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Where Do We Go from Here?: DEI, ESG, and Energy Justice as We Emerge from the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Intro: **Presley Reed**, Energy partner at Dentons



Ernest House, Jr.
Senior Policy Director at
Keystone Policy Center

Welcome

As former Executive Director for the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) for over 11 years, Ernest maintained the communication between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, and other American Indian organizations, state agencies and affiliated groups. In that position, Ernest worked closely with Governor Hickenlooper, Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne, and the CCIA members to maintain a government-to-government relationship between the State of Colorado and tribal governments. The CCIA is a twenty-six member commission, chaired by the Lt. Governor Lynne and comprised of both Ute Tribes, their appointees and several state and federal department representatives and ex-officio members. Ernest represented the State of Colorado and the CCIA at various federal and state public policy meetings and provided legislative and government-related information to community stakeholders. Currently, as Senior Policy Director for the Keystone Policy Center, Ernest is working with various stakeholders in the areas of tribal consultation, energy, healthcare, and education.

Ernest is an enrolled member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc, Colorado. He previously held the position of Executive Director under Governor Bill Owens and Governor Bill Ritter from 2005-2010. Ernest is a 2012 American Marshall Memorial Fellow, 2013 Denver Business Journal Forty under 40 awardee, 2015 President's Award recipient from History Colorado, and 2018 Gates Family Foundation Public Leadership Fellow. Ernest currently serves on the Fort Lewis College Board of Trustees and advisor to the Mesa Verde Foundation and Global Livingston Institute. He holds a rich tradition in his position as son of the late Ernest House, Sr., a long time tribal leader for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and great-grandson of Chief Jack House, the last hereditary chief of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.



Dr. Christie Murray
Director of Stakeholder
Engagement at the
ROSEN Group

Moderator

In March 2020, the ROSEN Group USA appointed Dr. Christie Murray as Director of Stakeholder Engagement to maximize the technology pipeline firm's stakeholder engagement presence in Washington, D.C. She provides strategic stakeholder direction to foster collaboration and information sharing across the energy industry. Dr. Murray has over 27 years of diverse energy expertise, in the public and private sector, in engineering, regulatory compliance, public policy formation, strategic communication, public awareness and engagement, and more.

Prior to joining ROSEN, Dr. Murray spent ten years at the US Department of Transportation (US DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) in the Office of Pipeline Safety, as the Director of Outreach and Engagement. While at PHMSA, she led national safety policy and oversight programs such as: public awareness and engagement, emergency response preparedness, damage prevention, Call 811 before digging, excavator enforcement, the National Pipeline Mapping System, the community liaison program, and voluntary information sharing. Dr. Murray holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, a Master's degree in Computer Information Systems, a Master's degree in Business Administration, and a Doctorate in Business Administration. She is also an IAF Certified Professional Facilitator.



Vicky A. Bailey
Executive Chairman,
United States Energy
Association (USEA)

Panelist

Ms. Bailey has more than 35 years of experience within the energy sector. In addition to her role as President of Anderson Stratton International, LLC, a strategic consulting and government relations entity, she was a founding partner at BHMM Energy Services, a certified minority-owned energy facility management company contracted to manage the Central Energy Plant at the Indianapolis Airport Midfield Terminal, from 2006 to 2013. Ms. Bailey also served as Assistant Secretary, US Department of Energy for Domestic Policy and International Affairs, from 2001 to 2004. She was a Commissioner on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from 1993 to 2000 and a Commissioner of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission from 1986 to 1993.

Ms. Bailey was most recently elected to Occidental Board of Directors. Also, she is currently a board member with Cheniere Energy, Equitrans Midstream Corporation, PNM Resources, and previously with EQT Corporation. She has also served as Vice Chair and the US representative to the International Energy Agency, working with all energy-producing countries. Domestically, Ms. Bailey oversaw the development and implementation of energy policy in clean coal technologies, nuclear power, crude oil production, natural gas development, and LNG production. Previously, she was the President of PSI Energy, Inc., Indiana's largest electric utility and a subsidiary of Cinergy Corp. (now Duke Energy). Ms. Bailey has a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management from the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University and completed the Advanced Management Program at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.



Paula Gold-Williams,
Chair of the Board at
Keystone Policy Center
and on Emera Board of
Directors

Panelist

Paula Gold-Williams serves as the Chair of the Keystone Policy Center and she has been a member of both the Policy Center and its Energy Board since 2016. Paula also serves on the Board of Emera Inc., a publicly traded Canadian multinational energy holding company.

Paula previously served as the President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CPS Energy, San Antonio's (S.A.) 162-year old fully integrated electric and natural gas municipal utility. During her CEO tenure that extended from November 2015 to January 2022, Paula was the only African American Female CEO in Energy. Paula took the helm of the company by leading more than 3,000 team members with a focus on her vision of keeping "People First." Under her leadership, CPS Energy delivered value to its customers and community, as it developed a "Flexible Path" to a new age of energy solutions.

Gold-Williams is a Board Member & Treasurer of EPIcenter, an energy innovation think tank; incubator and accelerator; and strategic advisory organization. She serves as an Energy Pillar Co-Chair of Dentons' Smart Cities & Communication Initiatives & Think Tank. She is an Advisory Board Member of iEmpower, an all-inclusive organization that optimizes the concept of community to engage and inspire women. She also serves on the U.S. Secretary of Energy's (Jennifer Granholm's) Advisory Board (SEAB).

Gold-Williams previously held other board positions, including being the 1st Vice Chair of the Electric Power Resource Institute (EPRI); Board Treasurer of Greater SATX, San Antonio's regional economic development engine; a member and designated Chair Pro Tem of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas' San Antonio Branch; and a past Chair of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

In 2022, Diversity Woman named Gold-Williams to their Elite 100 Black Women Leaders List. In 2021, Bloomberg designated her a Climate Leader. That year, Smart Energy International listed her as a member of Global & Power Energy Elite. Additionally, the Energy Diversity & Inclusion Council designated her as a Top CEO in Energy. In 2020, she was named Woman of the Year by the San Antonio Business Journal and she was a finalist for S&P Global Platts' Chief Executive of the Year. In 2019, she was named S&P Global Platts' Chief Trailblazer and the Women's Council on Energy & the Environment (WCEE) voted her as Women's Champion. In 2018, she was recognized as the Energy Thought Leader of the Year by Zpyrme and was a Leadership Award Honoree of the Keystone Policy Center.



Aaron Cope,
Manager of Investor
Relations at Edison
Electric Institute

Panelist

Aaron Cope is Manager of Investor Relations at the Edison Electric Institute. In this capacity, Aaron is responsible for managing EEI's Investor Relations and Treasury Executive Advisory Committees (EACs) and leading EEI's Financial Conference. He also is a leader for EEI's ESG/Sustainability committee, the Chief Financial Officers EAC, and the Wall Street Advisory Group.

Prior to his position at EEI, Aaron held an analyst position with the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE), where he designed and delivered programming to educate members and stakeholders on energy policy issues and industry trends.

Prior to the start of his career in energy, Aaron worked at a law firm where he managed paralegals in their insurance litigation practice, and has interned with the U.S. Department of Transportation, the district office for Congressman Richard Neal (MA-1), and on Capitol Hill for Senator Charles Schumer (NY).

Aaron has served on the AABE DC Chapter Executive Board as a Vice President and is the current Chair for the Legislative Issues and Public Policy (LIPP) Committee. Aaron holds a Bachelor of Resource Economics, Master of Science in Management, Master of Business Administration, and a graduate certificate in Cybersecurity Management and Policy. Aaron is a native of Massachusetts.



Clarence R. Hawkes III,
Managing Associate at
Dentons

Panelist

Clarence Hawkes is a member of the Energy practice based in Washington, DC. Clarence's practice primarily focuses on complex energy regulatory and transactional matters. Clarence has extensive experience representing clients in administrative litigation and settlement negotiations before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and in other federal and state proceedings concerning energy rulemakings and enforcement actions.

Clarence also has experience assisting clients with the negotiation and preparation of various contracts and other transactional documents, including power purchase agreements and other financing and procurement contracts. Additionally, he has advised clients on electric reliability regulations promulgated by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the Western Energy Coordinating Council, and other standard-setting organizations.

Clarence's diverse practice includes counseling clients on electric transmission and generation rate issues and proceedings; regulation of regional wholesale power markets; infrastructure permitting; hydroelectric licensing and compliance; audits; investigations and enforcement actions; and energy asset acquisitions, due diligence and divestitures.