Energy Policy Summit
Tuesday, August 19, 2014
Minneapolis Convention Center, Room 200D – Level 2

8:00 am - 8:15 am: Welcome and Introductions

8:15 am – 10:00 am: The Future of North American Energy

Our first speaker is Dr. Kathryn Clay. Dr. Clay is the Vice President for Policy Strategy at the American Gas Association. In this role, she drives thought-leadership on natural gas utility demand growth and engages in stakeholder outreach to achieve the industry’s policy and growth objectives. Previously, she managed the Drive Natural Gas Initiative and AGA’s policy and regulatory efforts around natural gas vehicles. She has also served as Executive Director of the American Gas Foundation since 2011.

Our second speaker, Scott Peterson, is the Senior Vice President for Communications at the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). Mr. Peterson directs the Institute’s public affairs activities, including media relations, coalition management, advertising, editorial and creative services, public opinion research and industry communications. At NEI, Mr. Peterson has also directed public affairs programs that support enactment of federal legislation, including the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and congressional approval of the nation’s nuclear fuel repository site, and recognition of nuclear energy in international climate change policy.

Jacob Williams joined Peabody Energy in 1999 and is currently Vice President of Global Energy Analytics leading global analysis of energy and coal markets for Peabody. Previously, Mr. Williams was Vice President of Generation Development leading Peabody’s partnering efforts for the largest coal plant to be built in the U.S. in 30 years—the 1,600 MW clean-coal Prairie State generation plant, which started up in 2012. Mr. Williams has also been involved in various international, national and state level energy and transmission studies including the 2011 and 2012 International Energy Agency’s World Energy Outlook, Western
Governor’s transmission study, the Kentucky Energy Task Force and the Illinois Coal Task Force.

Our next speaker is Tom Hiester, the Senior Vice President of Development at RES Americas. Mr. Hiester joined RES Americas in 2010, and he leads the company’s development efforts in the U.S. He began his career in wind energy in 1978 at the U.S. Department of Energy, and followed with five years in wind energy development in California. He is a nationally recognized figure in wind resource assessment and has held numerous industry leadership positions in this capacity.

Our final speaker is Laura McCarten. She is the Regional Vice President of Northern States Power—Minnesota, an operating company of Xcel Energy. Ms. McCarten is responsible for state government, community and media relations, and stakeholder outreach in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota, and the regulatory interface in North and South Dakota. In the energy business for more than 30 years, she has extensive experience in utility operations, customer and community relations, and energy policy issues.

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break

10:15 am – 11:30 am: Exporting Natural Gas

Our first speaker is Leslie Palti-Guzman. She is a Senior Analyst for Global Energy and Natural Resources at Eurasia Group. She focuses on global natural gas markets, both cross-border pipeline politics and liquefied natural gas, with an emphasis on geopolitics, suppliers’ export strategies, pricing evolution, and regulatory framework. Her expertise is global with a strong regional focus on North America, Asia, Russia, Qatar, Eastern Mediterranean, and the EU. Prior to joining Eurasia Group, Ms. Palti-Guzman was the senior natural gas and LNG correspondent at Energy Intelligence Group in New York. She covered LNG markets in the Atlantic Basin, European unconventional gas, and European security of gas supply.

Scott Morrison joined the American Public Gas Association (APGA) in December of 2010 and currently serves as the Director of Government Affairs and
the Chief Operating Officer for the APGA Research Foundation. In these positions, he is responsible for implementing legislative strategy, assisting in regulatory activities, and overseeing APGA’s Research Foundation. Prior to joining APGA, he served as the Energy Committee Legislative Assistant for Senator Evan Bayh. While with Senator Bayh, Mr. Morrison worked on numerous issues including comprehensive energy and climate legislation, Natural Gas Act reform, advanced vehicles, among many others.

**Jason French** is the Director of Government and Public Affairs at Cheniere Energy. Mr. French is responsible for government relations, public affairs, and community outreach at the state and local levels, as Cheniere works to develop LNG Export facilities in Louisiana and Texas. Mr. French joined Cheniere Energy in November 2011. Previously, Mr. French was Director of Government and Public Affairs for BP America where he held several key public affairs roles during the Deepwater Horizon Spill Response.

**11:30 am – 12:00 pm: Keynote — Energy and Security in the 21st Century**

**General Wesley Clark** serves as Chairman and CEO of Wesley K. Clark & Associates, a strategic consulting firm and Co-Chairman of Growth Energy.

He retired a four star general after 38 years in the United States Army. General Clark graduated first in his class at West Point and completed degrees in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. While serving in Vietnam, he commanded an infantry company in combat, where he was severely wounded. He later commanded at the battalion, brigade and division level, and served in a number of significant staff positions, including service as the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy. In his last assignment as Supreme Allied Commander Europe he led NATO forces to victory in Operation Allied Force, saving 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing.

His awards include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Silver star, bronze star, and purple heart.

**12:00 pm – 1:15 pm: Innovations in Energy**
We are pleased to welcome our first speaker, **Harry Godfrey**, who manages national policy and partnerships for Opower. There, he works with legislators, regulators, and coalition partners throughout the U.S. to support energy efficiency policies. Opower works with utilities in 35 states and 8 countries around the world to help them better communicate with customers regarding saving energy. Prior to Opower, Mr. Godfrey was a Legislative Assistant at the White House and an aide to then-Majority Whip James Clyburn.

**David Malkin** is the Director of Government Affairs and Policy for GE Energy Management, a leading supplier of electric transmission, distribution and industrial automation technologies. He coordinates and directs Energy Management’s global government relations portfolio, and is responsible for positioning GE as a trusted advisor to policymakers and regulators on a range of electricity and technology issues. Prior to joining GE, he worked for the U.S. government as a defense and national security policy analyst. He also spent 5 years on active duty as an Army Intelligence Officer.

Our final speaker is **David O’Brien**. Mr. O’Brien is the Vice President of Regulatory Solutions at Bridge Energy Group. He offers insight and solutions to utility companies seeking regulatory approval of grid modernization investment and working to broadly communicate how critical a smarter grid is to our energy policy. He has written extensively on the topic of rate recovery and risk associated with utility investment in grid modernization. Mr. O’Brien has outlined ideas regarding a changed utility business model, the critical change factors to speed grid modernization and highlighted the difficult rate cases that have marked the early Smart Grid investment.