

37TH GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT

Lexington Convention Center

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17, 2013

8:30-11:30 a.m.	Pre-conference session: KY EXCEL member meeting
11 a.m.	Conference Registration Begins & Exhibit Area Opens
Noon	Luncheon Keynote speaker, Governor Steve Beshear
1:30-5 p.m.	General Session

The session will focus on climate change issues and their impact on Kentucky. With pending rules from the federal EPA placing limits on greenhouse gas emissions from the electric power sector, Kentucky has much at stake. The session will include discussions regarding technological options, and the economic and policy implications of these various options.

Speakers:

- Rosina Bierbaum, Professor, Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, University of Michigan
- Mike Elliott, Technical Manager, Hydrocarbon Processing Group, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Dan Stout, Senior Manager, Small Modular Reactor Technology, Tennessee Valley Authority
- Kentucky Climate Action Plan Panel Discussion, moderated by Tom Peterson, President and CEO, Center for Climate Strategies. Panelists will be John Voyles of LG&E, Justin Maxson of MACED, and Don Halcomb, a farmer from Russellville, Ky. All are members of the Climate Action Plan Council.

5 – 7 p.m.	Reception in Exhibit Hall (hors d'oeuvres & cash bar)
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8:30 a.m.	General Session
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The session will continue with a focus on climate change and greenhouse gas emission policies and their impact on Kentucky, as well as how emerging policies and market forces have an effect on electric grid reliability. The second part of the session will include presentations on the economic impact of Kentucky's oil and gas industry and the forest and wood products industry.

Speakers:

- Tim Profeta, Director, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions; Mr. Profeta will discuss key issues that include the unique concerns of states with large manufacturing sectors, CO₂ reductions already achieved by states.

- Mike Kormos, Executive Vice President, Operations, PJM Interconnection, Reliability of the Bulk Power System
- Jeff Stringer, Professor, University of Kentucky Department of Forestry
- Andrew McNeill, Executive Director, Kentucky Oil & Gas Association

Noon Energy & Environment Awards Luncheon

1 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions

A) Developing Effective Demonstration Initiatives — in 2012, the Energy & Environment Cabinet solicited proposals and selected 13 projects for funding that offer innovative energy and environmental benefits for our state. Three of the grant recipients, the Governor’s Office of Agricultural Policy, Fayette County Public Schools, and Murray State University, will report on their projects and address their organization’s goals and expectations from the funding and how other firms and organizations can replicate aspects of various projects.

B) Land Conservation & Preservation — a moderated panel discussion with representatives of state and federal government and NGOs will focus on the importance of land conservation in the Commonwealth from their organizations’ perspective. The panel will include Dr. Richard Kessler (who will chair the panel) is a Biology professor at Campbellsville University, member of the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board since its formation in 1994, and recently appointed as Board Chair. Dr. Kessler will be joined by - Hugh Archer, currently the Executive Director of the Kentucky Natural Lands Trust with experience in land acquisitions, past Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, and a long-standing member of the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board; Tony Wheatley, member of the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Board and Land Acquisition Coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, with experience in land acquisition, public access and conservation easements; Lee Andrews, supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Ecological Services Kentucky Field Office; and Terry Cook, Kentucky’s State Director of The Nature Conservancy.

2:30 p.m. The Collaborative Process for Energy Efficiency Policy and Programs

After an intensive two-year stakeholder process called Stimulating Energy Efficiency in Kentucky (SEE KY), Kentucky’s Action Plan for Energy Efficiency has been released. The plan contains 27 specific recommendations that can allow the state to take advantage of the economic and environmental benefits of energy efficiency across all economic sectors. This session will highlight just four projects that represent positive action for some of the plan’s recommendations.

- The Kentucky Housing Corporation will discuss their nationally recognized KY Home Performance, a retrofit service for contractors and homeowners;
- A representative of Harshaw Trane will talk about opportunities and activities provided by Combined Heat and Power;
- The Department for Local Government will present their energy efficiency initiative for local governments; and,
- Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance will talk about the growing interest in Commercial PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy), which can provide cities a financial vehicle to help local businesses with efficiency projects.

4:15 p.m. Conference Adjourns
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