consumers such as the Meta data center. New data center projects need workers but also need indirect workers at the Utilities who can operate existing and future power grids and new generation assets. One of our panel members, Laura Beauchamp, a VP at Entergy Louisiana, was instrumental in providing Meta with the information necessary for them to locate in Louisiana.

A second major educational goal is supporting **decarbonization projects** such as Cameron LNG’s recently approved Class 6 injection well. Without carbon sequestration, LNG terminals cannot minimize their emissions and maximize sales to key international customers because international environmental regulations will limit the amount of LNG that can be sold by Gulf Coast LNG producers thereby reducing gross US natural gas demand.

Current international demand for US gas is approximately 12% of our gross natural gas demand but it is slated to increase dramatically, perhaps doubling to 25% over the next two decades. Meeting the challenge depends on providing economic stability but also on Louisiana job candidates who understand both domestic and international policy requirements. As a region, the Gulf Coast needs to temper enthusiasm for minimizing hydrocarbon infrastructure. Recent state legislation can frustrate our ambitions by delaying the installation of CO₂ pipelines. John Foreman, of the Tulane Energy Institute, can discuss the unique

training being provided for both graduate and undergraduate students regarding jobs as energy traders.

Moderator:

Prof. Eric Smith, *Associate Director*, Tulane University Energy Institute

Speakers:

Lacy McManus, *Workforce Development Director*, FUEL

Laura Beauchamp, *VP, Business Operations & Strategy*, Entergy Louisiana, LLC

John Foreman, *Chief Operating Officer*, BCP Energy and Industrial

Jordan Tinsley, *Vice President of Development*, ENFRA

Frederic Sourgens, *James McCulloch Chair in Energy Law*, Tulane University