

USEA To Hold Virtual Press Briefing on Natural Gas in the Energy Transition

Is the baby to be thrown out with the bathwater?

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, July 3, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Natural gas has been the fuel of choice for utilities since supplies increased, due to deregulation of price, and especially the plenty guaranteed by fracking. It burns 60-percent cleaner than coal and is easily transported and stored.

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Gas turbines are flexible. Above all, the power they produce is dispatchable on demand.

As more wind and solar comes on line, the need for dispatchable power increases to offset the intermittency of these renewables, especially wind. Many utilities argue it is essential for grid stability.

But opponents have lined up against natural gas as a

greenhouse gas emitter, albeit half as much as coal. They also oppose more fracking and exports, even though these may displace coal in many markets.

Opponents of natural gas may get more influence if the summer has a lot of severe weather events. "A harbinger of the troubles ahead for gas may be the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rulemaking mandating new and untried technologies for carbon capture and storage," says journalist Llewellyn King.

To examine the future of natural gas and its controversies, the United States Energy Association will hold a virtual press briefing on Tuesday, July 11, at 11 a.m. Eastern Time.

As usual, a panel of experts will be questioned by a panel of reporters who cover energy. There will be opening remarks by new [USEA](#) President and CEO Mark Menezes. Llewellyn King has organized and will moderate the briefing.

EXPERTS

Robert Gee, President, Gee Strategies Group LLC

Jim Matheson, CEO, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
Richard McMahon, Senior Vice President, Supply and Finance, Edison Electric Institute
Richard Meyer, Vice President, Markets and Analysis, American Gas Association
David Naylor, President and CEO, Rayburn Electric Cooperative, Rockwall, TX

REPORTERS

Peter Behr, E&E News
Matt Chester, Energy Central
Jennifer Hiller, The Wall Street Journal
Ken Silverstein, Forbes
Rod Kuckro, Freelance

The general audience can submit questions using the Zoom Q&A function, but members of the media will be given preference. A recording will be made available after the briefing.

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