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DAY 1 Wednesday, November 8

- 12:00-5:00 Registration Open
- 1:00-1:15 PLC Kick-Off
- 1:15- 1:30 Welcome Message
- 1:30-2:00 **PIPELINE AND DISTRIBUTION MARKET OVERVIEW**
 DESCRIPTION: A look at the driving forces in the oil and gas pipeline and distribution market in North America

Bernie Krzys, CEO, Benjamin Media, Inc.
Thomas D. Hutchins, Vice President, EH&S, Kinder Morgan Natural Gas Pipelines; Chairman, INGAA Foundation;
Donnie Clary, President & CEO, CoServ
Mark Bridgers, Principal, Continuum Capital

2:00-2:30 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**



Laura Speake, Regional Chief Economist for Energy & Transportation, Caterpillar Inc.

2:30-3:30 **EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE**

DESCRIPTION: A panel of experts comprised of pipeline operators, distribution companies, manufacturing and regulatory leaders will discuss "a New Era of Pipeline Construction."

MODERATOR: **Mark Bridgers**, Principal, Continuum Capital

PANELISTS: **Laura Speake**, Regional Chief Economist for Energy & Transportation, Caterpillar Inc.; **Thomas D. Hutchins**, Vice President, EH&S, Kinder Morgan Natural Gas Pipelines; **Jason Stechschulte**, Commercial Development Manager, Marathon Pipe Line LLC; **Minh Tran**, Managing Director of Operations (Retired), Piedmont Natural Gas; **Greg Ward**, SVP - Field Operations, CoServ

3:30-4:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

4:00-5:00 **DISTRIBUTION AND INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT**

DESCRIPTION: During a large project, Piedmont's QA/QC function identified a potential issue with a material and/or installation technique that required root cause analysis and attention. The parties involved (utility, contractor and material manufacturer) formed a cross functional team to rapidly define the source of the issue, determine a reasonable and timely resolution, and rebuild confidence in the material and installation techniques. The panel will focus on how the cross-functional and collective team quickly came together thoroughly and jointly investigated the root causes, developed joint solutions, and coordinated the seamless implementation of them.

Jeremy Koster, Vice President, Gas Operations Support, Piedmont Natural Gas; **Joe O'Donnell**, Director – Southeast Operations, Mears Group (A Quanta Services Company)

5:00-7:00 **PIPELINE LEADERSHIP AWARD NETWORKING RECEPTION**

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DAY 2 Thursday, November 9

7:30-2:00 Registration Open

7:30-8:30 Networking Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:00 **STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS IN THE POST-DAPL ERA**

DESCRIPTION: Despite following the rules and efforts to engage Standing Rock Sioux Tribe during the development of the Dakota Access Pipeline, Energy Transfer Partners ended up embroiled in litigation and in a public relations battle. This presentation will discuss the emerging strategy now being pursued within the natural resources industry.

Ralph Cantafio, Owner, Cantafio Hammond

9:00-10:00 **HOW TRIBES AND PIPELINE COMPANIES CAN WORK TOGETHER – PANEL**

DESCRIPTION: Tribal groups are increasingly playing a role in pipeline development. This panel will explore the benefits of developing relationships tribal and pipeline stakeholder groups. Discussion will explain the role that the federal government plays in that process, as well as why and how to avoid tribal protests on pipeline projects.

MODERATOR: **Lou Thompson**, Chief Operations Officer, Tribal Energy Resource LLC

PANELISTS: **Bobby Gonzalez**, President, Tribal Energy Resource ; **J.C. Thomas**, Director of External Affairs, Sempra International LLC; **Robert Williamson**, Representative, Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma; **Doug Kennedy**, Senior Director of Environmental Permitting and Remediation, Plains All-American

10:00-10:30 **ESTABLISHING AN INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR PIPELINE SAFETY LEADERSHIP**

DESCRIPTION: Safety has always been an important topic but now, more than ever before, the pipeline industry recognizes that a change in attitude is needed in the way we address important safety issues. For years, the path to cultural excellence was elusive. Now, with a new approach to training that focuses on affecting attitudes and behaviors, leaders have a road map for engaging employees in a system of accountability that results in safe operations. The Pipeline Safety Leadership Training program provides leaders at all levels insight into their role in influencing the attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that drive safety culture.

Doug Giesinger, CRSP, Senior Safety Consultant, Caterpillar Safety Services

10:30-11:00 *COFFEE BREAK*

11:00-12:00 **NEW INNOVATIONS FOR PIPELINE EXCELLENCE PANEL**

DESCRIPTION: Exploring how new technology and practices improve processes related to pipeline operation, construction and maintenance.

MODERATOR: **Brad Kramer**, Managing Editor, *North American Oil & Gas Pipelines*

PANELISTS: **Mark Smith**, CEO, Geospatial Corp.; **Wayne King**, P.Eng, President, HEBNA; **John Capodice**, Executive Vice President, Sterling Lumber; **Dr. Mickey Frish**, Manager, Industrial Sensors, PSI Corp.

12:00-1:00 *LUNCH*

1:00-1:30 **IMPROVING DECISION MAKING ABOUT EXPOSURE AND RISK**

DESCRIPTION: Every day employees are faced with thousands of decisions. Some of them can have serious, even life-altering, consequences. This presentation examines an approach to strengthen individual and team decision making around exposure and risk control.

Jim Spigener, Senior Vice President, DEKRA

1:30-2:00 **INSIGHTS FROM A YOUNGER GENERATION OF PIPELINERS**

DESCRIPTION: Younger pipeline professionals are forming a coalition to build their ranks and fill the vacancies of industry veterans nearing retirement.

Kiona Meade, Global Midstream Technical Sales Engineer, Schlumberger; Community of Practice Work Group Lead, Young Pipeline Professionals USA (YPP USA)

2:00-3:00 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

DESCRIPTION: Pipeline and utility stakeholders discuss efforts to recruit, train and retain the next generation of pipeliners. Concurrent efforts from the pipeline industry, the four major trade unions and industry associations are leading the effort to solve the challenges of workforce shortages.

MODERATOR: **Mark Bridgers**, Principal, Continuum Capital

PANELISTS: **Marion "Bubba" Davis**, Director of Construction, International Brotherhood of Teamsters; **Tom Gross**, Director of Pipeline and Gas Distribution, United Association; **Neil Lane**, Executive Director, Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada; **Robert Wilds**, Director of Pipeline, International Union of Operating Engineers