

Agenda

Sunday, November 17, 2002

- 7:00 – 7:30 PM **First day’s presenters meeting with moderator**
San Miguel Room
- 7:30 – 9:00 PM **Welcome Reception**
San Miguel Room and adjoining terrace

Monday, November 18, 2002

all sessions held in the San Antonio Ballroom AB

- 9:00 – 9:15 AM **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Paul Hudson, Deputy Director of the Policy Division and Director of Policy for Business and Regulatory Issues, Office of the Governor of Texas
- 9:15 – 9:25 AM **Workshop Overview**
Workshop goals, objectives, discussion format and introduction of participants.
Presenter: Ahmad Ghamarian, PhD, IIE Energy Group
- 9:25 – 10:10 AM **Discussion: U.S. - Mexico Energy Interconnection Vision**
Focus: Broad aspects of the U.S.-Mexico energy relationship, pace and extent of energy interconnections, energy security needs and priorities for discussion throughout the workshop.
Format: 10-15 minute presentations
Presenters: Vicky Bailey, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, USDOE
Francisco Barnés, Undersecretary of Energy Policy and Technology Development, SENER
Charles Matthews, Commissioner, Texas Railroad Commission
- 10:10 – 10:30 AM Break
- 10:30 – 13:00 AM **Current Situation and Identification of Obstacles to the Development of Power Interconnections**
Moderator: Alberto Escofet, President, Alesco Consultores
Objective: Identify primary obstacles to cross-border interconnections between Mexico and U.S.
Format: 5-minute introduction and closing remarks by the moderator
5-minute presentations; 30-minute discussion
- 10:30 - 10:35 AM Opening Remarks (*Moderator*)
- 10:35 – 11:10 AM
- **Current Energy Situation in the Texas-Mexico Border Region**
Presenter: Florencio Aboytes García, PhD, Manager of Electric Systems, Federal Electricity Commission (CFE)
Focus: Existing Infrastructure in the border region, and coordination of cross border exchanges.

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11:10 – 11:45 AM

- **Technical Issues**

*Presenter: **William Boroquez**, Director for Transport Services, ERCOT*

Focus: Historical development of the grid. Are HDVC lines necessary? Are HVDC lines feasible? Are additional tie lines an option?

11:45 AM – 12:20 PM

- **Market Structure**

*Presenter: **Les Barrow**, Director of ERCOT and System Performance, San Antonio Utility*

Focus: What are the market conditions necessary for additional infrastructure? Access to end-user? Operation or ownership of infrastructure? ERCOT Membership & relationship to non-members.

12:20 - 12:55 PM

- **Policy & Regulatory Impacts**

*Presenters: **Dionisio Perez-Jácome**, President, Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE)*

***Brett Perlman**, Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas*

Focus: What is the impact of deregulation? What are the regulatory obstacles, and the role of the regulatory agencies?

12:55 – 1:00 PM

Closing Remarks (*Moderator*)

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Lunch

Hosted on-site on the Westin La Cantera San Antonio Ballroom Terrace

2:30 – 3:20 PM

Strategies to Address Opportunities in the Power Sector

*Moderator: **Alberto Escofet***

Objective: Identify actions necessary to overcome obstacles and capitalize on opportunities for cross-border power interconnections.

Format: 10-minute presentations

- **Bidding Process**

Lessons learned: U.S. industry-case study of bid proposal process

*Presenter: **Fernando Gireud**, Vice President, International Business, El Paso Electric*

Mexican perspective on case study and bid process

*Presenter: **Alberto Ramos**, Deputy Director of Project Development and Financial Investment, Federal Electricity Commission (CFE)*

- **Update on U.S. Regulatory Efforts**

*Presenters: **Shelton Cannon**, Deputy Director of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, FERC*

***Tony Como**, Office of Fossil Energy, USDOE*

- **Infrastructure Development**

*Presenter: **Alejandro Cuevas**, Director of Electricity Investment Promotion Office, SENER*

3:20 – 3:40 PM

Break

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- 3:40 – 5:00 PM **Discussion on Strategies**
Moderator: Alberto Escofet
- 5:00 – 5:10 PM **Summary of Key Findings from Day One**
David Pumphrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Policy Cooperation, USDOE
- 6:00 – 6:30 PM **Second day's presenters meeting with moderator**
San Antonio Ballroom AB
- 6:30 – 8:30 PM **Dinner**
Hosted on-site at the Westin La Cantera Pavilion

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

all sessions held in the San Antonio Ballroom AB

- 8:30 – 8:40 AM **Welcome and Overview of Day Two**
Ahmad Ghamarian, PhD, IIE Energy Group
- 8:40 – 10:15 AM **Current Situation and Identification of Obstacles in the Natural Gas Sector**
Moderator: Michelle Foss, PhD, Executive Director, Institute for Energy, Law & Enterprise, University of Houston
Objective: Identify primary obstacles to cross-border natural gas interconnections and trade between Mexico and U.S.
Format: 5-minute introduction and closing remarks by the moderator
10-minute presentations; 60-minute discussion
- 8:40 – 8:45 AM Opening Remarks by the Moderator
- 8:45 – 9:15 AM
- **Natural Gas Situation in the Border Region**
Presenter: Manuel Betancourt, Director General for Hydrocarbons Development, SENER
 - **Natural Gas Trade and Development: U.S. Industry Perspective**
Presenter: James A. Tramuto, Vice President of External Affairs, Western Region, PG&E National Energy Group
 - **Participation in distribution and transmission (Mexican Industry)**
Presenter: Claudio Urencio, Responsible for Pipelines, Pemex Gas
- 9:15 – 10:10 AM **Discussion**
Focus: Existing Infrastructure, Demand Analysis, LNG imports vs. domestic development. What is the link between access to resource development and increased cross-border infrastructure? Has access to the distribution and transmission sector in Mexico enhanced the development of cross-border exchange and gas interconnections? Is greater access to the end-user necessary for increased cross-border energy trade?
- 10:10 – 10:30 AM Break

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- 10:30 – 12:00 PM **Natural Gas Sector: Policy, Requirements and Roles**
Moderator: Michelle Foss, PhD, University of Houston
Focus: Natural gas policy-making and regulations, lines of authority, constitutional and political constraints, role of regulators as market facilitators. Which agencies regulate specific natural gas activities and how are regulatory processes executed?
Format: 10-minute presentations; 30 minute discussion
- 10:30 – 11:00 AM
- **Mexican Perspectives**
Presenters: Armando Jiménez, PhD, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy Policy, SENER
Raul Monteforte, PhD, Commissioner, Comision Reguladora de Energia (CRE)
Marcelo Chauvet, Director General, Compañía Mexicana de Gas
- 11:00 – 11:30 AM
- **US Perspectives**
Presenters: Robert Cupina, Deputy Director of Energy Projects, FERC
Cliff Tomaszewski, Manager for Natural Gas Regulation, USDOE
Steve Pitner, Director of Gas Services, Texas Railroad Commission
- 11:30 – 12:00 PM **Discussion**
- 12:00 – 12:20 PM Break
- 12:20 – 1:20 PM **Strategies to Address Areas for Improvements and Necessary Reforms in the Natural Gas Sector**
Moderator: Michelle Foss, PhD, University of Houston
Objective: Identify actions necessary to overcome obstacles and capitalize on opportunities for cross border natural gas trade and interconnections.
Format: 10-minute presentations; 40-minute discussion
- 12:20 – 12:30 PM
- **Case Study: U.S. industry permitting process**
Presenter: Michael Ward, President, Tidelands Oil and Gas
- 12:30 – 12:40 PM
- **Mexican Perspective: Status of interconnections and development**
Presenter: Steven Kean, President, Kinder Morgan Interstate Pipelines
- 12:40 – 1:20 PM **Discussion**
- 1:20 - 1:45 PM **Discussion and Summary of Key Findings of the Workshop**
Led by *Mario Rodríguez-Montero, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, SENER*
- 1:45 – 2:00 PM **Wrap-up – Next Steps Toward A Strategic Vision**
Presenters: Vicky Bailey, USDOE
Francisco Barnés, SENER