



# Hispanics In Energy

## 2023 Energy Legislative Summit

*Defining Energy Transition Equity for Hispanic Americans*

**February 15, 2023**

- 8:00 AM**      **Security Check-in at Department of Energy (DOE) - James V. Forrestal Building  
Coffee and Networking**  
*Location: DOE Forrestal Auditorium*
- 9:00 AM**      **Welcome Remarks - Hispanics and Energy Transition**  
José L. Pérez, President & CEO, Hispanics In Energy (HIE)  
Maria Pia Tamburri, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Employee Engagement, Dominion Energy  
Claudia Chavez, Special Assistant to the President for Candidate Recruitment, The White House Office of Presidential Personnel
- 9:15 AM**      **2022 Hispanics in Energy Annual Report**  
Joseph Domínguez, Chairman, HIE & President and CEO, Constellation Energy
- 9:30 AM**      **Keynote Address - Future of Energy in America**  
The Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator  
The Honorable Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of Energy
- 10:00 AM**      **Overview of the U.S. Department of Energy**  
Fred Pfaeffle, Senior Counsel, DOE
- 10:15 AM**      **Inflation Reduction Act Energy Tax Incentives**  
David Mayorga, Director of Public Affairs, DOE
- 10:30 AM**      **Pathways and Partnerships from the Department of Energy**  
**Moderator:** Zack Váldez Ph.D., Chief of Staff, Transforming Domestic Manufacturing & Energy Supply Chains & STEM Policy Strategist, DOE

### **Panelists:**

- Samantha Ruíz, Chief of Staff – Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, DOE
- Chris Castro, Chief of Staff, State, Community, Energy Programs, DOE
- Beatriz Cuartas, President of Community for the Advancement of Latinos, DOE
- Edward Ríos, Commercialization Executive, Technology Transitions (Hydrogen), DOE

**11:15 AM**      **Increasing Hispanic Business in the Energy Sector**  
Ron Pierce, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, DOE

**Moderator:** Jose Niño, Chairman, Biofriendly Energy and Board Member, HIE

**Panelists: Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Leaders**

- Julian Cañete, President & CEO, California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
- Marco Ávila, Chairman, Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Synthia Jaramillo, Senior Vice President of Corporate Relations, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Veronica Maldonado-Torres, President & CEO, Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Tamara Miles, Deputy Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, DOE

**12:15 PM**      **Networking Lunch**  
*Location: DOE Cafeteria, 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor*

**1:10 PM**      **Return to General Session**  
*Location: DOE Forrestal Auditorium*

**1:15 PM**      **Why the Energy Industry Must Embrace Hispanic-Serving Institutions**

**Moderator:** J. Michael Treviño, Treviño Consulting Group

**Panelists:**

- Antonio Flores, Ph.D., President & CEO, Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU)
- Maria Pia Tamburri, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Employee Engagement, Dominion Energy
- Christy Jackiwiecz, Chief of Minority Educational Institutions, DOE
- Daniel Cardenas, Co-Founder & Director, National Tribal Energy Association
- Frank Reyes, Board Member, San Bernardino Community College District

**2:00 PM**      **Role of Policymakers in Shaping Energy Equity for Hispanics**  
Congressman Bill Flores, Vice Chairman, Texas ERCOT Board of Directors  
Chair Rebecca Cameron Valcq, Wisconsin Public Service Commission

- 2:30 PM**      **Opportunities and Challenges for Hispanic Americans in Distinct Energy Sectors**  
**Moderator:** Judge Nelson Díaz, Member, Board of Directors, PECO,  
Vice Chair East of Hispanics In Energy  
**Panelists:**
- Maria Korsnick, President & CEO, Nuclear Energy Institute
  - Karen Harbert, President & CEO, American Gas Association
  - Fabricio Montesdeoca, Project Manager, Offshore Wind, Dominion Energy
  - Helena Hernandez, Vice President, Smart Grid & Innovation,
  - Florida Light & Power
- 3:30 PM**      **State Utility Commissions' Role in Promoting Hispanic Business Contracting**  
**Moderator:** Martín Montes, Attorney, Barnes & Thornburg, LLC  
**Panelists:**
- Lea Marquez Peterson, Chair Emerita, Arizona Corporation Commission
  - Odogwu Obi Linton, Commissioner, Maryland Public Service Commission
  - Alice Reynolds, President, California Public Utilities Commission
- 4:15 PM**      **How Public Regulators Can Promote Hispanic Equity in the Energy Transition**  
**Moderator:** Commissioner Emeritus Eduardo Balbis, Florida PSC  
**Panelists:**
- Janie Martinez Gonzalez, Chair, CPS Energy Board of Trustees
  - Catherine J. K. Sandoval, Member, U.S. Chemical Safety Board
  - Gabriel Aguilera, Commissioner, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
  - William E. Mojica, Senior Vice President of Technical Services and Asset Risk Management, NiSource Corporate Services
- 4:50 PM**      **Closing Remarks**
- 5:00 PM**      **Proceed to Reception**  
*Location: Hilton Wharf/L'Enfant Plaza, 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024*
- 5:30 PM**      **Reception Sponsored Edison Electric Institute (EEI)**  
Remarks by Kwame Canty
- 7:30 PM**      **Reception Concludes**