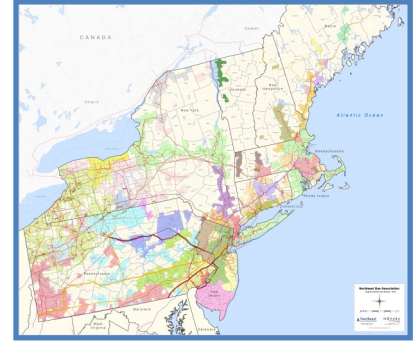




Northeast Gas Association's

Regional Market Trends Forum

May 9, 2024
Hartford Marriott Downtown
Hartford, CT



8:00 a.m. – **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. – **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
José Costa, President & CEO, Northeast Gas Association

SESSION 1 — 9:10 a.m.

How Public Affairs are Influencing the Energy Industry—Jeff Berkowitz, Founder & CEO at Delve

As the 2024 election approaches, public relations campaigns and civic engagement are shaping the future of the energy industry. Delve's Jeff Berkowitz will discuss how politics and public sentiment are shaping energy and environmental policy.

SESSION 2 — 10:10 a.m.

Achieving Decarbonization—Melissa Bartos, Vice President at Concentric Energy Advisors

Natural gas utilities have played a critical role in reducing emissions. With new laws and regulations in place natural gas utilities have begun to develop plans to ensure implementation. This session will cover the options and practical considerations associated with decarbonization of the gas industry - including timing, costs, electric build out, customer choice, alternative fuels, and non-pipes alternatives.

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Break & Networking

SESSION 3 — 11:15 a.m.

Clean Energy Evolution: Understanding the Implications for Consumers

Both residential and commercial customers will be impacted by ambitious clean energy plans. Understanding customer expectations, how they are thinking about the transition, and how they will comply.
Panelists: Marc Brown, Vice President, State Affairs at Consumer Energy Alliance; Daniel Ortega, Executive Director at New Yorkers for Affordable Energy; & Ken Girardin, Research Director at Empire Center for Public Policy

Moderator: Alana Daly, Vice President at Northeast Gas Association

12:15 p.m. - Lunch Break & Networking

SESSION 4 — 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Regional Demand

Northeast interstate pipelines, producers and LNG companies continue to meet increasing demand in the region. In an environment where building infrastructure is challenging, how will the region meet the need for reliable, affordable energy?

Panelists: Blair Haste, Enbridge; Karen Lampen, Repsol Energy; & John Rudiak, Senior Director - Energy Supply, Avangrid-UIL

Moderator: José Costa, President and CEO at Northeast Gas Association

SESSION 5 — 2:30 p.m.

Ensuring Reliability: The Future of Electric & Gas Coordination — Charles Dickerson, President & CEO of Northeast Power Coordinating Council

From Washington, D.C. to state capitols, coordinating the gas and electric sectors is at the top of mind.

3:30 p.m. **Concluding Remarks** José Costa, NGA