Panel 4 - Powering the AI Revolution
This panel will explore the critical intersection of energy, innovation, and infrastructure, particularly as it relates to the rapid growth of AI. We'll delve into strategies for ensuring robust, reliable, and sustainable energy capacity to meet the demands of advanced AI infrastructure, as well as the broader economic and national security implications.

Ruth is cognizant that on a panel of this length, with this many participants, she's likely to only be able to ask 2-3 questions of each participant. For your leader, she'd like to cover the following topics:

For Secretary Wright (DOE):

- DOE's Role in Energy Leadership: We'd like to discuss the top actions the Department of Energy is taking to advance U.S. leadership in AI, focusing on energy dominance and availability.
- Public Understanding of DOE Priorities: What do you believe is most important for Americans to understand about DOE's current priorities?
- Innovation: Unlocking National Lab Potential – baked on whatever the secretary is announcing, we'll explore how to best leverage the extraordinary capabilities and talent within our national laboratories to support innovative companies and the broader economy.

For Larry Fink (BlackRock):

- AI Infrastructure Fund and Energy Investment: Please share insights into BlackRock's new AI Infrastructure fund, specifically how its investments are targeting reliable and dispatchable power sources to support data center growth.
- Capital Markets Opportunity for U.S. Leadership: What should we understand about the opportunities within funding and capital markets to enable the U.S. to lead in AI?

For Darren Woods (ExxonMobil):

- Under-Appreciated Energy Investments: Building on an "all of the above" energy strategy, what ExxonMobil investments and innovations do you believe are most under-appreciated in expanding energy capacity?
- Advanced Energy Solutions and Carbon Sequestration: We'll touch on ExxonMobil's work in advanced energy solutions, and their potential as a meaningful contributor to energy capacity.
- Permitting Reform for Energy Development: What specific permitting reforms are most needed to accelerate energy projects, especially for data centers?

For Brendan Bechtel (Bechtel):

- Infrastructure Reforms for AI Growth: From a builder's perspective, where are the most urgent reforms needed to enable AI data center growth and its necessary energy infrastructure?
- Nuclear Power and the US Ecosystem: How should we view nuclear power as a solution for AI energy needs, and what steps are crucial to developing a

cost-competitive nuclear power ecosystem and supply chain in the U.S., especially given international developments?

For Dario Amodei (Anthropic):

- Key Policy Recommendations for AI Development: We'll discuss the policy proposals outlined in Anthropic's recent paper, and we'd like to hear your top recommendations for this group.
- National Security Imperative: Please elaborate on the national security implications of energy security and the role of economic strength, particularly from AI, in bolstering national security.

Concluding Rapid Fire Round:

- Game-Changing AI Application: To conclude, each panelist will be asked to share, in one sentence, an application of AI that they see as transformative for their business. (Responses could related to revenue, product innovation, or opex.)