PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN ENERGY DECISION-MAKING
HOW IS CANADA DOING?

AGENDA

APRIL 23 AND 24, 2018
The past three years have seen major reforms in policy and regulation to attempt to deal with a lack of public confidence in energy decision-making. At the federal level, a new energy regulator has been proposed and a new agency for impact assessments will be charged with making public interest determinations on energy projects. “Generation Energy,” a national energy policy discussion was launched, carbon pricing is increasingly widespread and Indigenous representation in decision-making has been solidified in practice and through jurisprudence. Provincial governments have also taken steps to build public confidence, including Alberta’s cap on oil sands emissions, new regulations in Québec for shale gas development, British Columbia’s area based approach to oil and gas development and a renewed long-term energy plan in Ontario. Yet, energy projects – notably but not exclusively pipelines – remain controversial, and challenges to public confidence continue. This panel of senior leaders from industry, ENGO, policy regulatory, and Indigenous interests will reflect on how far Canada has come in building public confidence in energy decision-making and what still needs to be done.

**Moderator:**
Monica Gattinger, Chair, Positive Energy

**Participants:**
Kim Baird, Senior Advisor, Hill & Knowlton Strategies
Bruce Cameron, former Executive Director, Nova Scotia Dept of Energy
Louis Legault, Chair, CAMPUT, Canada’s Energy and Utility Regulators
Nik Nanos, Chair and CEO, Nanos Research
David Runnalls, Board President, Pembina Institute
Doug Suttles, CEO, Encana

**7:00 – 9:00 pm**
**DINNER KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Corrina Leween, Chief, Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Vice-Chair of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC)

The rights of Canada’s Indigenous peoples have come to the fore in energy decision-making. The need for deep consultation is legally entrenched. Many First Nations look to energy development as a tool for community and economic development and potentially a step toward self-determination. Others may have fundamental concerns about the impact of energy development on land, water, air and rights. Differences in world views inform and shape these issues, and regardless of community orientations, questions of capacity and capacity building often loom large. Corrina Leween is Chief of the Cheslatta Carrier Nation and Vice-Chair of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC). Through the FNMPC, Member First Nations work collaboratively,
cooperatively and cohesively towards the enhancement of the economic well-being of their respective memberships, understanding that a strong economy is reliant upon a healthy environment, supported by vibrant cultures, languages and expression of First Nations’ traditional laws. Chief Leween will reflect on the role of Indigenous peoples in energy decision-making in recent years and into the future drawing on the experiences of her own community and the FNMPC.

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

8:00 – 8:30 am
WELCOME AND BREAKFAST

8:35 – 9:15 am
CANADIANS’ ATTITUDES AND CONFIDENCE IN ENERGY DECISION-MAKING

Stephen Bird, Positive Energy, Associate Professor, Clarkson University

Through its partnership with Nanos Research, Positive Energy has undertaken public opinion surveys over the last three years, exploring Canadians’ knowledge, attitudes and opinions on various dimensions of public confidence in energy decision-making. This presentation will feature the latest Positive Energy survey, commissioned specifically for the conference.

9:15 – 10:45 am
THE ROLE OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES IN ENERGY DECISION-MAKING – IS CANADA GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT?

This panel draws on the “Public Authorities” research stream of Positive Energy, which identified three stresses facing the energy decision-making system. One, the question of “who decides?” given expanded roles for municipal and Indigenous authorities, second, the appropriate relationship between policymakers and regulators, and third, the question of “how to decide?” in the context of societal demands for public participation and investor needs for timeliness, competitiveness and predictability in decision-making. Panelists will offer their reflections in response to an opening presentation highlighting Positive Energy research findings and recommendations.

Moderator:
Dave Collyer, Advisory Council, Positive Energy

Opening speaker:

Participants:
Chris Bloomer, President and CEO, Canadian Energy Pipeline Association
Mike Cleland, Senior Fellow, Positive Energy
Elisabeth DeMarco, Senior Partner, DeMarco Allan LLP
Gary Merasty, President, Peter Ballantyne Group of Companies
Ralph Torrie, Senior Associate, Canadian Energy Systems Analysis Research initiative (CESAR), University of Calgary
Stéphanie Trudeau, Senior Vice-President, Regulatory, Customers and Communities, Énergir

10:45 – 11:00 am
HEALTH BREAK
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**11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**ARMCHAIR DISCUSSION WITH POSITIVE ENERGY DONORS**

A Conversation with financial supporters of Positive Energy. Why did they support the initiative? What has their experience been like? What have they learned? What could Positive Energy do better going forward?

**Moderator:**

Monica Gattinger, Chair, Positive Energy

**Participants:**

Chris Bloomer, President and CEO, Canadian Energy Pipeline Association

Richard Dunn, Vice-President, Government Relations Canada, Encana

Jeff Gaulin, Vice-President, Communications, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

Yiota Kokkinos, Director General, International Energy Division, Energy Sector, Natural Resources Canada

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**12:00 – 1:30 pm**

**LUNCH KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The Honourable Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta (via video)

As leader of Canada’s pivotal energy producing province at the intersection of hydrocarbon development and energy transition, the Honourable Rachel Notley brings a unique and important perspective to the discussion. The Government of Alberta’s Climate Leadership Plan and the process used to develop it position the province at the vanguard of forging consensus among key stakeholders keen to find a workable balance between hydrocarbon development and climate action.

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**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**THE ROLE OF COMMUNITIES IN ENERGY DECISION-MAKING: ARE WE GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT?**

This panel draws on the “Communities” research stream of Positive Energy. Undertaken in partnership with the Canada West Foundation, the communities’ research focused on the factors affecting local levels of satisfaction and dissatisfaction with energy infrastructure decision-making processes. Six case studies featuring a mix of linear and non-linear, fossil and renewable, rural and urban projects, offered a rich foundation to generate research findings and recommendations for both policymakers and regulators. Following a brief summary of the study, panelists representing regulators, academia, Indigenous interests, NGOs and industry will offer their perspectives on where Canada is getting the balance right – and where it’s not – when it comes to the role of communities in energy decision-making.

**Moderator:**

Stephen Bird, Positive Energy, Associate Professor, Clarkson University

**Opening speaker:**


**Participants:**

Catherine Abreu, Executive Director, Climate Action Network

Roxanna Benoit, Vice-President, Public Affairs and Communications, Enbridge

Ted Gruetzner, Vice-President, Corporate Relations and Communications, Ontario Power Generation
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Guy Lonechild, CEO, First Nations Power Authority
Louis Simard, Positive Energy, Associate Professor, University of Ottawa

3:00 – 3:15 pm  
HEALTH BREAK

3:15 – 4:45 pm  
ON THE HORIZON: TRUST IN ENERGY TRANSITION DECISION-MAKING

As the first three-year phase of Positive Energy draws to a close, planning is underway for the next phase of research and engagement, which turn attention to low-emission energy transition. Transitioning Canada’s energy systems to lower emissions configurations will entail, in the relatively brief span of 30 years, a transformation of a nature and scale approximating that last seen at the beginning of the twentieth century, when power grids and petroleum-based transportation came to dominate energy systems. Public confidence and trust in energy transition decision-making – including investor confidence in energy transition decision-making arrangements – will be an essential driver of the speed and effectiveness with which Canada can transform its energy systems. To that end, Positive Energy’s Trust in Transition project will provide sustained research and engagement on challenges and opportunities to strengthen public confidence in transition decision-making. Trust in Transition will focus on four areas that will drive public confidence and trust in energy transition decision-making: the information base for long-term evidence-based policymaking and regulation; governance and coordination of expanded roles for municipal and Indigenous authorities in decision-making; social acceptance of new energy technologies; and the role of various energy sources (oil, gas, nuclear, renewable, etc.) in energy transition.

Moderator:  
Bryson Robertson, Positive Energy, Professor, University of Victoria

Opening Speaker:  
Allan Fogwill, President and CEO, Canadian Energy Research Institute

Participants:  
Meredith Adler, Executive Director, Student Energy  
Chris Henderson, President, Lumos Energy  
Robert Hornung, President, CanWEA  
Ian Jarvis, Chief Operating Officer, British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Vicky Sharpe, former CEO of SDTC, Board Member, QUEST, Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow

4:45– 5:00 pm  
CONCLUDING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS  
Monica Gattinger, Chair, Positive Energy