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Texas Energy Policy

What Government and Business Leaders Need to Know

Topics To Be Discussed:

- Energy Legislation - The Opportunities and Challenges
- The Move to Nodal Markets... What Does it Mean?
- Energy Solutions for Today and Tomorrow

Those who should attend include attorneys, energy industry executives, and others who participate directly or indirectly in the Texas energy marketplace.

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7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

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Moderator:

Bill Swanstrom is a Partner at Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP in the Energy Practice Group and has nearly 20 years of experience working with energy companies and their significant acquisition, divestiture and development activities.

Presenters:

Barry Smitherman is the current Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Texas. He was appointed to the PUC on April 21, 2004, and reappointed on September 13, 2007. Mr. Smitherman received his B.B.A. from Texas A&M, his J.D. from The University of Texas and his M.P.A. from Harvard University. Before joining the PUCT, he spent 17 years as either a public finance investment banker or attorney working with state and local governments throughout the South, Southwest and Midwest.

Rep. Joe Straus was elected to the Texas House in February 2005. He is Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development, and he serves on the Local and Consent Calendars Committee. As a member of the Regulated Industries Committee, Representative Straus chairs the Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Efficiency. He also is a member of the House Republican Caucus Policy Committee. He is a principal in the insurance and executive benefits firm of Watson, Mazur, Bennett & Straus, L.L.C., and a lifelong San Antonian.

John D. Elder, III is President and CEO of LEGACY Energy Solutions. John has a proven track record of over 20 years as a business leader who recognizes the challenges facing his clients and fervently develops innovative solutions to resolve them. LEGACY provides total outsourced energy management solutions to businesses of all sizes. John has been published in *Disaster Recovery Journal*, featured in *Inc. Magazine* and the *Houston Business Journal*, and quoted in *Entrepreneur Magazine*, the *Houston Chronicle* and industry publications.

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