Task Force on Energy Supply  
Monday, August 18, 2014  
Minneapolis Convention Center, Room M100AB – Mezzanine Level

10:30 am – 11:30 am: Natural Gas-Electric Harmonization

Mark McCullough is the Executive Vice President of Generation at American Electric Power (AEP). He is responsible for the management of AEP’s fossil, hydro and wind generating units. Mr. McCullough has served at AEP for his entire career, since 1981, in a variety of positions, including Senior Vice President of Fossil and Hydro Generation, where he was responsible for directing activities at fossil and hydro generating facilities and Ohio’s Region Director for Unregulated Generation, where he managed coal-fired generation and gas-fired generation.

Ron Christian is the Executive Vice President and Chief Legal and External Affairs Officer of Vectren Corporation. He has served as an executive with Vectren since its formation in 2000. Prior to 2000, he was the Vice President General Counsel and Secretary of Indiana Energy, Inc., a predecessor company to Vectren. He also was Vice President and General Counsel of Michigan Consolidated Gas Company in Detroit.

11:30 am – 12:45 pm: Net-Metering Challenges and Solutions

Ben Norris is a Senior Consultant at Clean Power Research in Napa, California, where he has conducted numerous studies for utilities, regulators, energy agencies and industry organizations. He manages the Consulting team at Clean Power Research which is engaged in improving methods for solar fleet modeling, short and long term solar forecasting, and variability assessment for grid operators.

Edward Comer is Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at the Edison Electric Institute (EEI). He began at EEI as a staff attorney in 1981 and became Vice President and General Counsel in 1998. Mr. Comer is responsible for all legal issues affecting EEI and its members and works directly on policy issues affecting the electric industry.

12:45 pm – 1:15 pm: Break for Lunch

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm: The Integrated Grid
**Clark Gellings** is a Fellow at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and plays key roles in developing technology strategy and R&D planning. He joined EPRI in 1982 progressing through a series of technical management and executive positions including seven vice president positions. He was also chief executive officer of several EPRI subsidiaries. Prior to joining EPRI, he spent 14 years with Public Service Electric & Gas Company.

**Ken Geisler** is Vice President of Strategy for Siemens Smart Grid in the United States and Canada. He has over 30 years of management and technical experience in defining, designing, developing and implementing large integrated solutions in the energy industry. Previously he was chief architect for Smart Grid with Siemens Energy & Automation. From 1991-2004, he was president, CEO and chairman of the board of Configured Energy Systems Inc., which grew from a company with two employees to one with a staff of 150 people and annual revenues of $17 million.

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm: Task Force Business Meeting

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm: Break

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm: Energy Perspectives from Across the Globe
(Joint Session with the International Program – Room 101AB)

The Honorable **Michael L. MacDonald** was appointed to the Senate on January 2, 2009. Until his appointment to the Upper House, Senator MacDonald served as Vice-President of the Conservative Party of Canada, and the party’s National Councillor for Nova Scotia. He currently sits on the Standing Senate Committees on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources, as well as Transport and Communications. In addition to his parliamentary duties, Senator MacDonald serves as Treasurer to the Canada-Korea Inter Parliamentary Friendship Group, as well as Vice-Chair to both the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group, and the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas.

**Li, Bin** joined the State Development Planning Commission (SDPC) and started working in the Department of Foreign Affairs of the SDPC in 1989. In 2003, Mr. Li served as the Deputy Director General of the Dept. Before that he was Deputy Division Chief in 1994 and Division Chief in 1999. Mr. Li was in charge of American affairs, European affairs and multilateral affairs during the past 10 years. He was the Deputy Director General of Foreign Affairs Office of the National Committee for Reform and Development of China. At the Embassy, he also represents the National Energy Agency of China. He is especially familiar with China US economic cooperation and the US companies operating in China. In July 2011, Mr. Li was assigned as the Counselor, Chief of the Economic Affairs Section, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in the United States of America.

**Dr. Faruk Taban** is the president of the Turkic American Alliance (TAA), an NGO encompassing the largest network of Turkic-American institutions nationwide with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Within the mission and vision of TAA, Dr. Taban also acts as a liaison to inform key players on Capitol Hill about the educational, cultural and social activities of TAA.
and of its component federations, associations and organizations. Dr. Taban currently serves on the White House Ethnic Committee. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of Turks Abroad Presidency of the Prime Ministry of Turkey.

**Geoffrey Harris** is the Deputy Head of Office for the European Parliament Liaison Office with the U.S. Congress. He arrived in Washington D.C. in July 2012. Until then, he had been the Head of the Human Rights Unit within the European Parliament's Directorate-General for external policies. This unit provided the back-up for the Human Rights sub-committee, a parliamentary body working within the EP Foreign Affairs Committee. A longtime European Parliament official, Geoffrey worked for the center left Socialist Group from 1976 to 1989, and as a diplomatic adviser to the President of Parliament between 1989 and 1992. Between 1992 and 2004, he was in charge of inter-parliamentary relations with countries in Europe but outside the EU, coordinating relations with the parliaments of all countries involved in the enlargement process, as well as Russia and the EU's eastern neighbors.

**4:30 pm – 4:40 pm: Return to Task Force on Energy Supply Meeting**  
(Room M100AB – Mezzanine Level)

**4:40 pm – 5:00 pm: Energy Siting and Military Operations**

**Bill Van Houten** is the Deputy Director of the Department of Defense (DoD) Siting Clearinghouse. He has worked in multiple positions at DoD over the last 30 years. He began his career with the Navy where he eventually became a contracting officer for aircraft and research and development programs, as well as a position on the Navy IG staff. He then moved to the Office of the Secretary of Defense where he has managed: international environmental programs, worker safety, greenhouse gas accounting and policy and most recently encroachment as it relates to Clearinghouse functions.