

2025 Preliminary Agenda – Mid-Continent Forum

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| <u>Mon., Sept 8th</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: North America natural gas – will demand match production? 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. Speaker: James Pearson , <i>Sr. Market Analyst</i> , ConocoPhillips |
| 9:30 am - 10:00 am | Networking Break |
| 10:00 am – 11:30 am | Panel: What’s Up With The Mid-Continent Market Update: Fundamentals; Influences; Forecasts; Insights; Analysis; Takeaways This Panel of expert industry analysts provides an up-to-the-minute update of Mid-Continent market region market conditions. Panelists will provide a fundamental market examination including supporting data and contextual analysis. Specific emphasis will focus on the Mid-Continent market region. Market segments evaluated include supply capability, demand categories (including electric demand), price forecasts and volatility, midstream capacity considerations, storage, LNG Export implications, and various influencing factors (renewables, capacity constraints; weather; etc.). Policy and regulatory impacts will also be addressed. Insight provided by this Panel offers an excellent foundation and factual reference point for the overall Forum agenda and ensuing discussions. Moderator: Ken Fung , <i>Manager Origination</i> , NRG, Energy Speakers: Leticia Gonzales , <i>Managing Director</i> , North American Natural Gas Pricing, Natural Gas Intelligence Troy Vincent , <i>Price Risk Manager</i> , World Kinect Jack Weixel , <i>Senior Director</i> , East Daley Analytics |
| 12:00 pm | Depart for Optional Afternoon Networking Activity |
| 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Goose Island / Salt Shed Pub / Dueling Pianos Networking and Lunch! |
| 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 9th</u> | |

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| 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, Vice President, LDC Gas Forums |
| 8:30 am – 9:30 am | Opening Keynote: The Age of Uncertainty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outlook for US and global economic growth ... how will tariffs and the One Big Beautiful Act impact the outlook in the near-term and in 2026? • Key policies of the Trump administration ... are tariffs here to stay? how will immigration evolve? what should we expect in 2026? • The inflation and interest rate outlook. When and how deep is the Federal Reserve likely to cut interest rates? What is the outlook for inflation ahead? • Key upside and downside risks to the economic outlook for 2026. Speaker: David Doyle, Head of Economics, Macquarie Group |
| 9:30 am - 10:00 am | Networking Break |
| 10:00 am – 11:45 am | Panel: Assembly Required: Strategies and Configuration Considerations For Development of AI Data Centers Demand for AI, hyperscale computing, and cloud services has surged into the spotlight as a phenomenon requiring development of incredible numbers of new Data Center facilities. Much more complicated than simply building a warehouse, development of AI data centers requires a careful strategy. Of utmost importance, with a global competitive race underway to capture market share, time-to-market is urgent. Given the massive power demands, one of the most critical considerations is availability of a sufficient, reliable electricity supply, with essentially two available alternatives. 1) Contract for incremental power on the existing utility power grid; and 2) Arrange for self-generated on-site power utilizing natural gas. The Panel will examine both alternatives and weigh respective pros and cons. Affordability, and sustainability, including low carbon/low emission footprint, are other critical considerations. With either alternative, numerous elements must be planned, configured, sourced, installed and operated. A number of key suppliers and stakeholders must be engaged across the supply chain. The Panel includes representation from stakeholders across the value chain, including major multi-state gas and electric utility, electric ISO, energy generation and retail energy provider, unregulated natural gas infrastructure company, Data Center Operator, and methane emissions certification provider. The Panel discusses the AI Data Center development process with insights into strategies, configuration and project execution. The Panel’s real-world, hands-on knowledge and experience with the subject matter offers invaluable takeaways. Pros and cons, case studies, and real examples will be shared during the discussion. |

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| | <p>Moderator: Ken Yagelski, <i>Director Gas Supply</i>, Southern Company Gas</p> <p>Speakers: Sharon Paterson, <i>Director, Business Development</i>, MiQ Brian Fitzpatrick, <i>Principal Fuel Supply Strategist</i>, PJM Interconnection Rock Graham, <i>Manager Origination</i>, NRG, Energy Kyle Moore, <i>GM & Director, Operations</i>, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Rob Cashell, <i>Director of Asset Management</i>, Enchanted Rock</p> |
| 11:45 am – 1:45 pm | <p>Keynote Lunch: The Natural Gas Role in Future Energy Systems Natural gas will continue to play a critical role in the U.S. energy system and broader economy over the coming decades, helping to meet growing domestic and global demand for energy while prioritizing reliability, affordability and growth for our customers and the communities we are privileged to serve. Investments in new technologies to reduce costs, drive efficiencies and promote sustainable outcomes will benefit current and future generations to come.</p> <p>Speaker: Jim Kerr, <i>Chairman, President and CEO</i>, Southern Company Gas</p> |
| 1:45 pm – 2:00 pm | Networking Break |
| 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm | <p>Panel: Where There's A Need, There's A Solution - Innovative Technology Solutions To Improve The Bottom Line Across The Natural Gas Commercial Value Chain This Panel is composed of industry experts from a variety of energy technology providers offering innovative solutions to challenges across the natural gas commercial value chain. With the recent resurgence in demand for natural gas as a vital energy source, attention turns to ensuring optimal supply and delivery infrastructure to efficiently and securely move energy from production sources to demand centers. The Panel will explore best practices for technology utilization, as well as identify specific case studies where technology solutions have been deployed to successfully solve various operational and commercial challenges. Specific technology solutions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy trade and transaction management, managing the entire natural gas lifecycle within a single platform • A comprehensive all-in-one software solution that enables natural gas businesses to productively and profitably manage their wholesale and retail business operations from wellhead to pipeline to city gate to meter • A cost-effective and data-driven solution for natural gas professionals and industry participants seeking price transparency and actionable market intelligence |

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| | Moderator: Jeff Cardiff , <i>Midwest Originator</i> , ConocoPhillips Speakers: Scott Vogan , <i>SVP Sales & Marketing</i> , Trellis Energy Software Mark Lloret , <i>Principal Advisor</i> , nGenuie Jay Bhatti , <i>CEO & Founder</i> , NatGasHub.com |
| 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | Panel: Powering Progress: Women’s Journeys in Energy Speaker series and panel discussion featuring accomplished women who are shaping the future of energy. Hear from inspiring women leaders in natural gas as they share their career journeys—highlighting the tailwinds that lifted them, the headwinds they’ve faced, and the resources that helped them thrive. This engaging session will offer personal insights, industry perspectives, and a chance to connect through a live Q&A. Don’t miss this opportunity to be energized by stories of resilience, progression, and leadership. Moderator: Amy Mikhaila , <i>Director, Gas Supply</i> , Enbridge Gas Ontario Speakers: Tammy Norman , <i>President & COO</i> , Mansfield Power & Gas Esti Arriaga , <i>Marketing Manager, Brand & Events</i> , nGenuie Sharon Paterson , <i>Director, Business Development</i> , MiQ Maggie Jo Hansen , <i>Director, Energy Procurement</i> , Tyson Foods Melissa Mabe , <i>Director-Natural Gas Sales</i> , World Kinect Energy Services |
| 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Celebrating Women in Energy - Sponsored by the Enbridge |
| <u>Wed., Sept 10th</u> | |
| 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 - 10:30 am | Panel: The Buck Stops Here - Gas Buyer Insights: Market Conditions; Gas Buying Strategies; Opportunities/Challenges End users of natural gas include Gas Distribution Utilities (LDCs); Power Generation (Utility; IPP; On-Site Power); & Industrials (process; heat). These entities include publicly-owned and municipal utilities (subject to regulation), as well as private non-regulated businesses (now including AI Data Centers - on the utility/grid & behind-the-meter utilizing on-site self-generated power). Gas Buyers for these entities have a unique perspective on the market, given their 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 arrangements is crucial to their business to ensure security of supply, operational flexibility and competitive pricing. Regulated entities must do all this while managing the complexities of regulatory oversight and passthrough of gas supply costs in published rates. This Panel is comprised of a diversity of Gas Buyers, offering a range of valuable perspectives and insights. Panelists will provide viewpoints, considerations, and takeaways on the following topic categories: |

- **Market Fundamentals:** supply/demand; pricing; gas supply buying strategies (agreement structuring & preferences)
- **Infrastructure:** pipeline; storage; other; requirements; constraints; considerations
- **Competition For Supply:** considerations/impacts of various sources of demand competing for supply (e.g. Utility /LDC; Power Generation (incl. AI Data Centers Utility; IPP; On-Site Power); Industrials; LNG export; Mexico export, etc.)
- **Gas Electric Coordination:** considerations/impacts of increasing electric demand
- **Regulatory & Policy:** considerations/impacts
- **Technology:** innovative technology solutions improving efficiencies

Moderator:

Cleve Hogarth, *Principal*, Cleveland Advisory LLC

Speakers:

Adam Stiers, *Manager, Gas Supply Acquisition*, Enbridge Gas Ontario

Buck Guinn, *Director – Fuels*, CPS Energy

Michelle Carbone, *Manager, Gas Supply*, Nicor Gas (Southern Company)

Jay Baronowski, *Vice President*, Advanced Power