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Friends,

Another exciting weekend with a \$450 million POWERBALL winner (not me), Pittsburgh winning the Stanley Cup for the second straight year and scoring a winner in the Belmont. While I had the Win/Place order reversed, I still won a \$5 *Exacta* (which paid out \$115) on Saturday as *Tapwrit* outdueled *Irish War Cry* to take the third jewel of the Triple Crown, following in the footsteps of his sire *Tapit*. Of course, my *trifecta* was snake-bitten by *Lookin At Lee* for the third straight race as this time I had him in the box and he faded badly (Yes, I left him out of the Derby/Preakness boxes and should have known this would happen). Anyway, at least I didn't lose money this week finishing slightly ahead. Finally, tonight, Golden State goes for the clincher tonight at home and golf's US Open starts on Thursday at Erin Hills in Wisconsin.

It is a very busy week in DC, starting tomorrow with the rescheduled confirmation hearing at Senate EPW for NRC Commissioners and EPA enforcement head Susan Bodine. They are expected to vote Thursday to move NRC Chair Kristine Svinicki to fast-track her approval before the June 30 expiration of her current term. We also expect a vote on FERC nominees soon as well (before July 4<sup>th</sup> recess). Senate Energy canceled its permitting hearing slated for tomorrow. On Wednesday, Senate EPW tackles the RVP ethanol issue (even as rumors continue that RVOs will soon be released by EPA) and Senate Commerce looks at automated vehicle technology and hurdles for testing and deployment in the US.

The budget process launches in earnest this week after a few hearings last week. This week there are 18 hearings highlighted by a visit by Scott Pruitt to House Interior/Enviro Approps on Thursday. Secretary of State Tillerson will appear at Senate Foreign Relations tomorrow and Ag Secretary Perdue is at Senate Ag tomorrow afternoon. Secretary Chao make two separate visits to the Senate and House Transportation committees.

Off the Hill, EEI gathers in Boston today through Wednesday for its annual conference, while BP launches its annual Energy Statistics review tomorrow and will discuss it in a couple of events on Thursday. For the future, Secretary Moniz returns to Press Club next Wednesday to discuss energy innovation (I'm hosting him for an NPC newsmaker event), Statoil's Annual Energy perspectives report is next week as well and EIA's annual Energy Conference is right around the corner, too.

I also thought you might find Amy Harder's latest Harder Line column interesting since it looks at the importance of accurate media coverage of climate change, a topic near and dear to many of all our discussions over the years and one she is taking up at today's Citizens Climate Lobby conference here in DC. And keep your eye peeled for the Business Council for Sustainable Energy weighing into energy/environment budget debate soon.

Finally, the FireFly Music Festival starts on Thursday in Delaware and carries through four days of music. This is my wife's favorite event, so when she heads out Thursday, my kids and I will be living large, eating as much great carry-out (KFC Buckets and Ledo Pizza are on the agenda) as possible, watching movies late into the night and listening to loud music in the House. Now that's livin'. Which reminds, on Friday, I'm hosting Newt Gingrich for a National Press Club event about his new book: *Understanding Trump*. It should be insightful, so please attend or pass on to your many colleagues covering the political angles...

Call with questions...

Best,

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### **FRANKLY SPOKEN**

***“The successful development of new energy technologies – and the jobs they create – depends on effective partnerships between public and private sectors. A significant component of those partnerships is the proper alignment of investments along the technology development process. Leveraging its expertise, the private sector has invested billions of dollars to commercialize new energy investments. Critical to this process is the feedstock supplied by***

*federal investments, especially in the early-stage and high-risk research.”*

*A Letter from 14 CEOs, including major Corporations like Southern, Air Liquide and DuPont, as well as Chamber CEO Tom Donahue, urging Congressional appropriators to support funding for energy innovation programs. The letter was sponsored by the Bipartisan Policy Center’s American Energy Innovation Council.*

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## **IN THE NEWS**

**CEOs Urge Congress to Protect Energy Innovation** – Late last week, the Bipartisan Policy Center’s American Energy Innovation Council sent a letter to Congress urging their support for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy and research and development programs to ensure that the United States maintains its competitive edge. In a letter, 14 energy and economic heavy hitters, including Southern CEO Tom Fanning, Air Liquide CEO Mike Graff and Chamber of Commerce head Tom Donahue said early federal research helped develop hydraulic fracturing technologies as one example of why the private sector alone can't fund critical innovation in energy. Other signers include Lockheed’s Norn Augustine, Exelon’s Chris Crane, Shell’s Bruce Culpepper, former Commerce official John Doerr, Pioneer’s Tim Dove, PG&E’s Anthony Early, Clean Line CEO Michael Skelly, former DuPont CEO Chad Holliday, NEI’s Maria Korsnick, AGA’s Dave McCurdy and David Holt of the Consumer Energy Alliance. I can send PDF if you need it.

**New Research Initiative to Update, Improve Social Cost of Carbon** – Resources for the Future (RFF) is launching a multi-year, multidisciplinary research initiative to improve the methodology used to calculate the social cost of carbon—an economic tool used to quantify both the benefits to society of reducing carbon dioxide emissions from the atmosphere and the harm to society from emitting more carbon dioxide. The social cost of carbon informs billions of dollars of policy and investment decisions in the United States and abroad—making it critical that estimates of the measure are transparent and based on the best available science and methodology. The following few examples highlight use of the social cost of carbon across several jurisdictions. Along these lines, RFF’s new initiative will support and inform policy design choices and evaluations of actions that affect climate change by decisionmakers and analysts worldwide.

**Platts Cap Crude to Look at Paris, Oil Exports** – The current edition of Platts Capitol Crude will look at whether President Trump’s decision to pull the US out of the Paris climate

agreement hurt national security. It also looks at whether US crude exports are actually benefitting US allies and if we should be selling off the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Andrew Hollard, director of studies and a senior fellow at the American Security Project, answers these questions and more on this week's Capitol Crude.

**Defense Energy Advisor Appointed** – President Trump announced his intent to nominate Lucian Niemeyer late Friday to serve as assistant secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment. Niemeyer was previously a long-time staffer on the Senate Armed Services Committee where he ran the military installation portfolio and conducted oversight of federal energy and environmental programs.

**Immelt to Step Down at GE** – General Electric CEO Jeff Immelt is stepping down effective August 1, after 16 years of leading the company. He will be replaced by John Flannery, who currently heads the industrial giant's health care division.

### **ON THE SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**EEI Holds Annual Meeting** – The Edison Electric Institute will launch its annual conference in Boston today through Wednesday at the Copley Marriott. Keynote speakers include NBC's Tom Brokaw, MIT Digital Economy Co-Director Andy McAfee, retired general Keith Alexander and former White House advisor and CNN analyst David Gergen. Southern CEO moderates a great breakout session tomorrow morning featuring DOE veteran Pat Hoffman, FERC's Joe McClelland and Oracle Chief Security Officer Mary Ann Davidson.

**Climate Lobby Meetings, Hill Day Set** – The Citizens Climate Lobby hold its 8<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Washington, DC on today and tomorrow at the Omni Shoreham. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Anthony Leiserowitz, Director of the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication. Most of tomorrow will be on Capitol Hill.

**LNG CEO to Address Forum** – The Atlantic Council will host a forum today at Noon looking at how unconventional oil and gas continues to reshape global energy markets. Tellurian LNG CEO Meg Gentle will speak. The conversation will focus on the outlook for US LNG, changes in the LNG market globally, and other trends and drivers.

**Security Experts to Address Methanol Policy Forum** – The Institute for the Analysis of Global Security (IAGS), the U.S. Energy Security Council (USESC) and the Methanol Institute will hold a Methanol Policy Forum tomorrow at the National Press Club. The Forum will include a special luncheon discussion: Energy Security through Fuel Choice, which features a conversation with the U.S. Energy Security Council experts like former National Security Advisor Robert C. McFarlane, former CIA Director James Woolsey, former President of Shell Oil Company John Hofmeister, former White House Counsel and Ambassador to the EU C. Boyden Gray and former Louisiana Senator and Senate Energy Bennett Johnston. Our friend Joe Cannon and other will speak on panels as well.

**Senate Environment Host NRC Nominees, EPA Enforcement Official** – After it was postponed last week over paperwork issues, the Senate Environment Committee will host a nomination hearing tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. on three NRC nominees and EPA enforcement chief Susan Bodine. The NRC nominees include current commissioner Kristin Svinicki and new appointees Annie Caputo, a former Exelon Corp. executive who now works for the EPW Committee and David Wright, a former South Carolina Public Service commissioner. Then on Thursday, the Committee will hold a business meeting to the nomination of current NRC Chair Kristine Svinicki, who needs to be reappointed by June 30<sup>th</sup> to continue her service.

**CANCELED - Senate Energy Permitting Hearing** – The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has cancelled its hearing slated for tomorrow on the federal permitting processes. No word on reschedule yet.

**House Ag to Look at Watershed Issues** – The House Agriculture Committee's Conservation and Forestry Subcommittee holds a hearing tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. on small watershed infrastructure. The hearing will look at continuing the current mission, and building upon successes.

**Forum to Look at Global Risks** – Tomorrow at 1:00 p.m., the Stimson Center and Georgetown's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy will hold a strategic conversation analyzing the global risks presented to human security by environmental change, as well as the findings and recommendations from the recently released report - "New Challenges to Human Security: Environmental Change and Human Mobility." The event will be a discussion analyzing the global risks presented to human security by environmental change, as well as the findings and recommendations from the recently released report — *New Challenges to Human Security: Environmental Change and Human Mobility*

**Post Forum to Look at Food Systems** – *The Washington Post* will host a forum tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. that brings together entrepreneurs, food industry executives, scientists and farmers to discuss how technology and science are changing our modern food systems. They will explore the business practices that are driving consumer demand, the innovations and new ideas that are shaping the future of what – and how – we eat and consider the policies that will regulate an increasingly complex global food market. Speakers will include USDA Economic Research Service Administrator Dr. Mary Bohman, EWG’s Ken Cook, Seth Goldman of Honest Tea, Hungry Harvest CEO Evan Lutz, Marty Matlock of the University of Arkansas, DC Chef/ Restaurateur Spike Mendelsohn, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Kathleen Merrigan and Veronica Nigh of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

**NAS to Discuss Social Cost of Carbon** – The US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will host members from its committee on Assessing Approaches to Updating the Social Cost of Carbon as well as experts from federal and state governments and academia on Wednesday to discuss approaches to valuing climate damages. The symposium is organized into three panels: the first to review the committee’s recommendations, the second to hear from academics who are developing estimates of the social cost of carbon, and the third to discuss federal and state approaches to valuing climate damages.

**Senate Commerce to Look at AVs** – The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, will convene a hearing on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. on paving the way for self-driving vehicles. The hearing will explore automated vehicle technology and hurdles for testing and deployment in the United States. The hearing will also examine state and federal roles to ensure safety while promoting innovation and American competitiveness. Witnesses will include Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers’ CEO Mitch Bainwol, Rob Csongor of NVIDIA Corporation, John Maddox of the American Center for Mobility and MADD’s Colleen Sheehy-Church.

**RFF to Host Webinar of RGGI Emissions Issues** – Resources for the Future (RFF) will hold a webinar Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. to discuss emissions containment reserve (ECR) concepts with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Researchers at Resources for the Future (RFF) and the University of Virginia have been working hard on further analysis and modeling of the ECR and the webinar will present the results of this research; a final report will be released in early summer. The webinar will begin with an introduction and brief review of the ECR concept. Dallas Burtraw (RFF) and William Shobe (UVA) will then present results from simulation modeling and laboratory experiments that illustrate how the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) market would work with the addition of an ECR. Following the presentations, representatives from industry, environmental advocacy groups, think tanks, and state environmental agencies will respond to the analyses with a look at what they view as

opportunities, as well as potential challenges, of introducing an ECR program as part of RGGI. The webinar will include with time to respond to questions and comments from the audience.

**Senate to Look at RFS** – The Senate Environment Committee will hold a hearing on the Renewable Fuels Standard on Wednesday targeting legislation by Sen. Fisher on renewable fuels, S 517, the Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act. Witnesses will include long-time renewable fuels advocate Brooke Coleman, Jonathan Lewis of the Clean Air Task Force, Sheetz EVP Mike Lorenz, Briggs & Stratton’s Todd Teske and Janet Yanowitz of Ecoengineering.

**House Energy to Look at Energy Planning** – The House Energy & Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Energy will hold a hearing on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. getting states’ perspectives on energy security planning, emergency preparedness and state energy programs.

**Senate Energy to Discuss Hydro Legislation** – The Senate Energy Committee’s Water and Power Panel will hold a legislative hearing on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. looking at several hydropower bills. Witnesses will include Scott Cameron, acting assistant secretary for water and science, Department of the Interior; Mark Gabriel, administrator and CEO, Western Area Power Administration; Harlowton, Mont., Mayor Jeff Sell; Tom Fisher, president, Patterson Lake Homeowners Association; Mike Hamman, chief engineer and CEO, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District; and Christopher Wynn, vice president, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group.

**RCP to Host Energy Workforce Conversation** – On Thursday at 9:00 a.m. at the Columbus Club, RealClear Politics will convene experts spanning the commercial construction industry and its adjacent sectors to analyze industry success and workforce development.

**Forum to Launch BP Energy Review** – The Atlantic Council will launch of the [2017 BP Statistical Review of Energy](#) on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. featuring BP Chief Economist Spencer Dale. From the shift to low-carbon fuels to the proliferation of renewables to the future of coal, BP’s Statistical Review of Energy continually provides authoritative and in-depth information and insightful analysis that is invaluable in understanding changing energy markets and production and consumption patterns.

**Pruitt to Testify on EPA Budget** – The House Appropriations Interior-EPA subcommittee will

host EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. to testify on the White House's EPA Budget, which proposed cutting the agency's budget by 31%. Pruitt will be joined by Holly Greaves, a landing team member who works on budget issues.

**BP's Dale Also Addresses NatGas Roundtable** – The [Natural Gas Roundtable](#) will also BP's Dale as its guest speaker at its next luncheon at Noon on Thursday where he will continue the public rollout of this year's BP Statistical Review of World Energy Markets.

**Gingrich to Discuss Politics, Book** – Former Speaker of the House and 2012 presidential candidate Newt Gingrich will [appear at a National Press Club Headliners Event](#) on Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the club's First Amendment Lounge to discuss his new book, *Understanding Trump*. I will be hosting the event on behalf of the NPC. In *Understanding Trump*, Gingrich shares what he learned from more than two years helping Donald J. Trump throughout his presidential campaign, during his transition from presidential candidate to Commander in Chief, and in his first few months in office. Gingrich provides a unique perspective on how the new president's past experience as a business leader has shaped his political agenda and approach to governing the country.

**WCEE to Look at Western Energy Markets** – The [Women's Council on Energy and the Environment](#) will host a forum on Friday at Noon at FERC to get an overview of the Western Energy Imbalance Market from FERC staff Elizabeth Olson who worked in the California electricity market during EIM implementation.

## **IN THE FUTURE**

**Ukraine Gas Leaders to Address Forum** – Next Monday at 3:30 p.m., the Atlantic Council's Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center and Global Energy Center [will hold a conversation](#) on the future of Ukraine's energy sector with Naftogaz leadership. On May 31, Ukraine's Naftogaz won a victory over Russia's Gazprom in the international arbitration court in Stockholm. Naftogaz won on all three counts the court considered. On the heels of this extraordinary development, the Atlantic Council will bring together Naftogaz Chief Executive Officer and Chief Commercial Officer, Andriy Kobolyev and Yuriy Vitrenko, and fellow energy experts, to discuss Ukraine's energy sector – Nord Stream 2, implications of the arbitration between Naftogaz and Gazprom in Stockholm, and energy reforms.

**Zinke to Talk Interior Budget at Senate Energy** – The full Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will convene a hearing next Tuesday to examine the president’s budget request for the Department of the Interior for Fiscal Year 2018. Secretary Ryan Zinke will appear.

**Forum to Look at AVs** – The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation and the Washington Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany will hold a forum next Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to discuss key policy and commercial issues and insights on how enterprises and policymakers from the U.S. and Germany are enabling the future of mobility. Emerging digital technologies are enabling connected and autonomous vehicles (AVs). These technologies will reshape the future of mobility, reducing accidents and producing an estimated \$1 trillion-a-year economic benefit in the United States alone. But to achieve that vision, policymakers will need to create a regulatory environment that encourages experimentation while ensuring high standards of road safety, as Germany has recently done by developing a policy framework for autonomous vehicle research and experimentation. Speakers include Michael Bültmann of HERE Deutschland, ITIF’s Stephen Ezell and German Federal Ministry of Transportation’s Tobias Miethaner.

**WAPA to Host Steel Discussion** – The Washington Automotive Press Assn is holding a forum at the National Press Club Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon featuring the Steel Market Development Institute. Dr. Jody Hall, vice president of the automotive market for the Steel Market Development Institute, will discuss advancements in steel grades and how their application in the vehicle structure helps protect occupants in the event of a crash and is easier to repair than vehicles made with alternative materials.

**Forum to Look at OPA Reform** – The Environmental Law Institute will hold a forum on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. looking at updating the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) in 1990. OPA was passed following the Exxon Valdez oil spill, to strengthen the federal government’s ability to prevent and respond to oil spills, establish financial resources to aid response, and raise standards for contingency planning. The program will cover OPA issues raised by pipeline projects, and by the Trump Administration’s efforts to increase production from offshore and federal lands and to restrict the definition of waters of the United States in ways which may reduce the scope of contingency planning requirements for inland locations. Speakers will also discuss key decisions from the past year involving the OPA and related federal statutes, including decisions about recoverable damages, citizen suits, and presentation of claims to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, as well as decisions in enforcement cases against vessels involving the use of “magic pipes” to deal with oily bilge water. The expert panel includes NOIA’s Randall Luthi, Cyn Sarthou of the Gulf Restoration Network and Richard Udell, who serves in DOJ’s Environmental Crimes Section.

**BPC Innovation Forum to Feature Sen Alexander, Southern ClearPath Experts** – The Bipartisan Policy Center’s Energy Innovation Commission will hold a conversation on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in 430 Dirksen about the energy innovation process, with leading industry voices discussing whether smart, targeted approaches for limited federal resources can complement private sector investments in pursuit of advanced energy technologies. President Trump’s recent budget proposal for fiscal year 2018 has sparked a conversation about the appropriate federal role in supporting the nation’s innovators. As the congressional appropriations process begins in earnest, energy research programs within the Department of Energy are among those under scrutiny, despite a history of broad, bipartisan support. Sen. Lamar Alexander will offer Keynote remarks, followed by a panel discussion with ClearPath’s Rich Powell, Air Liquide’s Mike Rosen and Southern’s Steve Wilson moderated by Axios’ Ben Geman.

**WCEE to Host Litigation Roundtable** – The Women’s Council on Energy and the Environment hold its Third Annual Litigation Roundtable with the women Administrative Law Judges of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Judges will discuss their experience as Administrative Law Judges, interesting developments in their careers, who mentored them along the way and who they themselves mentored, and share the “Dos & Don’ts” regarding hearings and settlement conferences.

**Wilson Forum Look at Arctic Relations** – The Wilson Center hold its Arctic Circle Forum on Wednesday and Thursday, June 21-22, beginning each day at 8:30 am and looking at the U.S. and Russian roles in the Arctic. The Arctic is a region of international dialogue and potential competition, of varied challenges and diverse opportunities. It is also a region that is gaining in both geopolitical significance and public awareness every day. The complex relationship between the United States and Russia, along with the approaches of the six other Arctic nations, will continue to shape the region’s social, economic, political and environmental issues far into the future. The event will explore the crucial Arctic relationship and the implications for all Arctic nations, the communities that call the region home, and the countries and organizations that have a vested interest in a peaceful and sustainable Arctic.

**BNEF to Release Energy Outlook** – The CSIS Energy and National Security Program is hosting the launch of Bloomberg New Energy Finance’s (BNEF) New Energy Outlook 2017 on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The report is BNEF’s annual economic forecast for the world’s power mix to 2040. Built over nine months, it is the result of a major collaboration of more than 65 market and technical experts from BNEF’s 11 offices around the world. Seb Henbest (NEO Lead

Author and Head of Europe, Middle East, & Africa; BNEF) and Elena Giannakopoulou (Lead Energy Economist; BNEF) will present on the NEO 2017 findings, followed by Q&A and discussion.

**Press Club to Host Former Energy Sect Moniz** – The National Press Club will host a Newsmaker on Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Club’s Lisagor Room featuring former Secretary of Energy Dr. Ernest Moniz. Moniz will propose ways to maintain the American leadership edge on energy innovation. Moniz also is expected to announce the formation of a new non-profit organization “The Energy Futures Initiative,” that aims to foster innovation in global energy systems. According to the creators, EFI will be a non-partisan, think tank and advisory firm working across all energy sources to provide evidence-based analysis on decarbonizing energy systems, creating high-paying energy jobs, and finding ways to make energy infrastructure and supplies more secure.

**CA Energy Forum Set** – Advanced Energy Economy’s (AEE) annual California energy policy event, *Pathway to 2050*, will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Sacramento. The event brings together an influential group of advanced energy business leaders and state policy-makers to discuss opportunities to accelerate California's economy through the growth of advanced energy. Speakers will include our friends Caroline Choi of SoCalEd, Dan Morain of the *Sacramento Bee* and Greentech’s Katie Fehrenbacher. Other speakers include SoCal Ed CEO Kevin Payne, GE’s Deb Frodl, Cal Assembly Speaker Kevin de Leon, CPUC President Michael Picker, Cal Energy Commissioner Janea Scott and Tom Steyer.

**Senate Energy to Hear from Perry on DOE Budget** – The full Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will convene a hearing on Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to examine the president’s budget request for the Department of Energy for Fiscal Year 2018. Secretary Perry will testify.

**WAPA to Host Ride/Drive of Ioniq** – WAPA also will host a lunch and drive on June 22 at 11:00 a.m. at River Farm in Alexandria, VA featuring the all-new Hyundai Ioniq Electric and Hybrid line of vehicles

**CSIS to Host Statoil Energy Report** – The CSIS Energy and National Security Program will host a forum on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. featuring Eirik Wærness, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of Statoil, to present the company's newly released *Energy Perspectives 2017*. The *Energy Perspectives* report summarizes different narratives about global energy demand and

energy mix for the future decades, scenarios, based on different assumptions about regional and global economic growth, conflict levels and implications, technological development and energy and climate policies. In the 2017 version, models have been adjusted with last year's developments in the energy and climate policy area, technology costs and maturity, more thorough assessments of GDP forecasts, as well as included adjustments made to historic global CO2 emissions. The modelling runs to 2050 with 2014 as baseline year, and provides a forecast for global energy demand and energy mix, economic growth, CO2 emissions, and more.

**Forum to Hear Energy Demand Expert** – On Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Chinatown Garden, [the National Capital Chapter of the US Energy Economists](#) will host physicist, venture capitalist, author, government advisor, and senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, Mark Mills. Mills will discuss energy demand disruptions and the aspirations versus the reality. Mills says we are nearing an era of 'peak energy demand' requires believing that innovation is over, and similarly that we've seen the end of normal economic and social behaviors. Technology and demographic trends in fact suggest that the recent past is in an interregnum, not a 'new normal' when it comes to energy demand.

**EIA Energy Conference Set** – The [2017 EIA Energy Conference](#) is scheduled for June 26-27 in Washington, DC.

**Smart Cities Conference Headed for Austin** – The [2017 Smart Cities Connect Conference](#) will be in Austin, TX at the Convention Center on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The event convenes more than 200 global city leaders to prospect and partner with innovative technology and service providers.

**Global Security Forum Set** – The Center for a New American Security hosts its [2017 Annual Conference](#) in partnership with The Washington Post on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at The Mayflower Hotel. This year's conference will bring together U.S. national security policymakers and experts to highlight major divides and identify potential bipartisan solutions. CNAS is an independent and nonpartisan research institution that develops strong, pragmatic and principled national security and defense policies.

**JULY 4<sup>th</sup> Recess** – June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup>

**Congressional Renewable Expo Set** – The 20<sup>th</sup> annual [Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency EXPO and Policy Forum](#) will be held on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from at 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In Rayburn.

**Community Solar Forum Set for Denver** – The Coalition for Community Solar Access will host the first annual National Community Solar Summit in Denver on July 26 – 28. A few highlights for Denver include energy company CEOs including Tom Matzzie of CleanChoice Energy, Jesse Grossman of Soltage, Zaid Ashai of Nexamp, Rick Hunter of Microgrid Energy and Steph Spiers of Solstice. Other speakers include energy company leaders Hannah Masterjohn of Clean Energy Collective, Dan Hendrick of NRG Energy, Adam Altenhofen of US Bank, Adam Capage of 3 Degrees and Lori Singleton of Salt River Project.