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Part 2: Where Do We Go from Here?: DEI, ESG And Energy Justice In A Post-Pandemic World

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11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET



Welcome and opening remarks: Christine Scanlan, President and CEO, Keystone Policy Center



AABE DC introduction: Belinda Reid, Regulatory Performance Manager, Pepco Holdings and Vice President, AABE DC



Dentons introduction: Presley R. Reed Jr., Energy practice Partner, Dentons



Moderator: Dr. Christine Murray, Director of Stakeholder Engagement, ROSEN Group and Under Secretary, AABE



Paula Glover
President, Alliance to
Save Energy

Panelist

Paula R. Glover has served as President of the Alliance to Save Energy since January 2021 and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2017. A dynamic leader with more than 25 years of experience in the energy industry, Ms. Glover is the seventh president in the Alliance's 45-year history.

Ms. Glover's leadership at the Alliance is driven by her belief that universal adoption of energy efficiency is foundational to achieving energy affordability, economic growth, and decarbonization. She is responsible for working with the Alliance's diverse coalition of stakeholders to find lasting, consensus-based solutions. During her tenure, the Alliance has secured billions of dollars in federal funding for energy efficiency programs, amplified its work on energy justice, and worked to advance the next generation of technologies with the Active Efficiency Collaborative.

Ms. Glover previously served as President and CEO of the American Association of Blacks in Energy, a non-profit professional association whose focus is to ensure that African Americans and other minorities have input into the discussions and development of energy policy, regulations, and environmental issues.

Ms. Glover's other experiences include 15 years in the energy industry for both electric and natural gas distribution companies. During that time, she built a stellar reputation working with state legislators and regulators and commands a clear understanding of the consumer and community sides of the business.

Ms. Glover has served on the National Petroleum Council since 2014. She serves on the board of the Keystone Policy Center and Groundswell, a community solar development organization. She is also a Trustee for Cardigan Mountain School, a junior boarding school in Canaan, NH. She received her B.S. in Marketing Management from the University of Delaware.



Paula Gold-Williams
Chair of the Board,
Keystone Policy Center
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 Trailerblazer 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.



Carolyn Green Founder and Managing Partner, Energreen Capital Management LLC

Panelist

Carolyn L. Green is founder and Managing Partner of EnerGreen Capital Management, LLC, a private equity firm that Green founded to invest in late venture and growth stage companies involved in the energy and environmental industries. EnerGreen's holdings include Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc., a St. Louis-based company that provides environmental assessment, compliance and remediation services to public and private sector clients nationwide; and Casa Verde Energy Services, LLC, which offers energy assessment and efficiency solutions to public and private sector clients in Texas, Louisiana and Arizona.

Prior to founding EnerGreen, Green was Vice President - Health, Environment and Safety for Sunoco, Inc. She has over 30 years of environmental and energy experience, serving as Director of Government & Public Affairs for Ultramar Diamond Shamrock, Environmental Affairs Manager for Southern California Gas Company, Deputy Executive Officer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District and President of the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power Board of Commissioners. A graduate of the University of Iowa, Green was a HUD Urban Studies Fellow in the Graduate Program in Urban & Regional Planning at Iowa.

Green was national board chair of the American Association of Blacks in Energy from 2008-2010 and formerly served as Environmental Committee Chair for the National Petrochemical and Refining Association (NPRA). She is Treasurer of the Alliance to Save Energy and serves on the President's Council for Ceres. She is a member of the Executive Leadership Council and co-chaired its 2016 Women's Leadership Forum. She served on the US EPA's Clean Air Act Advisory Council from 2002 through 2010, the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) from 2008 through 2016, and the National Advisory Council on matters related to the North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation from 2012 through 2016. Green lives in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Michael Blakeney, an interior designer.



Keturah A. Brown Energy, Transportation, and Infrastructure group Managing Associate, Sidley and President, AABE DC

Panelist

Keturah Brown is a managing associate in Sidley's Energy, Transportation, and Infrastructure group. Keturah represents clients on a variety of regulatory, compliance, and transactional matters involving the natural gas markets and U.S. wholesale electricity. In addition to advising energy companies and financial institutions on regulatory requirements under the Natural Gas Act and Federal Power Act, she also advises energy traders and marketers on physical and financial wholesale power and gas transactions, renewable energy credits, mergers and asset acquisition approvals, and regional energy market rules and tariff requirements. Keturah is highly experienced in guiding clients through regulatory proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and various state public utility commissions.

Keturah has been included in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch for Energy Law and Environmental Law (2021-2022) and Energy Law, Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental and Oil and Gas Law (2023). Keturah is president of the Washington D.C., Metropolitan Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy, Keturah also serves as chair of the D.C. Bar Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Community's Energy Subcommittee; co-chair of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources' Air Quality Committee: and communications vice chair of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources' Oil and Gas Committee.

Keturah focuses her pro bono practice on matters involving the protection of children, and represents minors in custody and asylum proceedings.



Clarence R. Hawkes III, Energy practice Managing Associate, 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.