# A Beltway Outsider's View...

Natural Gas Transmission & Storage Threats & Opportunities

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### Natural Gas Transmission Challenge:

... it is not the strongest that survives;

but the species that survives is the one that is able best **to adapt** and **adjust to the changing environment** in which it finds itself.

Quotation attributed to Charles Darwin (1809 - 1882) Origin of Species



# Natural Gas Transmission & Storage: Threats & Opportunities

Generalized threats:

- Legislative
- Regulatory
- Climate Policy

Industry Opportunities:

- Non-traditional Gas Transport
- ► CO<sub>2</sub> Capture & Transport
- Grid Reliability / Enabling Renewables
- LNG Exports
- ► Economic Reality



# Natural Gas Transmission & Storage: Legislative Threats

Narrow Democrat Majority: (Reconciliation Bill)

Methane Fee proposal



Clean Electricity Performance Program

# Natural Gas Transmission & Storage: Regulatory Threats

- Council on Environmental Quality NEPA rules
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission permitting & oversight:
  - Commissioner Appointment | Certificate Policy Statement | Algonquin "briefing order" | Office of Public Participation | Upstream / Downstream GHG Impact Assessment
- Environmental Protection Agency
  - Clean Water Act Section 401 & Methane Rule
  - Social Cost of Carbon
  - Environmental Justice & Equity
- ACOE Nationwide Permit(s)
- Transportation Security Administration
  - Cyber-security Directive







US Army Corps of Engineers.



Transportation Security Administration

# Natural Gas Transmission & Storage: Climate Policy Threats

- Net Zero Commitments / ESG related
- Alternate Low or No-Carbon Fuels
  - Renewable Natural Gas
  - Hydrogen Blending on existing pipes
  - Blue / Green Hydrogen
  - Carbon Capture & Utilization



# Natural Gas Transmission & Storage: **Opportunities**

- Transporting non-traditional products:
  - Renewable Natural Gas
  - Hydrogen Blending
  - Blue / Green Hydrogen
- Carbon Capture & Utilization
- LNG Export
- Grid Reliability / Resiliency
  - Enable Renewable Power Generation





- The Role of Natural Gas in the Transition to a Lower-Carbon Economy
  - Published by The INGAA Foundation, Inc. May 7, 2019 (Black & Vetch Management Consulting)

The evolving role of natural gas continues to be at the forefront of US energy industry developments. This evolution to a lower carbon economy, including how growing renewable power generation and battery storage will affect gas-fired power generation, and the resulting effect on the utilization of midstream natural gas infrastructure is an important consideration for natural gas midstream operators and the value chain supporting the construction and operation of midstream infrastructure.

#### Investing in the US Natural Gas Pipeline System to Support Net-Zero Targets

Published by Columbia University – Center for Global Energy Policy - April 22, 2021 (Erin M. Blanton, Dr. Melissa C. Lott and Kirsten Smith)

Studies by energy agencies, universities, and the industry that model future US natural gas consumption consistently show continued use of natural gas for at least the next 30 years, even in scenarios where the country achieves net-zero targets by midcentury. There is no quick replacement for gas in the US energy mix. And for many of the needs natural gas currently meets, the eventual replacement may be zero-carbon gaseous fuels (e.g., hydrogen, biogas). These fuels may play a significant role in supporting reliability and making the energy transition more affordable—but they, too, will require a pipeline network for efficient delivery to markets and end users.

https://www.energypolicy.columbia.edu/research/report/investing-us-naturalgas-pipeline-system-support-net-zero-targets

Carbon-Neutral LNG: Another Reason Why Natural Gas Could Win 'The Energy Transition'

Forbes – July 25, 2021 (Jude Clemente)

Carbon-neutral LNG is just one of many reasons why you should remain bullish on natural gas. The world is simply too poor and too energy-deprived for gas demand to go anywhere but up.

https://www.forbes.com/sites/judeclemente/2021/07/25/carbon-neutral-lnganother-reason-why-natural-gas-could-win-the-energytransition/?sh=3a6ec99842ff

Oil and gas pipeline groups attempt reinvention with carbon capture plans

Financial Times – August 26, 2021 (Justin Jacobs)

Funneling CO2 from power plants, cement factories and refineries a potentially immense business opportunity

US government says 68,000 miles of new CO2 networks are needed to reach emissions goals

https://leaderpost.com/financial-times/oil-and-gas-pipeline-industry-tries-toreinvent-itself-with-carbon-capture-plans

# Examples of Economic Reality: Natural Gas Bans May Hit \$100B Roadblock — Report PECAN STREET

Policymakers aiming to ditch natural gas in homes across the United States could encounter a nearly \$100 billion barrier in the form of electrical panels that are ill-suited for a conversion to electric heat, according to a new analysis. Published by Austin-based clean energy research and testing firm Pecan Street Inc. this week, the report concluded that about 48 million single-family households across the United States would need to spend thousands to upgrade their homes' electrical panels before they can "fully electrify," or abandon the use of natural gas for everything from water and space heating to cooking, while trading in gas cars for electric vehicles. On average, the upgrades would run around \$2,000 per household, although the cost could go as high as \$5,000 in some cases, according to Pecan Street's estimates. Undertaken on all 48 million homes that currently rely on natural gas in some capacity, the price tag would come out to \$96 billion.

https://www.pecanstreet.org/2021/08/panel-size/

#### In Closing...

- Stay focused on what we do best -
  - Creating and maintaining a safe and reliable natural gas pipeline system to serve the energy needs of North America
  - Adapt to our future challenges
- Become an Advocate for our industry:
  - Exercise your 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment "<u>right to petition</u> government for redress of grievances"
  - Abundant & Affordable energy, enables our economy
  - Natural gas is a foundational fuel in partnership with renewables, in the transition to a low-carbon future



#### **Thank You!**

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