

Preliminary Agenda – LDC Gas Forum Northeast 2026

<u>Monday, June 8</u>	
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 8:15 am	<p>Welcome & Overview:</p> <p>Speaker: Christy Coleman, Vice President, LDC Gas Forums</p>
8:15 am – 9:45 am	<p>Panel: By the numbers: Northeast market update & analysis - fundamentals; supply/demand; influences; insight; interpretation; forecasts, and takeaways</p> <p>This panel of expert industry analysts provides an up-to-the-minute assessment of natural gas and LNG market conditions, with particular focus on Northeast U.S. regional specifics. Panelists offer a fundamental market examination including supporting data, contextual analysis, forecasts, and actionable takeaways. Analysis includes supply, demand, commodity prices, midstream infrastructure capabilities, exports, and influencing factors. Specific to demand analysis, particular focus will be applied to the remarkable demand projections for nat gas fired power generation to serve AI data centers, as well as feegas for LNG exports. Policy and regulatory impacts, as well as weather events, will also be considered. Insights provided by this Panel offer an excellent foundation and factual references for the overall Agenda and ensuing discussions.</p> <p>Moderator: James Pearson, Sr. Analyst Gas Fundamentals, ConocoPhillips</p> <p>Speakers: Jack Weixel, Senior Director, East Daley Analytics David Braziel, CEO, RBN Energy Dan Spangler, Senior Director, Analytics, Natural Gas Intelligence Jay Sirigiri, Research Lead, North American Natural Gas, LSEG Ashish Sethia, Global Head of Commodities Research, BNEF, Bloomberg</p>
9:45 am – 10:15 am	Networking Break: Shell Energy Cafe – Sponsored by: Shell Energy
10:15 am – 11:45 am	<p>The buck stops here: Perspectives and insights from end-use Gas Buyers - gas purchasing strategies; gas supply portfolio management; opportunities/challenges in current market conditions</p> <p>End-user natural gas segments include Gas Distribution Utility (LDC); Power Generation (Utility & IPP); Refining; Petrochem, Industrial & Manufacturing (process & heat); and Commercial Businesses. Entities include investor-owned and municipal utilities, who are subject to regulation, as well as private non-regulated businesses. Gas Buyers for these entities maintain a unique perspective on the market, given their existence at the end of the value chain and their absolute dependence on gas supply. Creative negotiation of commercial terms for gas supply is crucial to their business to ensure security of supply, operational flexibility and competitive pricing. In addition, the regulated entities must do all this while managing the complexities of regulatory oversight and pass-through of gas supply costs in published rates.</p> <p>This Panel is composed of gas purchasing experts representing a variety of businesses who are Gas Buyers. The Panel will address various topic categories to structure the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Market Conditions - implications • Gas Purchasing strategies, requirements, preferences • Gas supply portfolio management • Transportation & storage use • Regulatory implications

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of technology & financial tools • Low carbon gas considerations <p>Moderator: Jason Waters, <i>Sr. Manager of Business Development</i>, Gas South</p> <p>Speakers: Frank Cuomo, <i>Director of Commodity Operations</i>, Consolidated Edison Greg Barbagallo, <i>Director- Natural Gas & Power</i>, PBF Energy Andrew James, <i>Lead Originator</i>, Duke Energy</p>
12:00 pm – 12:15 pm	Board Buses & Depart for Optional Afternoon Networking Activity (Lunch at Renowned Chart House and Boston Harbor Cruise)
12:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Group Tour – Lunch at Renowned Chart House and Boston Harbor Cruise
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Monday Evening Attendee Welcome Reception
<u>Tuesday, June 9</u>	
7:15 am - 8:15 am	Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15 am – 8:30 am	<p>Welcome & Overview:</p> <p>Speaker: Christy Coleman, <i>Vice President</i>, LDC Gas Forums</p>
8:30 am – 9:15 am	<p>Opening Keynote: Turning Point? Natural Gas Market Outlook through 2027 Kevin will be sharing an update on the U.S. natural gas market, including the key forces shaping supply, demand and pricing dynamics—and how these trends are creating both challenges and opportunities for market participants.</p> <p>Speaker: Kevin Little, <i>Managing Director</i>, Macquarie Group</p>
9:15 am – 10:45 am	<p>Panel: Breaking the Bottlenecks: Infrastructure and Coordination As energy demand accelerates and reliability challenges intensify, the U.S. natural gas, oil and power system is reaching a critical inflection point. This timely panel brings together industry leaders to examine two of the most urgent and deeply interconnected issues facing the energy sector today: infrastructure permitting and gas-electric coordination.</p> <p>Drawing on recent National Petroleum Council studies, panelists will discuss how electrification, data center growth, and renewable integration are colliding with misaligned markets, constrained pipeline flexibility, and increasingly complex permitting processes. The discussion will move beyond problem-statement to practical solutions, focusing on what it will take to better align policy, market design, and infrastructure investment to ensure reliability and affordability.</p> <p>Join this forward-looking conversation on how the industry can break through bottlenecks, strengthen coordination, and build a resilient energy system capable of meeting the demands of the next decade.</p> <p>Moderator: Erin Potter Sullenger, <i>Senior Counsel</i>, Williams Companies, Inc.</p>

	<p>Speakers: Kenneth Yagelski, <i>Gas Supply Operations</i>, Southern Company Gas Brianne Metzger-Doran, <i>VP, Operation Services</i>, TC Energy Amy Cradic, <i>SVP COO Non Utility Businesses and External Affairs</i>, NJ Resources J.E.B. Bolen, <i>EVP Operations</i>, EQT David Mroz, <i>Sr. Fuel Supply Strategist II</i>, PJM</p>
<i>10:45 am – 11:15 am</i>	Networking Break: Shell Energy Cafe – Sponsored by: Shell Energy
<i>11:15 am – 12:45 pm</i>	<p>Build baby, build: Ensuring critical Natural Gas infrastructure to efficiently transport supply to satisfy market demand - Infrastructure project updates; opportunities; innovations; challenges “Drill Baby Drill” is the cliché often used to refer to U.S. energy dominance policy. The reality is natural gas midstream infrastructure is the primary constraint to efficient expansion of natural gas and LNG markets. This Panel is composed of leading experts from key elements of the natural gas midstream infrastructure value chain. The Panel will discuss current market conditions, constraints, and new project plans. The Panel will share insights into the development and supply chain process, as well as latest policy and regulatory developments.</p> <p>Moderator: Tom Thackston, <i>Director Wholesale Gas</i>, NRG Energy</p> <p>Speakers: Rafael Velasco, <i>Director of Process Technology</i>, CB&I Glen Swindle, <i>Managing Partner</i>, Scoville Analytics Blair Hastey, <i>Business Development</i>, Enbridge Inc. Brian Ludolph, <i>Director, Midscale LNG</i>, Chart Steve Toelke, <i>Sr. VP General Manager</i>, Quantum Fuel Systems LLC Jeff Tounge, <i>Development Lead</i>, Cashman Preload Cryogenics</p>
<i>12:45 pm- 2:45 pm</i>	<p>Keynote Lunch:</p> <p>Speaker:</p>
<i>2:45 pm – 4:30 pm</i>	<p>Panel: Technology to the rescue: Innovative technology solutions to overcome commercial operations management challenges and improve the bottom line This panel of business technology experts shares insights about a variety of technology innovations and opportunities, including strategies, processes, and practical applications of automation and overall efficiency improvement of business processes. With Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology dominating headlines, the panel will also deliver perspectives on opportunities, challenges and implications for AI technology deployment across the commercial value chain for natural gas and energy in general. Given current constraints in natural gas midstream infrastructure, the Panel will also discuss application of technology innovations to maximize efficiency of available midstream capacity. Effective deployment of technology applications to address cybersecurity risk will also be discussed.</p> <p>Moderator: Melissa Griffith, <i>Director of Operations</i>, Enspire Energy, LLC</p> <p>Speakers: Jay Bhatti, <i>CEO</i>, NatGasHub.com Larry Loocke, <i>Partner</i>, capSpire</p>

	<p>Christi Gell, <i>Midstream Software</i>, Emerson Automation Solutions Lindsey Saunders, <i>Senior Solution Architect</i>, Quorum Software Scott Vogan, <i>SVP Sales & Marketing</i>, nGenuie Dhruv Venkatraman, <i>Customer Success</i>, Trellis Energy Software</p>
4:30 pm- 6:30 pm	<p>Cocktail Reception - hosted by the Forum 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, June 10</u>	
7:45 am – 8:45 am	Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45 am – 9:00 am	<p>Welcome & Overview</p> <p>Speaker: Christy Coleman, <i>Vice President</i>, LDC Gas Forums</p>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<p>Opening Keynote: Addressing the "Trilemma": How Biomass Fuel Enhances Energy Security, Affordability, and Sustainability Navigating the energy "trilemma" of security, affordability, and sustainability requires innovative solutions that don't strain existing critical resources. This presentation introduces Woodland BIO's process for synthesizing gas from biomass into drop-in transportation fuels, offering an immediate and practical path to decarbonize transportation without adding stress to an electric grid already facing competing demands from vital sectors like data centers and manufacturing. The initial system is designed to synthesize gas from locally sourced low-grade woody biomass and convert it into drop-in road-spec gasoline, compatible and price competitive with existing vehicles and infrastructure. Future systems will expand production to include diesel and sustainable aviation fuel, and adapt to diverse feedstocks, such as RNG produced from animal waste. Discover how this enables companies with large fleets to meet ESG goals through improved decarbonization, requiring no costly turnover, while enhancing energy independence and providing a competitively priced, sustainable alternative.</p> <p>Speaker: Luca Pandolfi, <i>Founder & CEO</i>, Woodland Biomass Innovations</p>
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<p>Presentation: The Energy Professional's AI Toolkit: What's Working, What's Hype, What's Next AI has moved from boardroom curiosity to operational tool across the natural gas value chain in under twenty-four months, and the gap between what's working, what's hype, and what comes next has never been wider. This session is a working field guide to how leading operators are using Claude, NotebookLM, Perplexity, ChatGPT, and custom AI agents to research markets, prepare for rate cases, monitor stakeholder sentiment, and build autonomous workflows that quietly compound competitive advantage. Three live demonstrations of gas industry use cases reveal what each tool does well, where each fails, and the order in which to deploy them.</p> <p>Speaker: Jason Langella, <i>Chairman</i>, SEO Agency USA</p>

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