2026 Preliminary Agenda – Gulf Coast Energy Forum

<u>**Wednesday, Oct 14**</u>	
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 – 9:45 am	**Panel: The Numbers Tell The Story: Gulf Coast market update and fundamental supply/demand analysis – Understanding; Insight; Interpretation; Forecasts, and Takeaways** This Panel provides an up-to-the-minute assessment of natural gas and LNG market conditions, with particular focus on U.S. Gulf Coast regional specifics. Insights provided offer an excellent foundation, basis, and reference for the overall Agenda and ensuing discussions. The Panel is comprised of expert industry analysts, with years of experience, well-versed in presenting insights to their customers and audiences at large. Panelists will explore relevant market indicators and fundamentals, providing supporting data, contextual analysis,understanding, insight, interpretation, forecasts, and actionable takeaways. Panel analysis and discussion topics include: • Supply / Demand: current balances (supply by basin; demand by segment (LNG exports, Mexico exports, CDN imports, utility, industrial, Petrochem; gas-fired powergen, AI Data Centers); forecasts • Prices, forecasts, volatility assessment, structural tightening • Key Influences: impact of AI Data Center demand on gas-fired powergen; LNG exports; Nat Gas Exports; Weather; geopolitics • Midstream infrastructure capabilities (pipeline, storage, distribution); constraint areas; new projects • Basis, regional and city gate price differentials • Storage dynamics, inventories, forecasts • Federal and state policy and regulatory implications • Other influencing factors **Moderator:** **Jamison Cocklin,** *Managing Editor, LNG***,** Natural Gas Intelligence **Speakers:** **Jack Weixel,** *Senior Director,* East Daley Analytics **Dan Spangler,** *Director, Analytics*, Natural Gas Intelligence **James Pearson,** *Sr. Analyst Gas Fundamentals*, ConocoPhillips
9:45 am – 10:15 am	**Networking Break: Shell Energy Cafe - Sponsored by: Shell Energy**
10:15 am – 11:45 am	**Panel: Catch A Wave!: Midstream Infrastructure, Storage, and Virtual Pipeline developments - Supporting phenomenal U.S. Gulf Coast natural gas and LNG demand** In order to move natural gas and LNG into/across/from the U.S. Gulf Coast, midstream infrastructure (pipeline, storage, distribution, virtual pipeline) has been

	growing dramatically. Increased capacity is necessary to support growing demand from various market segments, including: • Petrochemical, industrial, and manufacturing expansion stemming from economic development and re-industrialization • Powergen growth, both for AI Data Centers, and electrical utility requirements • Feedgas for the phenomenal continued expansion of U.S. LNG exports • Support for operational and commercial balancing (including intra-day) such as for gas/electric coordination In addition to satisfying local demand in the region, the U.S. Gulf Coast has become a critical strategic transportation hub, experiencing shifting and dynamic flow patterns. Supply of natural gas to the Gulf Coast from traditional production basins is evolving. The region has also become a key conduit for delivering supplies to growing markets in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic. Natural gas and LNG storage infrastructure is seeing renewed interest, with pipeline capacity maxed out and demand for operational and commercial flexibility at a premium. Storage is an effective hedge against unpredictable demand swings and weather events. Expansion of traditional midstream infrastructure is the obvious solution to address much of the increased demand However, in some cases Mobile Energy Solutions - Virtual Pipeline (CNG, LNG, RNG) offer tangible benefits. These solutions can allow new markets to be attached much faster, as a stop gap while traditional infrastructure is developed, and to solve complex operational and commercial challenges in a way that pipe alone may not be able to achieve. This Panel, comprised of natural gas infrastructure experts, provides updates of status, as well as projections for continued development of infrastructure facilities and relief of constraints. Also included are perspectives and insights into operational optimization, project development and capital strategies, and policy/regulatory developments. **Moderator:** **Speaker TBD - Howard Energy Partners** **Speakers:** **Michael Guerra,** *Vice President, Commercial Origination,* DT Midstream **Elizabeth Perez,** *Director, Business Development,* Enbridge Inc. **Sean Phillips,** *Marketing & Business Development Manager*, REV LNG LLC **Edmund Knolle,** *CEO,* Gulf Coast Midstream Partners LLC **Scott Johns,** *Chief Commercial Officer*, Sapphire Gas Solutions
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	**Meet Outside Hotel & Get Ready for Second Line**
12:15 pm – 4:00 pm	**Networking Activity: Second Line Parade to Lunch in the Historic French Quarter**
4:00 – 6:00 pm	**Monday Evening Welcome Reception – Sponsored by: Golden Pass LNG (Located in the Riverbend Ballroom)**
Thurs, October 15	
7:15 am - 8:15 am	**Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:15 am – 8:30 am	**Welcome and Overview:** **Speaker:** **Christy Coleman**, *Vice President*, Gulf Coast Energy Forum
8:30 am – 10:00 am	**Roundtable Discussion: Built to Deliver: Perspectives on the Gulf Coast's Role in America's Energy Future** The U.S. Gulf Coast sits at the center of America's energy economy. Home to world-class natural gas resources, extensive infrastructure, leading LNG export facilities, major industrial demand centers, and growing power needs, the region plays an unmatched role in delivering affordable, reliable, and secure energy to consumers and businesses across the country and around the world. Join leaders from across the natural gas and LNG value chain to discuss the opportunities and challenges shaping the region's future. From rising power demand and LNG exports to infrastructure development, regulatory policy, and energy affordability, panelists will share perspectives on what it will take to sustain growth while maintaining reliability and competitiveness. The discussion will also explore how policymakers, industry leaders, and regulators can work together to ensure the Gulf Coast remains a cornerstone of America's energy future and a model for meeting the nation's evolving energy needs. **Moderator:** **Orlando Alvarez,** *Chairman and President*, bp America | *Senior Vice President*, *Gas & Power Trading Americas*, bp **Speakers:** **Dean Ellis,** *Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Gas & Power Trading Americas*, bp **Charlie Riedl**, *Executive Director,* Center for LNG **Derek Gillespie,** *Vice President Commercial – Haynesville*, Williams **Andrew Dornier**, *Director, Fossil Fuel Supply*, Entergy Services, Inc. **- Invited**
10:00 am – 10:30 am	**Networking Break: Shell Energy Cafe - Sponsored by: Shell Energy**
10:30 am – 11:45 am	**Panel: A Thousand Piece Puzzle. Getting to the big picture through a myriad of market indicators** The U.S. Gulf Coast LNG export and Natural Gas market region is complicated, to say the least. Adding to the complication is the fact that the market is in a constant state of evolution, making for very dynamic conditions. • The LNG export market is well into the next wave of phenomenal growth with new terminals commissioned and steady expansion of existing facilities. As the global market seeks more US LNG, further export growth is expected, exposing the Gulf coast market to unfamiliar supply and demand drivers which buyers and sellers alike will need to prepare for. • Domestic regional demand for natural gas is increasing dramatically due to power generation including AI Data Centers) as well as U.S. industrial resurgence with petrochemical and manufacturing expansion. • Historical flow patterns across the Gulf are shifting as additional supply basins are attached. Midstream infrastructure capacity to, across, and from the region is undergoing dramatic growth with numerous new projects underway and planned. • Unfolding geopolitical policies and events, both domestic and global, are an overarching consideration that certainly plays into market developments.

	This Panel is comprised of leading experts from various key players across the LNG and Nat Gas value chain. Building on the data and analysis provided by the earlier Supply/Demand/Fundamentals Panel, this Panel will highlight a number of key market indicators impacting the U.S. Gulf Coast region and provide assessments that will bring a big picture takeaway. Panelists will consider the question as to whether this market region has reached a "new normal", or whether change and evolution will be the constant for the foreseeable future. **Moderator:** **Tala Goudarzi,** *Partner,* Torridon Group LLC **Speakers:** **Rick Smead,** *Managing Director*, *Advisory Services,* RBN Energy, a Novi Company **James Fowler,** *Manager LNG Analytics,* Sempra Infrastructure **Vince Morrissette**, *Senior Vice President - Commercial*, Glenfarne LNG **Speaker TBD - Shell Energy**
11:45 am – 1:45 pm	**Keynote Lunch:** **Speaker:** **Jeff Hammad**, *Chief Commercial Officer*, Golden Pass LNG
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	**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**, *Director, Government Affairs*, Williams **Speakers:** **Alex Oehler,** *VP External Relations,* TC Energy **Amy Cradic**, *SVP COO Non Utility Businesses and External Affairs,* NJ Resources **JEB Bolen**, *Executive VP Operations*, EQT **Matthew Agen,** *Chief Regulatory Counsel, Energy*, American Gas Association **Kenneth Yagelski,** *Gas Supply Operations*, Southern Company Gas
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	**Panel: Technology - Not A Threat - An Opportunity: Leveraging innovative technology solutions to seize opportunities and overcome challenges** This Panel is comprised of experts from a variety of leading technology providers

	focused on the energy vertical, who offer innovative solutions across the natural gas commercial value chain. Not a "commercial" for technology solutions, this Panel will discuss practical, real-world, effective methods for leveraging technology in general, to improve the bottom line. Included are strategies, processes, and practical applications of technology for automation, efficiency maximization, as well as de-risking your business from security threats. Opportunities to enhance online exposure and reinforce your organization's brand and offerings will also be explored. As Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology is dominating current headlines, this Panel will also provide perspectives on opportunities, challenges, considerations, and implications for AI technology deployment across the commercial value chain for natural gas, LNG, and energy in general. The discussion will include considerations for where (and where not) to leverage AI, practical examples of leveraging AI in your day-to-day workflow, as well as implications of AI deployment on the workforce. **Moderator:** **Cleve Hogarth**, *Principal,* Cleveland Advisory LLC **Speakers:** **Jay Bhatty**, *CEO*, NatGasHub.com **Scott Vogan**, *SVP Sales & Marketing*, nGenue **Dhruv Venkatraman,** *Customer Success*, Trellis Energy Software **Jason Langella,** *Founder & Chairman,* SEO Agency USA
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	**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!
Friday, October 16	
7:45 am - 8:45 am	**Networking with the Industry: Registration and Continental Breakfast**
8:45 am – 9:00 am	**Welcome and Overview:** **Speaker:** **Christy Coleman**, *Vice President*, Gulf Coast Energy Forum
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, including 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 **Moderator:** **Speakers:** **Beau Tichenor,** *Director of Gas Supply*, Delta Utilities **Andrew Schneider,** *US Energy Manager,* GCC of America - **Invited**