

SGA Symposia

ENERGY FUTURE

Join top industry leaders to tackle regulatory shifts, LNG exports, CO₂ pipeline expansion, and workforce evolution in a decarbonizing world.

THIS IS HOW



MAY 22
HOUSTON, TX



The 2025 Energy Symposium brings together industry leaders, policymakers, researchers, and innovators to discuss the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in the natural gas industry. This event will focus on the new administration's changes to the regulatory environment, LNG exports, expansion of CO2 pipelines, and the future workforce of this natural gas industry. This event will highlight the need and opportunity of the natural gas industry to meet the moment for energy demand in a world of decarbonization.

TOPICS

- *Regulatory changes*
- *LNG export pause being lifted*
- *Attracting talent from the younger generations to the natural gas workforce*
- *Expansion of CO2 pipelines in conjunction with CCUS initiatives and projects*



THE DETAILS

PRICING

Member \$550

Non-Member \$850

*This exclusive event is **limited to 55 attendees**. SGA members have priority to register.*

LOCATION

PRCI Facility
6410 Langfield Rd., Building J
Houston, TX 77092



AGENDA

MAY 22

THURSDAY

SESSION	TIME	
Breakfast and Networking	9:00 AM	9:30 AM
Change in the Regulatory Environment with the New Administration <i>Bernie McNamee, Partner, McGuireWoods, Former FERC Commissioner</i>	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Breaking Ground: From Young Pipeline Professional to Industry Leader <i>Tyler Tunic, SGA's Chair's Rising Leader Award Receptient, Williams</i>	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
Networking Lunch	12:00 PM	12:45 PM
PRCI Facility Tour	12:45 PM	1:30 PM
A Hands-On Dive Into CO2, CCUS, and the Future of Energy <i>Mark Hereth, Managing Director, The Blacksmith Group; Josie Long, Senior Consultant, P-PIC and Nick Medina, Chair, Rice University Tapia Center and Board Member, NASFM Energy & Industry</i>	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
Collaborate, Compete, or Coexist: Small Business Tactics in Large Company Landscapes <i>Leigh D'Angelo, Modern Hydrogen and Eric Miller, TC Energy</i>	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
Closing Remarks	4:00 PM	4:15 PM

SESSION HIGHLIGHT

A HANDS-ON DIVE INTO CO2, CCUS, AND THE FUTURE OF ENERGY.

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

MARK HERETH

Managing Director, The Blacksmith Group

NICK MEDINA

Chair, Rice University Tapia Center, and Board Member, NASFM Energy & Industry

JOSIE LONG

Senior Consultant, P-PIC

As global populations and energy needs increase, CCS is an essential technology for decarbonizing industrial and manufacturing facilities. This session focuses on the basics of CCS, the current policy and regulatory environment, and the challenges with local acceptance of CO2 pipelines and storage. As part of a strategy to educate communities on CCS, this session will include a hands-on project developed by the Tapia Center at Rice University in partnership with ExxonMobil to educate middle and high school students on CCS. During this session, groups will build a model reservoir using household materials to displace liquid, simulating storing carbon deep underground in geologic formations. Groups will then compete to see who can inject/displace the most liquid in their reservoirs. This engaging activity helps students think critically about carbon, CCS, and, more broadly, tradeoffs and the future of energy.

BREAKING GROUND: FROM YOUNG PIPELINE PROFESSIONAL TO INDUSTRY LEADER

TYLER TUNIC

*SGA's 2024 Chair's Rising Leader,
Williams*

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

At the Energy Symposium's *Next Generation Leaders* session, Tyler — recognized as SGA's 2024 Chair's Rising Leader — will offer a personal and inspiring look into his journey as an emerging voice in the energy industry. As a young professional, Tyler has navigated a path shaped by meaningful opportunities through SGA's ANGE (Accredited Natural Gas Executive), his leadership of the Young Pipeline Professionals (YPP), and active involvement with the INGAA Foundation. He'll reflect on how these platforms have not only supported his growth but also empowered him to drive change and contribute to broader industry advocacy. His story will serve as a springboard for discussing how early-career professionals can shape the future of energy through engagement, collaboration, and purpose-driven leadership.

Takeaway:

Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of how getting involved — early and often — can open doors, build networks, and create real impact in the energy sector. Tyler's journey demonstrates that the next generation doesn't just inherit the future of energy — they help build it.



CHANGE IN THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

BERNIE MCNAMEE

Partner, McGuireWoods

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM



Former FERC Commissioner Bernard L. McNamee is a partner at McGuireWoods and a senior advisor at McGuireWoods Consulting. McNamee is also the Street Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at Appalachian School of Law. McNamee is widely regarded as a leader on energy policy and the law.

Before being nominated by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, McNamee served in the U.S. Department of Energy as Executive Director of the Office of Policy and Deputy General Counsel for Energy Policy. During his career, McNamee has served as a senior policy advisor to a U.S. Senator, and served four attorneys general in two states (Virginia and Texas), and was a policy advisor to a Virginia governor.

In addition, McNamee practiced energy law for almost 9-years representing clients at the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

McNamee received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and his law degree from Emory University School of Law.

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