



Texas Public Policy Foundation's Electricity Summit *"Competition, Green Energy, and the Texas Electricity Market"*

December 9, 2010

Downtown Hilton | 500 E. 4th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

8:30 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks

9:10-10:30 a.m.

Panel #1: *Competitive Performance of ERCOT's Wholesale Markets*

What is the state of competition in Texas' wholesale market? This panel will examine the future of Texas' wholesale energy-only market.

- Dan Jones, Independent Market Monitor, Potomac Economics
- Robert Michaels, professor of economics, California State Fullerton
- Ross Baldick, professor, University of Texas
- Philip Oldham, Texas Association of Manufacturers
- Moderated by Bill Peacock, Texas Public Policy Foundation

10:45-12:05 p.m.

Panel #2: *The Cost of Green Energy*

Texas is the national leader in electricity generated from wind and also has an energy efficiency program. Do renewable energy and energy efficiency mandates make economic sense?

- Mark Bruce, Renewables Technology Working Group, ERCOT
- Robert Bryce, author of *Power Hungry*
- Mark Strama, Texas State Representative
- Nat Treadway, Managing Partner, Distributed Energy Financial Group
- Moderated by Kathleen Hartnett White, Texas Public Policy Foundation

12:15-1:25 p.m.

Luncheon Keynote: Trip Doggett, CEO, ERCOT

Mr. Doggett will discuss the state of Texas' electricity grid and provide a real-time update on the status of Texas' transition from a zonal to a nodal electricity grid.

1:40-3:00 p.m.

Panel #3: *Retail Competition and Prices*

How is competition fairing in Texas' retail electricity market? This panel will examine the impact of retail competition on Texas consumers.

- Donna Nelson, Commissioner, Texas Public Utility Commission
- Phil O'Connor, President, Proactive Strategies, Inc.
- Lynne Kiesling, professor, Northwestern University
- Geoffrey Gay, General Counsel, Cities Aggregation Power Project
- Moderated by Ryan Brannan, Texas Public Policy Foundation

Four hours of CLE credit will be available for this event and forms will be on site.