

2026 Preliminary Agenda – Mid-Continent Forum

<u>Mon., Sept 14th</u>	
<i>7:15 am – 8:15 am</i>	Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast
<i>8:15 am – 8:30 am</i>	Welcome & Overview: Speaker: Christy Coleman, <i>Vice President</i>, LDC Gas Forums
<i>8:30 am – 9:15 am</i>	Opening Keynote: North America natural gas – will demand catch production? Natural gas rig counts and production are growing in anticipation of increasing demand, and right now the market looks balanced with reasonable storage levels. However, demand has been materializing slower than previously anticipated. How will the market balance in the future? We will discuss how the summer season has progressed to date and how we anticipate it concluding. 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. Speaker: James Pearson, <i>Sr. Analyst Gas Fundamentals</i>, ConocoPhillips
<i>9:15 am – 9:45 am</i>	Networking Break: Shell Energy Cafe - Sponsored by: Shell Energy
<i>9:45 am – 11:30 am</i>	Panel: By The Numbers: Mid-Continent market update and fundamental supply/demand analysis - Insight; Interpretation; Forecasts, and Takeaways This panel provides an up-to-the-minute assessment of natural gas and LNG fundamental market conditions, with particular focus on U.S. Mid-Continent regional market specifics. Insights provided offer an excellent foundation and basis for the overall Agenda and ensuing discussions. The Panel is comprised of expert industry analysts, experienced in presenting insights to their customers and audiences. Panelists will explore market indicators and fundamentals, also providing supporting data, contextual analysis, forecasts, and actionable takeaways. Panel analysis and discussion include: · Supply / Demand: current balances; short & long term forecasts by segment (utility, industrial, Petrochem; LNG, gas-fired powergen) · Prices, forecasts, volatility assessment, structural tightening · Key Influences: impact of AI Data Center demand on gas-fired powergen; expectations for AI Data Center Powergen (behind-the-meter vs. grid connected), LNG Exports, Nat Gas Exports; Weather; gas turbine supply chain considerations · Midstream infrastructure capabilities and constraints · Basis, regional and city gate price differentials · Storage dynamics, inventories, forecasts · Federal and state policy and regulatory implications · Other influencing factors Moderator: Rock Graham, <i>Sr. Manager of Origination</i>, NRG Energy Inc.

	Speakers: Enrique Gonzalez , <i>Head of Americas Gas Research</i> , Bloomberg Leticia Gonzales , <i>Managing Director, North America Natural Gas Pricing</i> , Natural Gas Intelligence Jack Weixel , <i>Senior Director</i> , East Daley Analytics
12:00 pm – 12:15 pm	Depart for Optional Afternoon Networking Activity
12:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Chicago Architecture Boat Tour
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Monday Evening Attendee Welcome Reception - (Located in the Riverfront Room of the 320 RiverBar Patio Bar)
<u>Tues., Sept 15th</u>	
7:15 am - 8:15 am	Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15 am – 8:30 am	Welcome & Overview: Speaker: Christy Coleman , <i>Vice President</i> , LDC Gas Forums
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Opening Keynote: The Return of Everything: The Structural and Cyclical Macro Outlook • The outlook for US and global economic growth • Drivers of the cycle: Trade Policy Uncertainty, Tech and AI, Demographics, and Fiscal Policy • The inflation and interest rate outlook both in the near-term and the long-run • Key upside and downside risks Speaker: David Doyle , <i>Head of Economics</i> , Macquarie Group
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Networking Break: Shell Energy Cafe - Sponsored by: Shell Energy
10:00 am – 11:45 am	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. 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. 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. Moderator: Danielle Bertoldi , <i>Director, Government Affairs</i> , Williams

	Speakers: Kenneth Yagelski, <i>Gas Supply Operations</i>, Southern Company Gas Brian Fitzpatrick, <i>Principal Fuel Supply Strategist</i>, PJM JEB Bolen, <i>Executive VP Operations</i>, EQT Paul Hughes, <i>Generation Policy Manager</i>, Southern Company Services Brianne Metzger-Doran, <i>VP, Gas Control and Planning</i>, TC Energy
11:45 am – 1:45 pm	Keynote Lunch: Building Reliable Energy for Lasting Growth How long-term infrastructure planning, strategic investments, and system reliability work together to deliver safe, affordable, and resilient energy for customers while supporting economic growth and meeting future energy demand. Speaker: Wendell Dallas, <i>President & CEO</i>, Nicor Gas
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Panel: Technology - Not A Threat - An Opportunity: Leveraging innovative technology solutions to seize opportunities and overcome challenges This Panel is composed of industry experts from a variety of leading energy technology providers offering innovative solutions across the natural gas commercial value chain. Rather than a “commercial” for technology solutions, this Panel will discuss practical, effective methods for leveraging technology in general, to improve the bottom line. This includes strategies, processes, and practical applications of technology for automation, efficiency maximization, and de-risking your business from security threats. Opportunities to enhance online exposure and brand reinforcement of your organization will also be explored. With Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology dominating current headlines, this Panel will also provide perspectives on opportunities, challenges and implications for AI technology deployment across the commercial value chain for natural gas, LNG, and energy in general. The discussion will include practical examples of leveraging AI in your day-to-day workflow, as well as implications of AI deployment on the workforce. Moderator: Cleve Hogarth, <i>Principal</i>, Cleveland Advisory, LLC Speakers: Jay Bhatti, <i>CEO</i>, NatGasHub.com Tom Quinn, <i>General Manager</i>, PowerGEM Scott Vogan, <i>SVP Sales & Marketing</i>, nGenuie Dhruv Venkatraman, <i>Customer Success</i>, Trellis Energy Software Jason Langella, <i>Founder & Chairman</i>, SEO Agency USA
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Panel: Beyond the Seat at the Table: Influence, Impact & Opportunity Women across the energy industry are influencing critical decisions, driving meaningful impact, and creating opportunities for future leaders. Drawing on their own experiences, panelists will share perspectives on leadership, professional growth, and the ways mentorship and sponsorship can help unlock potential in others. Join us for a thought-provoking conversation on influence, impact, and opportunity for the future of women in energy. Moderator: Amy Mikhaila, <i>Director, Gas Supply</i>, Enbridge Gas Ontario

	Speakers: Tammy Norman , <i>President & COO</i> , Mansfield Power & Gas Rose Jackson , <i>Director-US Gas Supply</i> , Enbridge Gas Marie Laporte , <i>Vice President, Operations</i> , Nicor Gas Danielle Bertoldi , <i>Director, Government Affairs</i> , Williams Aditi Krishnaswamy , <i>VP Commercial Operations</i> , Tallgrass
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Celebrating Women in Energy - Sponsored by: Enbridge
Wed., Sept 16th	
7:45 am – 8:45 am	Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Welcome & Overview: Speaker: Christy Coleman , <i>Vice President</i> , LDC Gas Forums
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Panel: The Buck Stops Here: Critical perspectives and insights from end-use Gas Buyers. Purchasing strategies; buyer preferences; gas supply portfolio management; opportunities/challenges This Panel is comprised of Gas Buyers representing a variety of end users of natural gas. End users of natural gas 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 (subject to regulation), as well as private non-regulated businesses (including AI Data Centers). Gas Buyers for these entities have a unique market perspective, given their unique location at the end of the value chain, their dependence on natural gas supply, and an absolute requirement to meet the demand of their customers. Creative negotiation of commercial terms for gas supply is crucial to Gas Buyer's business to ensure security of supply, operational flexibility and competitive pricing. In addition, the regulated entities must manage all this while meeting the requirements of regulatory oversight and passthrough of gas supply costs in published rates. With a diversity of Gas Buyers represented, the Panel will offer valuable perspectives, considerations, and actionable takeaways. Producers, Marketers, Midstream Operators and key Service/Product Suppliers in the audience will clearly benefit from this insight. The discussion will include the following topic categories, as well as incorporation of Q&A from the audience: • Current market conditions – perspectives & Impact on Gas Purchasing • Gas Purchasing strategies (agreement structuring, preferences, portfolio management) • Midstream Infrastructure considerations • Competition for gas supply (incl. LNG export; AI data centers) • Regulatory & policy considerations and constraints • Technologies utilized for Gas Purchasing • Customer affordability • Low carbon gas considerations

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