

2012 Clean Energy & Jobs Forum
February 23, 2012 - Columbia Convention Center

Presented by Duke Energy, The Nature Conservancy, the South Carolina Energy Office and the University of South Carolina

Background

In October 2010, Duke Energy, the University of South Carolina, and The Nature Conservancy (SC) held the SC Clean Energy Jobs Forum at USC's Swearingen Engineering Center. Duke Energy CEO Jim Rogers was joined on a panel by GE CEO Jeff Immelt, USC President Harris Pastides and Mark Robertson, the SC director of The Nature Conservancy. The forum was attended by more than 200 student, faculty, staff, and community leaders, including state legislators, and attracted both print and broadcast media coverage.

The tremendous success of the October 2010 forum has prompted the original host organizations (Duke Energy, The Nature Conservancy, and USC) and new host (The SC Energy Office) to plan another forum with an expanded format at a larger venue. The 2012 Clean Energy & Jobs Forum will be held at the Columbia Convention Center and will feature multiple energy-related panels throughout the afternoon of February 23, 2012.

The event will culminate with a CEO Panel featuring Duke Energy's Jim Rogers, Fluor CEO David Seaton, and the national President of The Nature Conservancy. Governor Nikki Haley and US Energy Secretary Chu have been invited.

Governor's Office outreach (as of October 14, 2011)

Duke Energy contract lobbyist Tony Denny has discussed this appearance opportunity with Governor Haley's Chief of Staff Tim Pearson. Tony has also communicated with Pearson's special assistant Rebecca Schimsa.

Further Information

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Working Agenda as of October 14, 2011 – Please use caution in distributing
Any individual not marked “invited” or “committed” has NOT been contacted yet.

- 12:30 pm Registration & Refreshments (USC College of Engineering & Computing - sponsor)**
- 1:00 pm Welcome - Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin**
- 1:15 pm Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Panel (Moderator: Ashlie Lancaster - committed)**
- Sustainable Energy Alliance (NC) – Ivan Urlaub (committed)
- American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy – Suzanne Watson (committed)
- Marks Group or British Consulate rep. or SCE&G rep. re: incentives
- solar, biomass company
- 2:00 pm Networking Break (sponsor option)**
- 2:15 pm Energy Policy Panel (Moderator: Mark Quinn)**
- Environmental perspective - Hamilton Davis, Coastal Conservation League (committed)
- Utility perspective - Bob Long, SCANA
- SC Senator Paul Campbell
- SC Representative Bill Sandifer
- 3:00 pm Networking Break (sponsor option)**
- 3:15 pm Energy Research & Economic Development Panel (Moderator: Catherine Heigel - committed)**
- University of South Carolina President Harris Pastides (committed)
- Energy-related endowed chairs from USC (Lauterbach – SAGE) & Clemson (Kurfess or Hibling)
- SC House Speaker Bobby Harrell
- SC Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt (invited)
- 4:00 pm Networking Break (Energy Leadership Institute – potential sponsor)**
- 4:15 pm CEO Panel (Moderator: Charles Bierbauer - committed)**
- Duke Energy CEO Jim Rogers (committed)
- Fluor CEO David Seaton (committed)
- The Nature Conservancy CEO Mark Tercek (committed)
- Governor Nikki Haley (invited)
- US Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu (invited)
- 5:30 pm Closing Comments (Introduction: Lewis Gossett – committed)**
- US Senator Lindsey Graham (invited)
- US Congressman Jim Clyburn (invited)
- 6:00 pm Reception (SCMA – partial sponsor)**